

The Newsletter

June 2001

The occasional newsletter for members of Battersea Young Strings

Change to the rehearsal schedule

Please note the change of date for final rehearsal of term: Sunday 8th July 2.30 – 5.00pm St Michael's Church as usual. This means that BYS will meet three Sundays in a row – for rehearsals on the 1st and the 8th of July *and* for the Summer concert on the 15th.

Detailed arrangements will be sent in due course but here are some notes for your diaries now:

Outline schedule for Sunday 15th July

- Seniors rehearse: 2.00 – 3.00pm
- Intermediates rehearse: 3.00 – 3.45pm
- Juniors rehearse: 3.45 – 4.30pm
- Concert 5.30 – 6.45pm
- Refreshments 7.00 – 8.00pm

Performers will need to bring a packed tea to eat before the concert.

Please make sure that you arrive AT LEAST ten minutes before the start of your rehearsal for tuning up, seating etc. so as to start rehearsing promptly.

Tickets

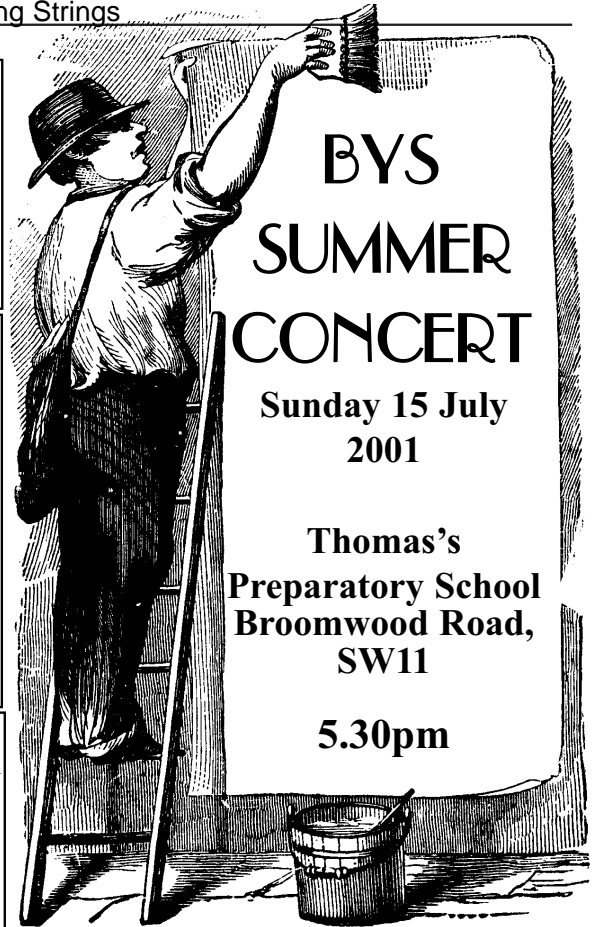
Tickets will be available at rehearsals on June 17th, July 1st, 8th or from Northcote Music Ltd 2a Dulka Road, SW11

Prices: adults – £5 each; children – £1 each or snap up a bargain family ticket: (2 adults, 2 children) for £10

BYS performers do not need ticket!

Ticket price includes programme, canapés and soft drinks.

Childrens' tickets even include an ice cream!



Publicity

The main objective of the concert is to allow the children to perform, and to mark the end of the year with an excellent concert and social event. However, we also would like to use the concert to attract new members for September 2001, by inviting them along to hear what we get up to and meet current members in an informal setting. If you know of anyone who may be interested please let them know the date and give their details to Andy, Julie or Jane Gregory to ensure they receive information.







Posters will be available at the next few rehearsals. Please take one or two to put up on the noticeboard at work/school/church/scouts/local shop window etc.. Wandsworth Libraries will be displaying these posters. If anyone has any other good publicity ideas please let Andy, Julie or Jane know as soon as possible.

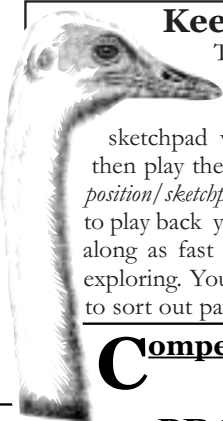
Meeting and Jobs for you!

