

BMYO

Bearsden and Milngavie Youth Orchestra



Christmas Concert

Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7.15pm

Douglas Academy, Craigton Road

It is now time to advertise our Christmas Concert. This is a key event in the BMYO diary and we hope the information and guidance provided in this Newsletter will help ensure another successful, enjoyable show for everyone involved.

- **Proposed Final Rehearsal:** there is a proposition that there will be a final rehearsal on Wednesday 26th November due to the early date of the Christmas concert this year. Please look out for information to follow.
- **Concert Arrival Time for Orchestra members:** for the concert evening itself can we ask that all members arrive promptly at 6:45pm please?
- **Dress Code:** Symphony Orchestra: all in black. Concert Orchestra: black/dark with self-coloured top. String Orchestra and Wind Ensemble: cheerful and smart.
- **Tickets:** Because of hall capacity, tickets will be limited to three per family and must be purchased in advance - £6 for adults and £2 for children under 16 (includes refreshments at the interval). We will try to aim to get the tickets on sale at rehearsals on 6th November. Any unsold tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the 20th November rehearsal.
- **Catering:** Help would be most appreciated; please call Sandra Cahill on 07804325355.
- **Raffle:** The raffle is very popular and important part of our money raising strategy - please can we encourage you to bring donations to any rehearsals up to and including 20th November.

Invitation to Instrumental Teachers: Please give the invitation below to your instrumental teacher.

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An Invitation to Instrumental Teachers

At least one of your students attends the orchestra and we would therefore like to extend this invitation by way of thanks for the splendid work you have done and from which we benefit.

Please treat this letter as a complimentary ticket and feel free to bring a guest if you wish.

RSVP: If you would like to attend, we would be grateful if you could let us know before 13th November 2013, contacting Kate O'Donnell by telephone: 0141-943-1782 or by email: kate.o'donnell@glasgow.ac.uk.

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General Points.

We would encourage you to visit www.bmyo.org.uk regularly for up-to-date information: a good example being that the venue each week may have to be changed at very short notice. Why not follow @BMYONews on Twitter or join us on Facebook?

Please pay your **subscription** fees if you have not already done so. If unsure, ask for details (£55 per annum + £30 for subsequent children) remembering if possible to sign the Gift Aid declaration. We are a charity and this enables us to recover basic rate income tax on subscriptions. If you have difficulty paying the subscription please contact the Chairperson who will consider applications for assistance in confidence.

Although BMYO is run as a friendly, informal group it nevertheless has to adhere to health and safety guidelines and school regulations at all times. Accordingly, we do operate a **code of conduct** for the children. Please remind your children to respect the school and its property. And note that children should be collected promptly. Due to Fire Regulations, **children must continue to be signed in and out of the building**. Those aged 11 and under must be signed in by an adult; 12 years old and over may sign themselves in.

When it is your turn on the **parent rota** please arrive by 6.40pm. Typical help required includes setting up music stands (and taking them down afterwards), putting out chairs, supervising rehearsals and preparing the refreshments. The orchestra cannot operate without sufficient adult supervision. *It is your responsibility to swap with another parent if you are unable to do a duty.*

BMYO carries public liability **insurance** but this does not extend to members' personal effects. We strongly advise you to insure your children's instruments as there is always a chance of accidental damage when a large number of children are gathered together.

And finally ... rehearsals will **restart** after the holidays on Thursday 8th January 2015. With the Easter concert on the 27th March.

AGM and Organising Committee

BMYO is run by a committee of parents appointed at the Annual General Meeting each year, with the latest AGM held in October 2013. Thanks to all those parents who have volunteered to help at concerts, etc. *The committee always needs new members and if you have just a little time please consider helping us.* The committee is now as follows:

Chair:	Kate O'Donnell	Secretary:	Susan McEwan
Treasurer:	Susanne Gibson	Membership:	Anne Shields
Hall Lets:	Tamara Kennedy	Refreshments:	Sandra Cahill
Making Music Rep:	Karen Kane	EDC Youth Forum:	Karen Kane
Concert Programme:	Anne Reid	Newsletters:	Matt Dalby
Concert Mgmt:	(Vacant)	Website:	Ken Grierson
Child Protection:	Anne Shields	Parent Rota:	Matt Dalby
Publicity:	Tamara Kennedy, Karen Kane, Ken Grierson		
General:	Ian Vassie, Elise Whitley		
Concert Lets:	Vacant		