

Wilson's School Winter Concert



Wednesday, 13 December 2023

7pm

John Jenkins Hall

Welcome from the Director of Music

The Wilson's School Music Department is delighted that you are able to join us this evening to celebrate and enjoy the outstanding musicianship of our students. Tonight's concert is jam-packed with ensembles, both familiar and new. Indeed, two ensembles will be making their concert debut at Wilson's this evening. Our Percussion Ensemble, directed by Mr French, will open the second half of our programme. Listen out for their rousing drum rolls—they will be summoning you back from the interval! The student-led Carnatic Society grew out of a GCSE Music Ensemble Performance from last year's cohort, and tonight, the senior members of the group will be performing a piece by Muthuswami Dikshitar (1775-1835), one of the Trinity of Carnatic Music. Many of our well-established ensembles including the Barbershop, both Middle School and Senior Wind Bands, and Wilson's School Symphony Orchestra will perform famous melodies from the movies tonight, alongside some original arrangements by Mr Kramer for the Odyssey Big Band and by the players in Skiaull, our recently formed folk group. Throughout the evening, ensembles will be performing a range of classical music, including two pieces by English composers--William Walton's ever-popular march *Crown Imperial*, performed by Chamber Wind, will open the concert, and Senior Strings will play the last movement of Benjamin Britten's *Simple Symphony*, which is dedicated to the composer's childhood viola teacher. Amongst all this, you'll find a few festive favourites as well. You're in for a treat!

Programme

Chamber Wind
Directed by Dr Clayden

Crown Imperial

Walton arr. Duthoit

Barbershop
Directed by Mr Hann

Stars I Shall Find

Johnson

Spiderman

Harris & Webster arr. Shaw

Wilson's Sinfonietta
Directed by Dr Burton

Trepak

Tchaikovsky arr. Meyer

Skiaull
Directed by Mr Kramer

Flitter Dance

Manx trad. Arr. Skiaull

Senior Strings
Directed by Dr Burton

**'Frolicsome Finale'
from *Simple Symphony***

Britten

Middle School Wind Band
Directed by Dr Clayden

***Mission: Impossible
Theme***

Schifrin arr. Lavender

***John Williams:
Movie Adventures***

Williams arr. Sweeney

Double Reed Ensemble

Directed by Ms Dennis

***The Magnificent
Seven***

E. Bernstein arr. Cooper

Cello Ensemble

Coached by Dr Burton

Elegie

Werner

Wilson's Odyssey Big Band

Directed by Mr Kramer

Shofukan

League arr. Hil & Kramer

Interval

Our great thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for providing refreshments this evening.

Percussion Ensemble

Directed by Mr French

Summon the Spirits

Tuck

Wilson's School Choir

Directed by Mr Hann

Carol of the Bells

Leontovich

Joy to the World

Mason arr. Forrest

Flute Ensemble

Directed by Mr Franks

***The Teddy Bears'
Picnic***

Bratten arr. Lynch

Carnatic Society

Directed by Year 12 Students

Vatapi Ganapathim

Dikshithar

Middle School Strings

Directed by Dr Burton

***'Team Russo' from
Serenade for Strings***

Tchaikovsky arr. Martin

Senior Wind Band

Directed by Dr Clayden

Awakening Hills

Saucedo

***Pirates of the
Caribbean***

Badelt arr. Ricketts

Clarinet Ensemble

Directed by Mr Sanders

Caprice for Clarinets

Grundman

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. Del Borgo

**Wilson's School Symphony
Orchestra**

Directed by Dr Burton

***Lord of the Rings
Symphonic Suite***

Shore arr. Sweeney

A Word of Thanks

With over 200 students performing in tonight's concert, there are many people involved in making an event like this a success. Our heartfelt thanks to the many students who have been involved in supporting the event this evening, including Rohan and Euan in the lighting booth, Senior Prefects and Sixth Form students on the door and the green rooms, and various extra pairs of hands helping to ensure that the concert sounds wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Debbie Straw for working so hard to ensure that the details are perfect, from the poster to the photographs. Thank you to the site staff for helping to set up the hall and staying late for us this evening. Thank you to Naomi, the Clerk to the Governors, for sending out very many letters, Jo in Finance for managing the ticket sales, and to the Heads of Year for their assistance in communicating the details of the concert to all corners of our school community. Thank you to the hugely talented and seemingly indefatigable ensemble leaders for inspiring our students. Thank you to all of you for coming and supporting your children—we hope that you've enjoyed the show as much as we've enjoyed performing for you. And finally, thank you to the students. Without them, these ensembles simply wouldn't exist. Thankfully, they do! And we just can't wait to see what next term will bring.

This evening's concert is in aid of Wilson's School chosen charities for 2023-24:

Lives Not Knives and Mind.

