



Newsletter

April 2000

Millennium News

Plans for our Millennium Concert are well in hand, and you will find further details overleaf. We look forward to seeing you at this very special event when Sir Neville Marriner will take the baton at St. John's, Smith Square, on Saturday July 22nd at 7.30pm for a programme of Mozart, Schoenberg and Dvorak. The concert is sponsored by Quilter & Co.

NISA welcomes 13 new members to the orchestra this year. You will find a full list overleaf of the twenty schools from which this year's players come.

We welcome Andrew McGee to the music coaching staff as well as Adam Precious who coached the double-bass in February in the absence of John Gray who was in Australia.

Kathryn Skilton continues to give sterling service on the residential side of our courses and we look forward to Richard Quick returning to assist next season.

NISA could not manage without its sponsors and friends to whom we extend our profound gratitude. Quilter & Co. are not only sponsoring our Millennium concert, but also the strings coaching for the next three years. The Triangle Trust and Holmwoods continue to support the Bursary Fund, while the Rayne Foundation and the Foundation for the Sports and Arts supports the activities of NISA.

We have two CDs of last year's NISA music performances available at £10 the pair. Do contact Viviane Ronchetti if you would like copies... ideal presents for friends and relatives.

We must also apologise for a printing error in our last Newsletter. NISA's website address is [HYPERLINK](http://www.isis.org.uk/misc.nisa/)

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FROM THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR

At the end of October we played some of the repertoire from our Washington tour at a very well received concert at St. Peter's, Eaton Square. This was followed by an enjoyable reception for the audience and players.

Due to recent major surgery, I was not able to be at the February course held at Queenswood this year. The course was directed and run by my husband Roger Garland, ably assisted by Denis Vigay, Maureen Parrington, Andrew McGee and Adam Precious. My thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

Most of the time was spent working on Schoenberg's 'Verklarte Nacht' which is part of the programme for the Millennium Concert to be conducted by Sir Neville Marriner. This is a very fine piece of music written early in Schoenberg's career (Opus 4) before he moved on to the twelve-tone technique. It is a highly romantic piece based on a very emotive poem about a pair of lovers. Verklarte Nacht is a demanding piece for a string orchestra to play, and generally regarded as a 'tour de force', so the fact that our NISA students were able to make a good start on it in February is a great compliment to their powers of concentration and effort, particularly as we continue to have some quite young players in the orchestra.

We will be in Benjamin Britten country, not far from ►



Aldeburgh & District Lifeboat Guild

Music by the Sea CONCERT and BUFFET SUPPER

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL 2000
at 7pm

THORPENESS COUNTRY CLUB

National Isis Strings Academy

Director: Nicola Bartolotti

— Programme and Location —

Next Destination: Elveden Edge, Suffolk in August 2001. In Practice

TICKETS £45 from

Mr. D. Yarril, Dept. North Warren,
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Aldeburgh, for the Easter course this year which takes place at Woodbridge School. We will be giving a concert in aid of the RNLi at The Country Club, Thorpeness on Wednesday 19th April at 7pm. The Country Club has a glorious position on the coast in this

uniquely planned holiday resort, with its Mock Tudor-Style black and white houses, its working windmill, the Meare boating lake, and its famous 'House in the Clouds'. The RNLi concert will take the form of an hour's music followed by a buffet supper, which should make for a most enjoyable evening.

The Aldeburgh Lifeboat goes out to sea quite regularly and has saved many lives over the years. Sometimes, in August, they have demonstrations of how long it takes the lifeboat men to get the boat launched from the time the alarm goes off. I was once lucky enough (on my birthday) to get a place on the lifeboat for one of these practices, and it was an experience I've never forgotten!

The Millennium Concert, which also celebrates our 5th Anniversary, promises to be an exciting event. St John's, Smith Square is an impressive venue with a good acoustic for strings. After the concert, there will be a reception in the Crypt for players, their parents, NISA Patrons, Trustees, Friends of NISA and staff. You will be receiving special invitations to the reception at the end of May with full details of ticket availability but, if you haven't already done so, please put the date in your diary:

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd 2000.

Viviane Ronchetti

Schools from which players come this year.

- Aldenham School, Elstree
- Aldro School, Godalming
- Ashby Ivanhoe High School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales School, Cardiff
- Bloxham School, Banbury
- Chethams School, Manchester
- European School, Culham, Oxon
- Haberghashere Aske's School for Girls, Elstree
- Henley College, Henley-on-Thames
- Hitchin Girls' School, Herts
- Hymans College, Hull
- King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford
- Latymer School, Enfield
- Musikkonservatoriet, Felun, Sweden
- Purcell School
- Queenswood, Hatfield
- Roedean, Brighton
- Sibford School, Banbury, Oxon
- South Hampstead School, London
- Wisbech Grammar School, Wisbech, Norfolk

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