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## HCOY Director's Report Autumn 2009

Welcome to a new year of the FHCYO Newsletter – and especially to all of those who are new to the Orchestra and to the Friends. We are so grateful to Sue Thompson, David Shute and all the contributors for bringing it together in such a colourful and easily accessible format, and enabling the Orchestra to keep in touch with its many friends, supporters and extended family.

Each year, people ask me how many players are leaving HCOY, how many new players we have joining us. I must confess that I don't really count the exact numbers: I enjoy the process of each year's groups coming together organically, as new players come onto the radar and current players blossom into new roles and opportunities. Each year creates ensembles with a particular character that is not always predictable.

Having said that, it does feel like we have had more change than usual, coming into this autumn. And yet the longer thread of our work together continues and develops... Despite the huge musical challenges we set ourselves, I am as excited as ever about what we can achieve in the coming months.

In various ways, the String Orchestra really 'found its feet' in the past year – indeed, it came to its collective feet quite literally for the Bach *Brandenburg Concerto* which was such a memorable highlight for the players and their audiences. I am thrilled that our violin tutor Nikki Rogers – despite living in France and being a busy keeper of horses! – is bringing her expertise and enormous enthusiasm to bear, assisting Spike in his inspiring work as Director of the orchestra.

The Chamber Orchestra, too, came of age in 2009, exploring a range of different formats: uncondacted strings, smaller ensembles, and the larger group that played its fiendish Copland so brilliantly at the 'Music For Youth' festival in Birmingham's Symphony Hall. Those explorations continue this year, and are extended by a workshop with Southern Sinfonia, a dance collaboration with Winchester University, and one of the great twentieth-century concertos (Shostakovich's first *Cello Concerto*) which we will be performing with ex-member Phil Handy.

The South of France is the ultimate destination for the County Youth Orchestra, as we work towards a tour to Provence in July and August. Martin Pitman (tour leader) and I are



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Diary Dates

**Saturday 5th December at 4pm**  
Thornden Concert Hall, Chandler's  
Ford

Hampshire County Youth  
Orchestra.  
Hampshire County Youth String  
Orchestra.  
Hampshire County Youth Chamber  
Orchestra with dancers from  
Winchester University.  
HCYO French Horn and Percussion  
ensembles

Directed by Spike Wilson and Tom  
Seligman

To include music by Bizet and  
Moncayo with a Latin flavour, to  
warm up a Winter evening, plus the  
world premiere of a new dance  
piece set to C.P.E. Bach's fizzing  
*Sinfonia in D major*...

Tickets £6.50, £5.50 (FHCYO  
members), £2 (children/students)  
Thornden Hall Box Office Tel:  
02380 246555  
Email: hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk

We do warmly encourage you to  
book in advance as this prevents a  
long queue forming at the ticket  
desk and delaying the concert.

**Sunday 17th January at 3.30pm**  
The Anvil, Basingstoke  
Chairman's New Year Concert

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra  
Hampshire County Wind Band  
Hampshire County Youth Band

An exciting opportunity to hear  
some of the finest young musicians  
in the county playing an eclectic mix  
of music to suit all ages. From steel  
pans to school choirs, brass fanfares  
to full symphonic works, there will  
be something for everybody. An  
ideal opportunity for the whole  
family to experience the wide  
variety of music performed by the  
most talented young performers  
within Hampshire County Council's  
Music Service.

Tickets £8, £6 (OAPs and under  
16s) and from November £5/4 for  
families of participants  
The Anvil Box Office 01256 844244

about to go to France for a weekend to check venues and accommodation. It looks set to be a great trip, playing to eager audiences in a beautiful part of the world. The orchestra will be exploring a huge range of music this year, from Bizet's spicy music for *Carmen* to Rimsky-Korsakov's gorgeous *Sheherazade* to the Mexican composer José Pablo Moncayo's *Huapango*, guaranteed to get you jiving.

We hope you will come to as many of our concerts as you can, and bring along not only extended family but friends and other music-lovers too, both young and old.

