



Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra Christmas Course 27-30 December 2011

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Hello again to all members and friends of Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra.

Our Summer course, with its record numbers of children, two orchestras and 35 hours of music-making was great fun for all concerned but now, of course, we move on. Planning for Christmas is well under way so we hope you will like what we have to offer. We also hope that those of you who found us fully booked in the summer will be able to come and enjoy the special flavour of the Christmas course.

We are delighted that Trevor Barlow has agreed to be Course Director for the third Christmas running. If, on previous occasions you enjoyed the bagpiper and the melodion player, you will undoubtedly appreciate 'The Hogmanay Suite' - a new work commissioned by Trevor from the composer Kelvin Towse for Holiday Orchestra. It combines several traditional songs from Scotland and is scored for choir, orchestra and bagpipes, probably involving at least 150 children! We on the Committee can't wait to hear it.

There will also, of course, be all our usual bands and string groups, choirs, recorders, gamelan, plus samba bands and a 'Scrap Heap Challenge' version of Music Games. There should be plenty for all ages to enjoy.

Please do observe the stated minimum age or standard for each section - our tutors try to choose music of the appropriate level: not too easy and not too hard. Then, at the presentations the children show us what they have been doing. We don't expect perfection, although as you may have noticed the results are often fantastic!

Do join us if you can, in preparing for a New Year of music,

yours,

Lydia Hill. Chairman of C.H.O.A.

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Christmas Course 2011 – Timetable

The course runs from Tuesday 27th December until Friday 30th December, with the presentation for the lower groups taking place at 4.30pm on Friday, and the presentation for the upper groups taking place at 7pm on Friday.

Time	Section	Standard required
9.30-10.30	Training Strings	Up to Grade 2. Minimum one year's playing experience is essential
	Training Wind Band	Grade 1+. Minimum one year's playing experience is essential
	Junk Percussion / Music Games 1	None (recommended age 7-12) (30 places)
	Advanced Gamelan	Must have attended at least one Gamelan session on a previous course (15 places)
	Jazz Workshop 1	Grade 3+ (25 places)
	Recorders 1	Proficient in the first octave on descant, treble, tenor or bass recorders. Please specify which you can play. (24 places)
10.30-10.50	BREAK	
10.50-11.50	Intermediate Strings	Grade 2+
	Intermediate Wind Band	Grade 3+
	7+ Choir 1	None (45 places)
	10+ Choir 1	None (55 places)
	Recorders 2	See Recorders 1 (24 places)
	Jazz Workshop 2	Grade 6+ (25 places)
	Samba Workshop 1	None (25 places)
	Junk Percussion / Music Games 2	None (recommended age 7-12) (30 places)
8+ Gamelan	None (15 places)	
11.50-12.20	BREAK	
12.20-1.20	Upper Strings	Grade 4+
	Upper Wind Band	Grade 5+
	Samba Workshop 2	None (25 places)
	7+ Choir 2	None (45 places)
	10+ Choir 2	None (55 places)
	8+ New to Gamelan	None (15 places)
1.20-2.15	LUNCH BREAK	
2.15-5.00 (27-29 Dec) 30 Dec to 4.00	Orchestra Finlandia, by Sibelius Hogmanay: a commissioned work for Orchestra, 10+ Choir and Bagpipes	Grade 6 +
Presentations 30 December	Lower groups 4.30-6.00: Training/ Intermediate Strings, Training/Intermediate Band, Recorders, 7+ Choir, Samba. Upper groups 7.00-8.30: Orchestra, Upper Strings, Upper Band, 10+ Choir.	

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your first session every day to register and prepare your instrument. On arrival each day, please register by ticking off your name on the alphabetical list set out in the foyer, making a name badge then make your way to your first activity. Course Desk contact number while the course is running 07930 930049.

Parent Help. We ALWAYS need more help to keep the courses running. If you can spare the time, and would like to get involved, please contact Cathy Whitaker on 01638 577461 or cathy@acmwhitaker.co.uk. Please email the Parent Help form to Cathy, showing the times when you could be available. Alternatively please print out the form and send it to Fiona Rutter when you book the course.