

NEWSLETTER November 2011

SEASON OPENING CONCERT SUCCESS

The orchestra's first concert of the new season went down a treat on Saturday night as the audience and players alike were taken on a journey through music in films. There was a real mix of works performed from Bliss' March from *Things to Come* to the title music from *The A-Team*. Money from the concert will be donated to Naomi House Children's Hospice. A big thank-you to all those who took part!

REPERTOIRE WEEKEND ANNOUNCED IN 2012

Join us for a weekend break in May and play some fantastic music. An excellent opportunity to push yourself and have a go at playing something you may not have the chance to play in your current ensembles. Aside from the music making, this will be a fantastic social event with time to get to know new people and make new friends. The cost is just **£80** for 2-nights self catered accommodation at Penstowe Holiday Park, Bude and return coach from Southampton. Friends and family are welcome along too. Dates: **Saturday 5th – Monday 7th May 2012**. Please book in advance as soon as possible. Full details including repertoire are available on the website.

NEW STUDIO RECORDING PRESENTATION



Pictured L-R: Mark Carey – Treasurer, Craig Lawton – Chairman, Richard Barritt – Chief Executive of Solent Mind, Dominic Harries – Principal Guest Conductor. Photo: Russell Sheath (St. Mary's Church, Southampton)

It was a special occasion on Saturday 19th November when the Charity Symphony Orchestra presented Solent Mind with 100 copies of their first professional studio recording: Schumann Symphony No.3. The project that began over a year ago was finally completed this autumn. The recording, produced and mixed by Hi-Sonorous marked the anniversaries of the birth of composers Robert Schumann and Gustav Mahler in 2010. Both composers suffered from mental health and well-being problems that gave Chairman Craig Lawton the idea behind the project: "Mental health is an illness that many people still live with. Thankfully, in the 21st Century there are charities that aim to provide services to those with mental illnesses who also challenge the stigma attached to mental health. Solent Mind is one such charity: it has been a great pleasure to embark on this recording to raise money for them."

NEW YEAR BONANZA 4!

Our popular New Year concert returns for the fourth year on Saturday 7th January 2012 at Christ Church Freemantle. Southampton. For this first time it will be tabled seating with a light supper served during the concert. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. Tickets: £10 (including food) Booking advised by calling 023 80396611 or emailing chairman@charityso.org.uk

Interested in playing? Please use the sign up form on the website.

COULD YOU HELP RUN THE ORCHESTRA?

Would you like to be involved in running the Charity Symphony Orchestra? We are looking for new people to be a part of our team and there are many ways to help. We are looking to break down bigger roles currently undertaken by the committee to help make preparing for and delivering concerts more manageable.

Ways people could help include:

- Organising and running a raffle
- Preparing lunch for the orchestra
- Arranging a social after concerts
- Making announcements during concert rehearsals
- Front of House (selling tickets, welcoming guests including the Mayor and other VIPs)

These are just some of the basic elements that help make concerts work for which little to no musical knowledge is required. If you have specific skills in music administration or if you are looking to gain more experience working with orchestras we may be able to help.

The orchestra will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 7th January at 9.30am at Christ Church Freemantle. If you are interested in being involved please get in contact by emailing chairman@charityso.org.uk by December 31st 2011.

CONCERTO OPPORTUNITY

Would you like the chance to play your favourite concerto with an orchestra? Why not enter the *Adult Concerto Competition* with the Westbourne Orchestra? Open to musicians ages 21+. The closing date is **Friday 16th December 2011**. For an entry form please contact:

Concerto Competition, c/o 9 Windsor Mansions,
Bolton Close, Bournemouth, BH6 3ED

Or email: wos.concertocomp@westbourne-orchestra.co.uk for more information

For more information about the orchestra visit their website at www.westbourne-orchestra.co.uk

MUSIC NATION – MARCH 2012

Anybody want to play in a Hip Hop Orchestra? March the 3rd 2012. Yes it's happening. Rappers, singers, orchestral musicians. Need full strings, brass, woodwind, maybe a choir, sitar, harp, beat-boxers, dancers, whatever. In a very public place. It will be loud, it will be mad, it will be something you've never done before. **For further information contact Greg Felton on 07986 487 128**

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone that supports the work of Charity Symphony Orchestra. I look forward to welcoming you at future concerts.



Craig Lawton
Chairman – Charity Symphony Orchestra