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SDAC News

Dear Friends,

2022 is looking to be a more promising year with the relaxation of all restrictions and life looks to be returning back to a pre-pandemic life, let's hope there will be no setbacks!

We are at that time of year where affiliation fees are due in April for 2022/2023. We therefore look forward to receiving your £20 affiliation fee and Patrick Michaels our Treasurer will welcome payments direct to the following SDAC account:-

Sort Code - 20 76 55 - Account No: 00811777

Due to the increase in your contributions this Newsletter will be 3 pages long, so please take a look at all the wonderful activities taking place at this time of year. Please forward this Newsletter to all your members so that we can all support each other.



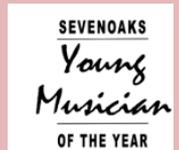
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Sevenoaks Young Musician

After a break of 2 years, I am delighted to report that the Sevenoaks Young Musician Competition is back. On Sunday 6 March, at our new venue Walthamstow Hall Senior School, music lovers in the area will be able to attend this very special one day event.



This year we have 15 entries from talented young people between the ages of 12 and 21, all competing for the title of 2022 Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year. Each will give a 15 minute recital before a panel of professional judges, Alison Moncrieff-Kelly and Jeremy Carter. The first recital will begin at 10.30am and the day ends with the Adjudicators summing up and the announcement of the 2022 Winner at approx 5.00pm

A ticket for the day costs £10 and allows you to come and go as you please. We are delighted to report that entry for accompanied under 16s is again free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or can be bought in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaks-three-arts-festival.

Those who saw the 2020 competitors last Autumn at either the Lydian Christmas Concert or at the Sevenoaks Music Club recital will be aware of the exceptionally high standard that this competition attracts. The winner of that competition, Mykyta Burzanitsa, a Ukrainian pianist and a student at The Royal College of Music delighted us all with the Beethoven Piano Concerto no 3 in C minor Op. 37 at The Pamoja Hall, whilst at the Music Club Anna Crawford (cello) with accompanist Ana Manistireanu gave inspiring performances playing items by Boccherini, Franck and Ravel

Sevenoaks Summer Festival

We're back – Fingers Crossed – 50th+2



Having had two barren years, we're determined to mount a Festival this year – from Saturday 18 June to Sunday 3 July.

Its precise format will have to accord with any Government restrictions and guidelines relating to the Covid pandemic, but we hope to present the usual mix of events staged by community groups, supplemented by our own promotion of celebrity concerts, featuring as many of the shows we'd hoped to stage in 2020 to mark our 50th Anniversary that are available to us this year. We also hope to stage Festival Fair on the opening Saturday, centred in Bligh's Meadow and the Vine Gardens and including the ever-popular Colourscape, children's Puppet Shows and the Schools Music Stage. We shall also run an online Festival Box Office via TicketSource but won't be producing a printed brochure - full details will appear only on our website, hopefully around Easter and be supplemented by advertising on social and printed media.

We'd love as many SDAC members as possible to take part – go to <https://www.sevenoaksfestival.org.uk/page-festival-2022-application-to-take-part.html> - for the application form, which can be completed online for submission by 20 March.

Any questions, comments or suggestions to rayrussell@sevenoaksfestival.org.uk

Eynsford Concert Band are 50!



Throughout 2022, the Eynsford Concert Band will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. The band began its journey to become one of the UK's leading symphonic wind ensembles back in 1972, with just a handful of schoolchildren guided by a passionate and dedicated schoolteacher, Robin O'Connell.

It is hard to believe that we're now a band of 50+ members, drawn from across Southeast England. All of us are proud to have been part of the band's growth and aspiration to achieve the highest standards of musicianship.

But, like all ensembles, we're now recovering from a tough couple of years and are looking forward. If we are going to survive another 50 years, we won't be able to sit on our laurels.

2022 will be a packed year with various concerts, our first being on Sunday 24th April at The Space, Sevenoaks School. Join us for an evening that will include the premier of a new fanfare specially written for the occasion, some guest appearances from past Musical Directors and a mixed programme of new works and band favourites.

Tickets £12 available now from tickets@eynsfordconcertband.co.uk

Sevenoaks Players are 100 !

This year we celebrate our 100th birthday and what a year it is going to be! We've already kick-started the year with our first ever and fantastic pantomime at Otford Memorial Hall, with an over 80% ticket sale percentage, (our highest for years!)



This year is jam-packed with events for us with rehearsals running all through the year for a number of productions. Next up is a play at the Ship Theatre in July. Keep your eyes peeled for more information soon. As well as productions, we also plan an exhibition at the Sevenoaks Library - Kaleidoscope- from September to December showcasing material from our extensive archives featuring our performances from 1922 to the present day. We're also arranging a Gala Dinner at Nizels Golf and Country Club for all our members.

