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2023-
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MUSIC GUIDE**

FREE ENTRY FOR UNDER 21s TO ALL LGS CONCERTS



**LEICESTER
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN MUSIC AT LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

We remain grateful for the keen and wide support of pupils, parents and many from our local community. We are thrilled, as always, to keep music live! We hope that the variety of performances offers insight into the musical goings-on at LGS and an opportunity to support various local causes, from Leicester's Little Theatre to the Rotary Club of Oadby and Wigston. Our three *Music in Quiet Places* concerts take our musicians to beautiful local venues for Autumn, Christmas and Midsummer concerts; please join us for these important community events.

This year, we are stepping up our own fundraising efforts in aid of **SPACE TO INSPIRE**, our £200,000 vision to transform the acoustics of our principal performance space, St Nicholas' Hall, for the benefit of both school and community users. We warmly welcome all forms of engagement with this project, from donations large and small to attendance at our main fundraising concert on Sunday 5th November at 3pm. We will be collaborating with Leicester's Bardi Orchestra and the champion brass band, *Youth Brass 2000*, for this important concert.

Please note that further concert opportunities will be arranged for our soloists throughout the year. Pianists and singers in particular should ask their teachers when these are likely to take place.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

John Barker (Director of Music)

JOHN BARKER Director of Music
AMY MCPHERSON Deputy Director of Music



SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 11am

Free Entry (Donations Encouraged!)

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BILLESDON

Coffee Concert



A coffee concert featuring LGS musicians, the first of our *Music in Quiet Places* series.

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 7pm

Free Entry

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

Music for Black History Month



This will be a celebration of music from all over the world performed by pupils and music staff. The programme features our First Orchestra playing *Juba Dance* by Florence Price and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Petite Suite de Concert*. Bollywood and Punjabi hits sit alongside the Japanese Avant-Garde and the LGS Folk Group during an evening that aims to delight and enrich us all.

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 3pm

Free Entry (Donations Encouraged!)

ST NICHOLAS' HALL



Bardi
Symphony
Orchestra

Youth
BRASS
2000

**BARDI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, YOUTH BRASS 2000 &
LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSICIANS PERFORM IN AID OF**



This eagerly-awaited collaboration between LGS, Bardi and YB2000 represents the scale of our ambition for the transformation of St Nicholas' Hall.

Please consider giving generously to this vision as you enjoy Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*, Respighi's *Pines of Rome* as well as extracts from *Les Misérables*, performed by the LGS choir. Concerto performances by LGS pupils will complete this thrilling showcase of local music-making.

When **booking a ticket**, please consider our Bronze to Platinum donation structure. If you would prefer to donate via cheque, please make it payable to Leicester Grammar School, writing Space to Inspire on the reverse. If you would like to discuss the project or your donation further, please contact John Barker directly: barkerj@leicestergrammar.org.uk

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 7pm

Free Entry

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

Lower School
Showcase



Sinfonietta, *BLAST!*, Lower School Singers and other Lower School chamber groups will take to the stage to perform their first concert of the academic year.

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 7pm

Free Entry

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

Advent
Concert



A principal showcase for our senior ensembles. This concert will include the First Orchestra, Senior Choir, Symphonic Wind Band, Folk Group and Big Band alongside a number of chamber groups.

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 7pm

Tickets £12

STOUGHTON CHURCH

**Christmas at
Stoughton**



The second of our **Music in Quiet Places** series. An evening of Christmas music in aid of Stoughton Church and **SPACE TO INSPIRE**. Our Senior Choir and various instrumental groups will usher in the festive season with an array of sacred and secular Christmas works.

Tickets available from the Music Office or at the door

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 7pm

Free Entry

RECITAL ROOM

**Folk Group
Concert**



Our ever-popular Folk Group will provide a delightful evening of traditional folk repertoire. There may even be an opportunity to get up and dance along!

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 5.30pm

Free Entry

RECITAL ROOM

**Flute
Fiesta**



Our annual get-together of flautists from the Junior and Senior schools.

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 7.30pm

LEICESTER'S LITTLE THEATRE

**The Little Theatre
Concert**



We are delighted to be returning to a favourite venue. Please join us for an evening packed full of Big Band jazz! Vocal and instrumental numbers made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Count Basie and various soul artists will make this a special evening to follow on from Valentine's day!

Tickets available directly from the Little Theatre. **SPACE TO INSPIRE** donors, please contact the Music Office for complimentary tickets.

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 7pm

Free Entry

RECITAL ROOM

GCSE Composers' Workshop



Please come and support our young composers for this evening of World Premiere performances!

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 7pm

Free Entry

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

Soloists & Chamber Concert



Many of our young musicians have been hard at work all year on their exam repertoire and in their various ensembles. This is a chance for us all to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 7pm

Free Entry (Donations Encouraged!)

ST NICHOLAS' HALL



CHORAL SOCIETY & FIRST ORCHESTRA CONCERT



The centrepiece of this year's programme, this collaboration between the LGS Choral Society and the First Orchestra will feature massed singing of traditional and modern works alongside symphonic repertoire.

The Choral Society is open to all without audition or subscription; please contact us to join in. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings throughout the Lent term.

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 7pm

Tickets £12, U21s free entry

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

**Big Band Concert in
Aid of Space to Inspire**



We will be indulging in some well-known Orchestra and Big Band arrangements in this exciting concert in aid of **Space to Inspire**; a nostalgic and foot-tapping evening awaits!

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 7.30pm

Tickets £12

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

**Concert for the Rotary
Club of Oadby**



Wind and Brass groups led by Ld Chris Jeans host this charitable event in aid of local Rotary Clubs. The Symphonic Wind Band, Big Band, *BLAST!* and Youth Brass 2000 will entertain us all.

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 7pm

Free Entry (Donations Encouraged!)

BILLESDON CHURCH

**Midsummer
Concert**



A midsummer concert at Billesdon Church, this is the third of our *Music in Quiet Places* series. Senior soloists and ensembles will feature prominently.

TUESDAY 2ND JULY 7pm

Free Entry

ST NICHOLAS' HALL

**Lower School
Concert**



Ensembles of every size perform in this culmination of musical endeavour!