As ever, we are assisted in our musical enterprise by a wonderful team of section tutors. Emma Sharrock has left us after ten years of huge dedication – we are immensely grateful for all she has given us. Liz Flower, not only a valued tutor but also a supporter in many other ways, has decided to concentrate on her young family. We are lucky to welcome Alison Anderson as our bassoon expert, following on from the sadly missed Eric Butt; Nicola Heinrich will bring her enthusiastic expertise to bear on the cello sections of both orchestras.

Just as important to the continuing health of HCYO is the support that parents give, as volunteers in a host of ways, and as committee members of the Friends organisation which produces this Newsletter. Everyone's help is absolutely crucial, both from a logistical point of view and in the vital work of fund-raising, which enables us to give a richer and broader experience to the players. None of this happens by magic, and some parents give a great deal of their time and energy to ensuring that the Orchestra's life runs smoothly. But everyone can help, in small or big ways. Please do put yourself forward: don't wait to be asked. It is, after all, your Orchestra.

We all look forward to welcoming you to our first concerts of the season, in December and January. Details of all our 2010 concerts will be available soon.

Tom Seligman - October 2009

An **URGENT** Plea For Help

This is a plea to any parents with accountancy or book keeping expertise. Our current Treasurer Len Shah will be stepping down from the Committee next July and would like to hand over the role to a new parent. It would be great if a new person could come on board now to shadow Len whilst he is in the role to enable a smooth transition. The role is not too onerous but a vital one to the smooth running of the Friends. If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Len via email - [lenshah@googlemail.com](mailto:lenshah@googlemail.com) or on 07723354524



Your Orchestra Needs You



We have arranged Christmas Busking this year as follows:-

12th December - Hedge End, between M+S and Sainsburys (09:00-13:00)

19th December – Basingstoke, in The Malls (11:00 to 13:00 and 13:00 to 15:00)

20th December – Winchester, Buttercross (13:00-15:00)

23rd December - Winchester, Buttercross (11:00-13:00)

Last year busking raised nearly £1000, everyone had great fun playing carols and traditional Christmas songs.

Come and join the HCYO busking. All welcome - players, friends, parents and former HCYO members. We need enthusiastic musicians and collecting tin holders.

Just a few hours of your time will make a big difference and you can always do some Christmas shopping beforehand or afterwards!

So make sure you sign up for at least one busking venue (on Facebook or posters at Thornden) and don't miss out on your opportunity to raise funds for Bryanston and the 2010 Tour!

For further information please contact;

John Morrell 01962 885081 [jandhmorrell@hotmail.com](mailto:jandhmorrell@hotmail.com) (Winchester and Hedge End)

Caroline Callow 01420 549970 [caroline@dcallow.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:caroline@dcallow.fsnet.co.uk) (Basingstoke)

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## Albert Hall date for HCYO players

Good luck to the many players from CYO and SO who are involved in the very exciting Music For Youth Schools' Prom at the Royal Albert Hall on 11th November. Hampshire Music Service received an invitation from Music For Youth to provide the massed choral item at the last night of the three day event.

Musicians from many of Hampshire's ensembles will perform The Darwin Dilemma, a new work commissioned from internationally acclaimed composer Stephen McNeff and librettist Richard Williams.

Inspired by the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin the work depicts the development of the theory of evolution through 12 dramatic scenes involving singers, instrumentalists on stage and in the gallery as well as puppeteers and dancers!

## FHCYO Annual General Meeting

Thornden School  
7th November at 10am  
All welcome

## The Friends of Hampshire County Youth Orchestra... would like to say...

Farewell and many thanks to Ros Jones (Deputy Chair and Secretary) and Duncan McKellar (Chair) for all their hard work over the years on the Committee of the FHCYO. Thankfully it is not quite goodbye as Ros has agreed to continue running the 100 club at least for this year and Duncan booked the hall, did the calling and generally made the recent Barn Dance the very enjoyable occasion it was on 3rd October. Thanks also to Lizzie McKellar for running the bar. Duncan has also indicated that he is willing to help organise other social events for the players and their families even though his daughter, Sophie, has now left the orchestra to study music.

In their absence Len Shah, current Treasurer and myself, Judi Toal are acting as Joint Chair until the committee is formally elected at the AGM on 7th November 2009.

