



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, usually at Solihull School.

Anyone interested in joining the orchestra is invited to contact us. Violin 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 annual subscription rate for members from September 2019 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.

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2019-2020

Saturday 30 November 2019

Shirley Methodist Church, 15:30

Elgar - Froissart Overture

Creston - Concerto for Saxophone

Sibelius - Symphony No 5



Conductor - Chloe Miller | **Saxophone** - Rob Burton

Saturday 1 February 2020

Shirley Methodist Church, 15:30

New Year Concert

A concert of favourites from the stage - musicals, opera and other delights including *Evita*, *Carmen*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Les Miserables* and many more!

Saturday 14 March 2020

Shirley Methodist Church, 15:30

Rising Stars 2020

Concerto performances by some of Solihull's most talented young musicians, together with an overture and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony (No 8) performed by the full orchestra.

If you would like to perform in Rising Stars 2020, or know anyone who might be interested, please get in touch. For further information, see the Rising Stars page of the website below.

Applications are invited by **19 October 2019**, and auditions will be held in November or December.

solihullsymphony.org.uk/risingstars

Saturday 27 June 2020

Shirley Methodist Church, 19:30

Beethoven - Egmont Overture

Brahms - Double Concerto

Schumann - Symphony No 3 'Rhenish'



Violin - Cristinel Bačanu | **Cello** - Katie Tertell



Concert Information

All concerts this season are at Shirley Methodist Church, 257 Stratford Road, B90 3AL

Ticket Prices

Full Price – £13

Concessions (60+, unemployed etc) – £11

Students (under 25) – £5

Children under 16 – no charge

From orchestra website, orchestra members, or on the door on the day. Reductions for group bookings.

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