

The Newsletter of The Cobweb Orchestra Summer 2008

The Summer Programme

Congratulations to everyone who sent their enrolment forms for the last few events in so promptly. It helped hugely in organizing events such as the (washed out) Hartlepool Maritime Festival concert.

It's a busy Summer ahead! First of all, we have the Appleby concert on July 20th. The orchestra is sizable (but we need lots of players for the Franck) and growing, so we need a big audience to support us. That's really down to us to sell tickets to all our friends and relations, so please make every effort to encourage them to come. Not only the Franck, but the Brandenburg Concerto and the Mozart Grand Partita, are wonderful music, and you can be sure they will be played with commitment, enthusiasm and skill.

If you want to continue to play with like-minded people during the Summer, why not try St. George's Church Morpeth (information posted on the google group) or join the Dalston group in their usual venue (see below) for their summer rehearsal at 7.30pm on August 18th.

Then we have:

A day of music making at The Sage Gateshead

A concert in Centre Square, Middlesbrough

A concert in Durham Cathedral

A concert in St. Cuthbert's Church, Newbiggin

And don't forget that the Autumn starts with a trip to Bavaria; as usual we have a beautifully balanced orchestra of 24 players. There's still space for a few more if you're free 12-14th September.

The Sage Gateshead. Saturday 2nd August

This will be a day (1.30pm to 8pm) of varied activities; a Beginners' Session, a chance to study Mozart's "Jupiter" symphony, Music by Heart, Baroque Ensemble and wind and brass workshops. See The Sage Gateshead's publicity for full details of the programme and how to book a place (www.thesagegateshead.org then 'Join in', 'What's on' 'Find an event' and use the calendar to bring up the details of how to book for the day). **Booking for this day can only be made through The Sage's box office** (phone 0191 4434661 or email ticketoffice@thesagegateshead.org) so there is no enrolment form attached to this newsletter, but in all other respects, this is a Cobweb event.

Middlesbrough Centre Square, Sunday 10th August

Another opportunity to sample the hospitality of Middlesbrough; an afternoon outdoor concert in Centre Square, near the fountains (but with a proper wet weather alternative – playing inside). This is an informal concert, with an attractive repertoire designed to appeal to wide range of players and listeners. Your chance to feel like a rock star; last year we were chaperoned by two security guards, and where else does Cobwebs get that!

Durham Cathedral, Friday 22nd August

It's always a pleasure and privilege to play in Durham Cathedral, and this year we have the opportunity to continue our long and happy collaboration with The Durham Scratch Choir by accompanying Bridie Jackson's "Scratchettes" children's choir in some African songs as well as providing some instrumental items.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Newbiggin Sunday 31st August

This is an afternoon concert to round off The Wansbeck Festival, played in St. Bartholomew's Church, Newbiggin. This concert will be organized and conducted by David Hutton and Andy Jackson. St. Bartholomew's is a small venue and the size of the orchestra may need to be restricted, so please get your enrolment form back quickly.

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THE COBWEB ORCHESTRA
Diary Summer 2008

- July 20th** Concert in Appleby Public Hall
2-6.00pm Rehearsal
7.30 pm Concert
Cost; £12 non-members/£9 members
- August 2nd** Community Music Day at The Sage Gateshead
1.30-8.00pm
£26.80 non-members/£20.45 members/£13.40 unemployed and under19s
Bookings for this study day can only be made through The Sage box office.
- August 10th** Concert in Centre Square, Middlesbrough
11am-1pm Rehearsal
2pm-3pm Concert
Cost; £4 non-members/£3 members
- August 22nd** Concert in Durham Cathedral
3-5.30pm Rehearsal
6.30 pm Concert
Cost; £4 non-members/£3 members
- August 31st** Concert at St. Bartholomew's Church, Newbiggin
12-2pm Rehearsal
3pm Concert
Cost; £4 non-members/£3 members

Diary Autumn 2008

- September 11th - September 14th** Bavaria
- September 20th** Wind and brass study day
September 20th/21st. Baroque group concert
- September 27th** Leader training and GPO
- October 11th** Tebay group 10th birthday party
- October 19th**. Mahler 1 study day.
- November 1st** Autumn music day at The Sage Gateshead
November 2nd Afternoon concert at Bishop Auckland Town Hall
- November 22nd** "People's Choice" concert at Consett Empire
- November 29th – 30th** DIY residential – Ridley Hall
- December 6th** Leader training
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THE COBWEB ORCHESTRA
Autumn Term 2008
Starting dates for the regular groups

Newbiggin, Northumberland

Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Newbiggin Sports and Leisure Centre, (near Ashington)
September 16th

Harelaw, Co, Durham

Thursdays at 7pm in Harelaw School, Annfield Plain near Durham
September 4th (TBC)

Middlesbrough, Teesside

Mondays at 7.30pm in the Crypt of Middlesbrough Town Hall
September 15th

York, Yorkshire

Thursdays at 7.30pm in Earswick Village Hall
September 4th

Dalston, Cumbria

Usually 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7.30pm in Dalston Victory Hall, Dalston, Carlisle,
Cumbria
September 8th

Tebay, Cumbria

Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Tebay Methodist Church Hall
September 16th

The dates of half-term breaks and the last rehearsal in the Autumn term for each group will be published in the Autumn 2008 Newsletter.

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