

Management

CSO is run by a committee consisting of a chairman, secretary, treasurer and 5 other members.

A.G.M.

The orchestra has its AGM in October and all members are encouraged to attend. The committee is always pleased to hear suggestions for improvements, particularly for ways to raise money. Repertoire suggestions are welcomed during the spring term before the planning meeting. Please speak to a member of the committee if you have any ideas or requests for the orchestra.



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Welcome

History

CSO was formed in 1983 to provide orchestral music for Chesterfield and the surrounding area. Beginning with a group of just fifteen the orchestra has flourished, increased in size and presents many forms of music including major symphonic repertoire. Carefully planned programmes account for a wide variety of tastes and are prompted by suggestions from members.

Joining

A playing standard of around grade 7-8 is suggested, but other experiences can be taken into consideration to offset this. There are no formal auditions involved. After 3 rehearsals section leaders will advise players whether they may become a member. Refusal is rare - our policy is to encourage people.

Subscriptions and Patrons

These are currently £30 per term (£20 concessions) or £70 per year (£50 concessions). These are payable at the start of each term. Please fill in the gift aid form if you are a UK taxpayer as this enables the orchestra to claim back the tax on subscriptions.

Friends and family can help support the orchestra by joining the Patrons scheme. Information is available in brochures, on the orchestra's website or by asking any member of the committee.

Rehearsals

CSO meets every Tuesday during school term time from 7.30-9.30pm. Please arrive in time to start playing promptly and let your section leader or the conductor know if you are unable to attend. There is a break during the rehearsal for refreshments and often a raffle for a bottle of wine to raise funds for the orchestra. The second Tuesday of each half term there is a 'bring and buy sale'. Bring anything along to sell and all proceeds go to the orchestra.

Health and Safety

In order to comply with fire regulations, the orchestra takes a register at the start of each rehearsal. If the fire alarm sounds, leave the building by the nearest exit and the meeting point is the car park.

Music

You are welcome to take music home to practise, but please check with your section leader initially. If you are going to miss a rehearsal, please make sure your music is not required by another player. **All music will be collected in immediately after each concert.**

Social

Some members of the orchestra meet in The Woodside pub after rehearsals for a drink. Everyone is welcome. Please ask for directions if you'd like to go. The orchestra sometimes organises other social events such as a Christmas dinner and summer garden party.

Concerts

We typically put on three concerts each year. The dates are usually the end of March, early July and early December. On concert days we have a rehearsal in the afternoon. Concert dress varies but is usually all black for both men and women. Tickets are available on the door or during rehearsals a few weeks before each concert.

Publicity

Orchestra brochures are available for distribution and posters and flyers are available before each concert. Please distribute these to friends, family, neighbours, colleagues and display in shops, libraries and businesses if allowed. If you know anyone who would like to advertise in the concert programme, please speak to a member of the committee. Adverts are available at a very reasonable rate.