Starting afresh in September 2009 we are grateful to the individual efforts of all the FHCYO committee which has a great team of volunteers who are keen to help Tom, Spike and the orchestra members achieve their goals for the year. We are also keen to recruit new volunteers for help with concerts, rehearsals, social events and fund raising generally. Funds raised go towards the purchase of instruments and music and to reduce the cost per family of Bryanston and Tours. To this end I should like to ask for your help in ensuring that each player contributes to the Christmas Busking as this is one of the only ways we can generate funds from the General Public whilst having great fun.

### Please contact the following volunteers if you would like to help or need information generally:

- Caroline Callow** - Secretary [caroline@dcallow.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:caroline@dcallow.fsnet.co.uk)
- Dave Woods** - if you can help with raffles - or provide prizes - next raffle December 5th [uk.dave.woods@googlemail.com](mailto:uk.dave.woods@googlemail.com)
- Fiona Morgan** - volunteers for Tuck shop [fe.morgan@virgin.net](mailto:fe.morgan@virgin.net)
- John Morrell** - If you can help with Busking [jandhmorrell@hotmail.com](mailto:jandhmorrell@hotmail.com)
- Judi Toal** - Dresses and Ties and Ideas for merchandising and Acting Chair [judi\\_toal@talk21.com](mailto:judi_toal@talk21.com)
- Judith Grajewski** - if your company is able to sponsor the orchestra or you know a company which might be [judith.kingsway@virgin.net](mailto:judith.kingsway@virgin.net)
- Kathryn Rickard** - for membership enquiries [kathryn\\_rickard@btconnect.com](mailto:kathryn_rickard@btconnect.com)
- Len Shah** - Treasurer and Acting Chair [lenshah@googlemail.com](mailto:lenshah@googlemail.com)
- Lucy Topping** - for Christmas Card enquiries [ltopping@housdown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:ltopping@housdown.hants.sch.uk)
- Marion Maxey** - if you want to be involved with the very successful Music Agency [Marion.maxey@ntl-world.com](mailto:Marion.maxey@ntl-world.com)
- Ros Jones** - for FHCYO 100 club enquires - or if you would like to take over the 100 club next year - contact via Judi Toal [judi\\_toal@talk21.com](mailto:judi_toal@talk21.com)
- Sue Thompson** - if you want to contribute to the Newsletter [susan.thompson@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.thompson@btinternet.com)

Thanks to Susan Thompson and David Shute for producing this great Newsletter.

Judi Toal  
Acting Co-chair, FHCYO

## YEE HAA

On 3rd October it was once again time for the annual HCYO barn dance. Obviously, as a highlight of the social calendar expectations were high and the evening did not disappoint. Tom set the bar high with his enthusiastic display of dancing and seemingly endless supply of energy and the evening was enjoyed by all. There's More...





## Orchestra Reps 2009 - 2010

FHCYO are delighted to welcome the new Orchestra Reps for this coming year. Well done to Hattie McCall-Davies, Katy Nagle, Alex Louch, Kirsty Loosemore and Patrick Thompson (CYO) and Amelia Paveley, Grace Timms and Fay Davies (SO)

We are looking forward to working with you all to produce some great social events, organising busking, and planning for Bryanston and the exciting 2010 tour.

Please come to as many meetings as you can and bring us your IDEAS! Next meetings - AGM 7th November, followed by the Committee meeting on 21st November, both at 10am.

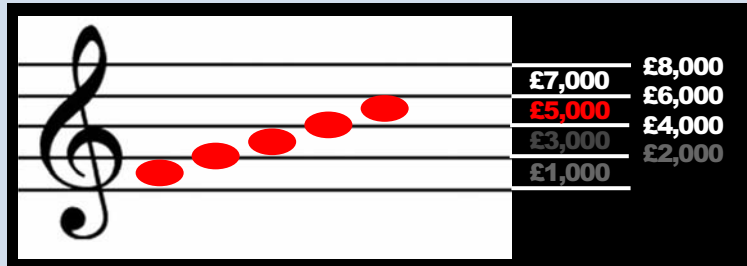
### Help Us Hit The High Notes

After fantastic support at Bryanston, Petersfield and Thornden last year, fund raising from raffles, refreshments, cake sales, a donation from the Lady Charlotte Bonham Carter trust and the Auction of Promises raised a tremendous £4919!

