



## Our Conductor

Originally from Gernika (Guernica) in the Basque Country, Jon Malaxetxebarria's career as a conductor is now developing in both England and Spain. He has conducted a variety of ensembles such as Manchester Camerata, Basque Country Symphony Orchestra, Bilbao Symphony Orchestra, Malaga Philharmonic, Liverpool Mozart Orchestra, Lancashire Chamber Orchestra, and Nottingham and Derbyshire Youth Orchestras.

Jon studied French Horn at Roosevelt University, Chicago and conducting at the Royal Northern College in Manchester.

Jon Malaxetxebarria was appointed Music Director and Principal Conductor of Solihull Symphony Orchestra in June 2013.

Photos: Tom Bangbala (above), Brian Jones (cover)

## Joining the Orchestra

We have no formal auditions or entry requirements, although players will normally be expected to have had some orchestral experience. However, a willingness to learn and a commitment to attend rehearsals regularly are equally important! We rehearse on Tuesday evenings 19:30 - 21:45 at Solihull School.

Anyone interested in joining the orchestra is invited to contact us. String players are almost always welcome, but there is a waiting list for most other instruments. We also welcome enquiries for short term membership - if you're studying here for a year, or on a short term work placement for example?

The subscription rate for members from September 2017 is **£135**. Subscriptions are not normally charged for your first term, or for student members.

## Support and Sponsorship

We welcome support from anyone who enjoys and appreciates our music. Why not consider becoming a Friend of Solihull Symphony Orchestra, or join our regular mailing list? For further details, see the Tickets page on the website.

If you represent a business or other organisation based in Solihull, why not consider sponsoring the orchestra? Business sponsors are mentioned in press releases, concert programmes and on our website, and offered complimentary tickets for all concerts.

## Solihull Symphony Orchestra

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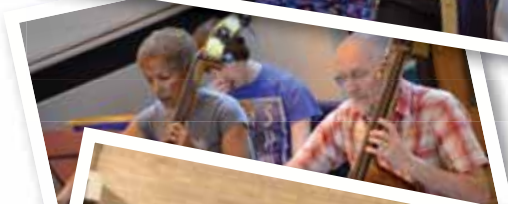
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# 2017-2018

**Saturday 25 November 2017**

**Shirley Methodist Church, 15:00**

**Schumann** - Manfred Overture

**Rachmaninoff** - Piano Concerto No 2

**Beethoven** - Symphony No 5



**Piano** - Carla Fernandez Boix

**Sunday 4 February 2018**

**Our Lady of the Wayside, 16:00**

**New Year Concert**

A concert of ballet and dance music and other seasonal favorites.

**Saturday 24 March 2018**

**Shirley Methodist Church, 15:00**

**Rising Stars 2018**

Concerto performances by some of Solihull's most talented young musicians.

*If you would like to perform in Rising Stars 2018, or know anyone who might be interested, please get in touch.*

*For further information, see the Rising Stars page of the website.*

*Applications are invited by **20 October 2017**, and auditions will be held in November or December.*

[solihullsymphony.org.uk/risingstars](http://solihullsymphony.org.uk/risingstars)

**Saturday 23 June 2018**

**Shirley Methodist Church, 19:30**

**Sibelius** - Violin Concerto

**Rachmaninoff** - Symphony No 2



**Violin** - Charlotte Moseley



## **Concert Information**

Concerts are at Shirley Methodist Church, 257 Stratford Road, B90 3AL or Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Stratford Road, B90 4AY

### **Ticket Prices**

Full Price – £13

Concessions (60+, unemployed etc) – £11

Students (under 25) – £5

Children under 16 – no charge

*From orchestra website, orchestra members, Core Theatre Box Office (Solihull Central Library) or on the door on the day. Reductions for group bookings.*