So whether you are a veteran Player or have just joined us, make sure your membership fee is paid and come along to join in the celebrations! The year will also include a few other social events at our base of operations - The Anchor in London Road! Make sure to join us for one of our fun-filled evenings!

Kemsing Players are 70 !

This year is Kemsing Players' 70th anniversary and we wanted to start it off with something a little different. Our planned April production of *Brassed Off* certainly fits the bill. A bitter/sweet play set in Yorkshire in 1994 during the time of the coal pit closures, it centres around the struggles of the miners and their families with particular regard to those faced by a colliery brass band following the closure of its pit. You may have seen the popular film starring Pete Postlethwaite, Ewan McGregor, Stephen Tompkinson and Tara Fitzgerald.

This will be the first time we will have involved a brass band in our productions and we are excited to introduce the 17th Tonbridge Scout and Guide band to our stage.

Production dates are Thursday to Saturday, April 28th-30th 2022 at 8 pm with a matinee on the Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm. You can buy your tickets in person at Dynes Rd Dry Cleaners from Monday 4th April, or email boxoffice@kemsingplayers.com or telephone 07811 465061 from the same date.

We look forward to entertaining you !

Chance to Dance

Chance to Dance has performed annually at Stag Sevenoaks since 1995, usually holding 5 separate performances throughout the year. The performances are non-competitive and are purely to give local dancers the opportunity to dance together on a professional sized stage. Having run my own dancing schools in Kent, I know how much confidence performances such as these can give to the dancers.



Events Listing

Sevenoaks Philharmonic Society concerts for 2022:- 27th March 2022 – Pamoja Hall, Mozart's *Requiem* & Haydn's *Nelson Mass*. Also 19th June 2022 – Stag Theatre, Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*. Visit www.sevenoaks-philharmonic.org.uk for details on ticket availability and prices.

Sevenoaks Music Club – Saturday 19th March – The Mithras Piano Trio who have won a string of first prizes will play works by Haydn, Brahms and Schubert, the last of these D929 being the source of music used in several films. Saturday 23rd April – hosting the Barbican Sting Quartet, who as well as winning international prizes have attracted great praise in the national press. Both concerts will take place at Walthamstow Hall School, Hollybush Lane, TN13 3UL starting at 7.30pm. Full details, and tickets, are available from www.sevenoaksmusicclub.org.uk

Kentish Opera – 27th – 30th April, present - *The Tales of Hoffman* - fully staged with full orchestra, professional soloists and a chorus of over thirty. Tickets are on sale from The Stag Box Office – 01732 450175. Not performed by Kentish Opera since the mid-sixties this is their first major production since autumn 2019.

Westerham Amateur Dramatic Society - 4th to 7th May at Westerham Village Hall, Quebec Avenue, Westerham, 8pm, present - *People* - a play by Alan Bennett, directed by Sandra Barfield. This is an entertaining, funny, touching play providing a very enjoyable evening. Tickets available at a cost of £10 from www.wads.info or on the door. So come along, have a glass of wine and sit and enjoy a good evenings entertainment.

Temenos Chamber Choir - Saturday 25th June, 7.30, St Bartholomew's Church, Otford. Conductor Patrick Craig, present *Angels in Music*. Angels have inspired great music for centuries. In the lovely setting of Otford Church, we will sing about Christmas Angels, Guardian Angels, the Archangel Michael at war and the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation, from the late 15th century right up to our present time. For further information go to <https://temenos-chamberchoir.org.uk/about.html>

Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society – After the success of last year's pastiche *The Complete Works.....*, Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society is back this summer with its first full-length play since 2019. The open- air production of *The Winter's Tale* is a sideways look at one of the Bard's late masterpieces, a story of jealousy, betrayal, remorse and restitution. Performances in the delightful gardens of The White Rock Inn, Underriver will run from July 1st-3rd and 7th-10th.

Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra – *Sounds of Spring* - Saturday, 5th March 2022, 7:30pm, St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks - Brahms : Tragic Overture, Davison : 7 Elegiac Variations, featuring cellist Liubov Ulybysheva, Sibelius : Symphony No. 2.

Reflections of Italy - Sunday, 8th May 2022, 7:30pm, Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks. Enjoy a complimentary glass of Prosecco from 6:45pm ! Rossini : The Italian Girl in Algiers, Beethoven : Piano Concerto No. 3, featuring pianist Christos Fountos Elgar : Serenade for Strings, Mendelssohn : The Italian Symphony (No. 4). Adult ticket £15, Under 19s £2. Ticket information on www.sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk.

If you wish to advertise your next production/concert/exhibition etc or would like to submit an article for the next Newsletter then please contact either Doreen Pascall (doreen@pascall.me) or Sandra Lane (SDACweb@gmail.com). Submissions required by 15th February/June/October. **We'd love to have your news and views!**