The target of £7500 for subsidising the 2010 tour is now tantalisingly close and could be achieved by the end of the year, through....

- Christmas busking • Raffle at Thornden 5th Dec concert • Cake Sales at rehearsals • 100 club membership • Membership subscriptions from parents who have not yet joined the FHCYO

... lots of opportunities for everyone to help raise that £7500 target!



## FHCYO Christmas Cards

With Christmas just a few weeks away, why not tick one thing off your list now? On Saturday 7 November one pack of FHCYO Christmas cards will be given to each member along with the combined keyring/trolley token. There are 10 cards in each pack for the very competitive price of £2.50 per pack. The extremely handy trolley token-cum-keyring is also priced at £2.50.

Please remember the proceeds of the sales of this FHCYO merchandise go towards the £7,500 needed to enable the orchestra to benefit from the residential trip to Bryanston at Easter and the Summer Tour for the CYO. So, please dig deep and have a pack yourself and sell one or two others to your friends and families to help the orchestra members with their trips.



If you could each send back £5.00 for 1 pack of cards and 1 trolley token keyring to rehearsals (Please hand in at Tuck Shop) on 21 November we would be truly grateful. If you can sell any more all the better as every little helps!" Cards and all merchandise will be on sale at every rehearsal at Thornden.

Name

Orchestra Member

Address

HCYO / SO

Tel:

E-mail:

I/We would like to order

Packs of Christmas Cards @ £2.50 per pack (10 cards per pack)

I/We enclose a cheque for:

If unable to attend rehearsal on 21 November or if additional packs are required, please return form with cheque to Mrs L Topping, 13 Beech Road, Ashurst, Hampshire, SO40 7AY



## FHCYO 100 CLUB WINNERS

For just £1 a month you can join the 100 Club with the chance to win a cash prize. Here are last year's winners – there is a 60/40% split between Club members and the orchestra.

Please contact Ros Jones if you would like to join.  
ros.jones8691@hotmail.com

January 2009 45 Members  
Mrs E. O'Connell 007 £13.50  
Mr & Mrs N. Lovegrove039 £ 9.00  
Mrs S. Ludford 028 £ 4.50

February 2009 44 Members  
Mr L. Shah 024 £13.20  
Mr & Mrs M. Kinsey 072 £ 8.80  
Mr B. Dutton 020 £ 4.40

March 2009 44 Members  
Mrs. S. Jones 005 £13.20  
S. Fellows 022 £ 8.80  
C. Glyn 003 £ 4.40

April 2009 45 Members  
Mr M. Thompson 038 £13.50  
Mr & Mrs P Budden 036 £ 9.00  
Mrs. S. Jones 005 £ 4.50

May 2009 44 Members  
Mrs. J. Cutting 033 £13.20  
Mrs V. Long 027 £ 8.80  
Sarah Coles 034 £ 4.40

June 2009 43 Members  
Mr. R. Budgett 046 £12.90  
S. Hasted 054 £ 8.60  
Mrs. V. Long 008  
£ 4.30

July 2009 43 Members  
Mr. S. Diggins 026 £12.90  
Dr. A. P. Brooks 053 £ 8.60  
M. Armstrong 055 £ 4.30

August 2009 43 Members  
Mrs. S. Thompson 023 £12.90  
Mr. S. Diggins 079 £ 8.60  
Mr. B. T. Handley 002 £ 4.30

September 2009 44 Members  
Ms. J. Patterson 013 £13.20  
Mrs. J. Cutting 033 £ 8.80  
Mrs. H. Cornford 087 £ 4.40

## Earn as you play with HCYO Music Agency

A great way to earn extra money – both for players and the orchestra – is by playing at events through HCYO Music Agency. Many weddings or corporate events feature high quality background music – a sort of 'sound track' to the event. You may have to play for up to two hours (with a break) but during this time pieces can be repeated. The orchestra earns £200 with players receiving £30 including expenses every time the agency takes a booking. If you would like to earn a little extra money please contact Marion Maxey (marion.maxey@ntlworld.com) with details of the group you would like to play with – string quartet, jazz trio, wind quartet, solo!