There will be a meeting at the rehearsal on June 17th at 4.15pm for anyone willing to help with the organisation and preparation or on the day of the concert. There are lots of jobs! Here are a few of them:

- Selling ads for the programme*
- Supervising the children*
- Setting up the hall*
- Preparing food & nibbles*
- Setting up for the party*
- Handing out programmes*
- Serving drinks*
- Serving ice creams*
- Activity for the children - any ideas?*
- Clearing up*

A C T I O N S

-  Please let Andy and Julie know as soon as possible if any member will be unable to be there for the concert (020 7228 3901)
-  Please come to the June 17th meeting to register your offer of help or contact Jane Gregory (020 8653 6509)
-  Remember to buy your tickets
-  Put up a poster or two
-  Invite potential new members
-  Attract an advertiser – BYS families and their friends and audiences are a great market to reach!



Keeping a beady eye on the web

The New York Philharmonic has a very good web site (www.nyphilkids.org) created with children in mind. Particularly good is the composition sketchpad where you can draw your own compositions and then play them back to yourself <http://www.nyphilkids.org/composition/sketchpad.html>. It is full of nice touches like allowing you to play back your creation at a tortoise pace, or to make it skip along as fast as a rabbit. This is a packed site that is worth exploring. You might even win tickets to a concert - just have to sort out paying the air fare!

Competition DESIGN THE PROGRAMME COVER

We are looking for a great cover for the Summer concert programme.

Draw a rectangle 12cm x 14cm (portrait) on a piece of white paper and design your cover idea. It should be black and white only. You do not need to include any words. Put your name and age on the back. Please bring your entry to the rehearsal on July 1st.

We will use the entry that in the judges' opinion best reflects what BYS is all about and will make a good programme cover illustration. There may even be a small prize!

Welcome to new members

Jessica Mannion	Juniors
Connor Tann	Juniors
Alice Hunter Johnson	Intermediates

A fanfare to:

Carla Suthren, Alice Hunter-Johnson and Zoë Clarkson who all have Academic Scholarship to JAGS. Also to Nina Gilbert who has an Academic Scholarship to City of London Girls, Sophie Curran who has an academic scholarship to Emmanuel Scool and Alex Mitchell who has won a music scholarship at City of London Boys.
A phenomenal year!

Hannah Tottenham	6	violin**
Moë Faulknener	6	piano
Nicholas Costley-White	5	cello **
Zoe Clarkson	5	theory
Alex Mitchell	5	theory
Hannah Tottenham	5	theory
Adam Dannreuther	4	piano **
Ophelia Gordon	4	piano*
Alice Hunter Johnson	4	violin
Julia Armfield	4	cello
Lily More	4	violin
Alex Mitchell	3	oboe**
Emily Tann	3	violin*
Nina Gilbert	3	violin*
Julia Armfield	3	piano
Alice Hunter Johnson	3	piano*
Alice Hunter Johnson	3	singing
Helen Hugh-Jones	2	piano**
Isabel Gregory	2	violin*
Sophie Curran	2	piano
Mayo Faulkner	2	violin
Ophelia Gordon	2	violin
Jahan Foster	1	violin**
Sophie Dannreuther	1	piano*
Sidra Foster	1	piano*
Elizabeth McCarthy	1	piano

* = merit;
** = distinction

child: Did you really learn to play the violin in six easy lessons?
teacher: Yes, but the 500 that followed were pretty difficult.



Music Amnesty!

If anyone has any BYS music lurking at home gathering dust please return it – no questions asked! At rehearsals we are having a grand sort out of all BYS music and cataloging it as we go – many thanks to those helping especially Claire Galton and Cathy More.

Julie's handy practice tips

Practice your part for the BYS Summer concert as well as your normal scales, appoggios and pieces!

For Sale

1/2 size cello outfit, including padded case and spare set of Regina 1/2 cello strings. All in excellent condition.
£500 ono
Call Clare: 07956 951169

We want your letters and comments, pictures, ideas, photographs, puzzles, jokes, competition entries, exam results (music, karate, ballet, anything!), reviews, FOR SALE notices etc. Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter. The more ideas we get the better it will be. Please send them to us: by email: bys@fingerpost.co.uk by telephone to : 0207 723 1594 or by the ever reliable post to : Lucy Taylor, 26 Brendon Street, London W1H 5HE For information about Battersea Young Strings please ring Andy or Julie Staples on 0207 228 3901.