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Friends of Southampton Youth Orchestras Newsletter

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From another successful year and into the future

Great news! Southampton Youth Orchestra is one of only five youth orchestras to be selected to participate in the finals of the National Festival of Music for Youth to be held in Symphony Hall, Birmingham on Saturday 15 July. This is fantastic for director Jane Higgins and the members of SYO, who are also busy preparing for their exciting trip to Poland in July.

One of the FYSO committee, Linnet Evans, has put in sterling work cataloguing the orchestras' music, so there will be a searchable database. Thanks also to Simon Wilkins (principal cello, SYO) who is completing the data entry. It is hoped that scores may be available for hire in the future; the University Orchestra has already hired some.

I hope you have all enjoyed your year in the ensembles and are looking forward to next year, especially if you are moving up to a higher ensemble, or even a higher part in the same ensemble. Parent volunteers are always welcome to offer help at concerts and rehearsals, whether it be serving drinks and snacks, helping with tuning or donating raffle prizes. Please note the following date in your diaries now: **Saturday 14 October 2006** will be the FSYO AGM (venue tbc). We look forward to seeing you there!

Pyramid Concert Review

The pyramid concert on March 25th was a really enjoyable event. It was good to be back in Central Hall following its refurbishment; the seats are certainly more comfortable! Sally Boxall, Chair of FSYO, wrote:

I just wanted to say a really big thankyou to you all for such a fantastic concert last night. I thought all the children played really well, and their enthusiasm was a joy to watch!

£3,500 is a tremendous amount to raise so well done everyone who worked so hard. Conductors - could you please say a special 'thankyou' to all the children (and their parents) who contributed to the raffle and made it such a success.



Committee members 2005-2006

POSITION	NAME	ENSEMBLE(S)
Chairman	Sally Boxall	SYO
Treasurer	Miyuki Archibald	SYS
Vice Chair	Ann Smith	SYO
Acting Secretary	Pam Please	SYO
Membership/Minutes Sec	Sue Wilkins	SYO, SYCS, Elgar
Newsletter Editor	Jane Warren	SYS
SYO Transport	Peter Gosney	ex SYCS
SYO Librarian	Linnet Evans	SYO
Assistant Librarian	Eun-Ha Kang	SYS
Committee	Richard Boardman	SYCS
	Theresa Bowen	SYCS
	Fiona Male	SYS
	Anne-Marie Zimmermann	SYO, Elgar

Ensembles and Directors 2006-2007

Ensemble	Director	Venue	Time
Purcell Strings	Helen Bullas	Sholing Junior	Wednesday 4-5 pm
Finzi Strings	Vanessa Jarvis	Shirley Warren Primary	Monday 4-5 pm
Holst String Orchestra	Zoe Hunting	Shirley Junior	Monday 4-5 pm
Elgar String Orchestra	Christa Porter	Sholing Junior	Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 pm
Southampton Youth Sinfonietta	Joan Male (asst. Karen Hatton)	Cantell School	Saturday 9:30 - 11:45am
Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia	Martin Felton (mgr. Joy Tricklebank)	Regent's Park School	Saturday 9:30am -12
Southampton Youth Orchestra	Jane Higgins	Taunton's College	Saturday 9:30 - 12:30

Concert Diary 2006

Date	Ensemble	Venue	Time
17/06/2006	Southampton Youth Sinfonietta	Turner Sims Concert Hall	7:30pm
26/06/2006	Holst Orchestra*	Shirley Junior School	7 pm
01/07/2006	Southampton Youth Concert Sinfonia Summer Finale Concert	Turner Sims Concert Hall	7:30pm
05/07/2006	Elgar Orchestra*/ Purcell Strings* Joint Concert	Townhill Junior School	7 pm
08/07/2006	Southampton Youth Sinfonietta Midsummer Madness	Abbey Hall, Netley Abbey	7 pm
08/07/2006	Southampton Youth Orchestra Tea and Cake Concert	Turner Sims Concert Hall	3 pm
10/07/2006	Finzi Orchestra*	Shirley Warren Primary School	4 pm
	*parents and friends only		

Tickets for Turner Sims Concert Hall concerts are available from the Box Office on 023 8059 5151. All other tickets will be available through the orchestras.

If you have any contributions to, or queries about, the newsletter, please direct them to me, Jane Warren, by email: jane@squirle.net

Instruments for Sale

16" Paesold Viola,
with case and extras (No Bow)
Excellent condition
Assessed, serviced and re-
strung June 2006
Purchased 1988 Portsmouth Violin
Centre
(Martin Restall, now at Midhurst)
Owned & played exclusively
by past member of SYO.
£325
All proceeds to go to the
FFI Kate Stokes Memorial Award
Fund for Conservation
Please contact: Ken & Sue Stokes
Tel: 02380 476730
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For Sale
Full Size Cello
Handmade Chinese
£2,500.
Owned by Debbie Allen, former SYO
Email: debbiepacker@hotmail.co.uk
Mobile: 07739022982
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We would be delighted to hear from local business people who would be interested in advertising in our concert programmes. Enquiries about options and rates should be addressed to Ann Smith, FSYO Vice-chair.

- Email: ann_smith@lineone.net

- Tel: 07973 167914

Southampton Music Service
website:

www.southamptonmusic.org.uk

Wanted: web wizard!

FSYO is hoping to re-establish its own website, with details of concerts, the newsletter, and the new library database available online. If you have the expertise to maintain a website for us, please do get in touch. It would mean joining the committee but monthly meetings would not be compulsory! Please either email Sally Boxall (contact above) or come along to the AGM to offer your services.

The Kate Stokes Memorial Fund

On Sunday 19 February 2006, Kate Stokes, former viola player in the Southampton Youth Orchestras, died tragically while on an excursion to the Picos de Europa mountain range in northern Spain. Kate and her partner, Rob Rippengal, who also died, were caught out by a severe weather storm. Kate worked as Programme Officer for the BP Conservation Programme and from 2002 to 2006, she was instrumental in developing the programme and helping thousands of young conservationists gain experience in practical conservation.

A memorial fund has been set up by the BP Conservation Programme for the purpose of granting an annual award in Kate's name to support the work of young conservationists in many countries around the world. The fund will be administered on behalf of the Programme by one of its partner organisations, Fauna and Flora International (FFI), and the awards will form a valuable supplement to the Programme's principal awards.

BP and its partners, Birdlife International, and Fauna & Flora International in Britain, and Conservation International, and the Wildlife Conservation Society in the USA, are dedicated to assisting the increasing number of student teams eager to help with high priority conservation field projects.

Donations to the fund may be made payable to "Fauna & Flora International (Kate Stokes Memorial Award)" and sent to Fauna & Flora International, Great Eastern House, Tenison Road, Cambridge, CB1 2TT. FFI is a registered charity and all donations are eligible for Gift Aid.