## Stop Press

Former HCYO trumpeter and NYO player Sam Moffitt is performing The Hummel Trumpet Concerto at the Remembrance Sunday Concert organised by Portsmouth Grammar School at Portsmouth Cathedral. PGS pupils are also joining forces with the acclaimed London MozartPlayers under the baton of Nicholas Kraemer, to perform a new work commissioned by Stephen Montague entitled Requiem : The Trumpets Sounded Calling Them to the Other Side.

The programme also includes Fauré Requiem. So come and support Sam!

Date: Sunday 8th November 2009

Time: 8pm doors open 7.30pm

Venue: Portsmouth Cathedral

Tickets: £10 and £8 (concessions available) from PGS Tel: 023 9236 0036

# FHCYO 100 Club

**For just £12 a year you could win up to £30 for 11 months and a massive £60 in December !**

### Who can join?

Membership is open to all parents and friends of the orchestra over the age of 16. The number of members in the draw is restricted to 100.

### How much does it cost?

Only £1.00 for every calendar month of your membership, payable for one year in advance.

### What happens next?

Every member is allotted a number which is included in each monthly draw. Any number for which subscription has not been received will not be entered in the draw. Over 11 months of the year there are draws for 3 cash prizes, for the remaining 1 month there is a single cash prize.

### How do I know if I have won?

Results of the draws will be published in the newsletter. Prizes will be forwarded to winners as soon as possible after the draw. Membership is not transferable and prizes will be paid to the registered members only, by cheque.

### How much money is used for prizes?

60% of the monthly income is paid out to members. The more members the greater the prize money.

### How much money goes to the orchestra?

The remaining 40% of the money is transferred to orchestra funds.

### How can I join?

Complete the form below and send to: Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Jones, Jeson House, 3 Lupin Close, Kempshott, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG22 5NU

## FHCYO 100 Club Application

I enclose a cheque for **£12.00** payable to **FHCYO**. Please enter the following in the forthcoming draws.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date  /  /  Is this a Gift? Yes  No

(If yes, please give your name and address)

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# Gifts & Gallery

Autumn 2009



## Great Gifts For Christmas

Last spring saw the launch of a great range of HCYO gifts – mugs (£5), wrist bands £1.99), key rings (£2.50) and a really super 'golf' sized umbrella (£15) – all bearing the HCYO name. These are available at every rehearsal and when the Orchestras are giving concerts – ideal as gifts that are really useful and promote and benefit the orchestra too.

We have added great quality polo shirts to the range this autumn (Please see details below of how to order) and are keen to do more – please contact Judi Toal with ideas (judi\_toal@talk21.com).



**Boys slim fit Polos** available in RED/NAVY/WHITE/KHAKI

XS (34") except khaki  
S (35"-37")  
M (38"-40")  
L (41"-43")  
XL(44"-46")

**Girls - Slim fit polos** available in RED/NAVY/WHITE/PINK

S (32" - 8)  
M (34" - 10)  
L (36" - 12)  
XL (38" - 14)  
XXL (40" - 16)

Please note that girls polos come up quite small. If in doubt try one on - some samples available to try at Tuck Shop.

### Order Form

Your Name

Tel No:

	Qty	Size	Colour
Polo shirt(s) £14.50 each	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mug(s) £5.00 each	<input type="text"/>		
Wrist Bands £1.99 each	<input type="text"/>		
Key Rings £2.50 each	<input type="text"/>		
Golf Umbrella £15.00 each	<input type="text"/>		
			<b>Order Total</b>
			£ <input type="text"/>

Enclose your cheque made payable to FHCYO. Please send order to Mrs J. Toal, Oakmore House, Oakmore Park, Durley, Southampton, SO32 2NU or hand in to Tuck Shop with cheque.

## YEE HAA



Thanks to 'caller' Duncan and the band, and to the Committee for their organisational excellence at the barn dance. PT

