

# Musical Notes

## Rising stars to play at Holker Hall

Grange Concert Club is delighted to welcome back the brilliant pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, this time accompanied by his wife, the talented soprano, Susan Parkes.

By the kind permission of Lord and Lady Cavendish, Susie and Warren will perform at Holker Hall at 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March. They will perform operatic and classical pieces by Puccini, Mozart, Chopin and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue".

Since holding a scholarship at the Royal College of Music, Susie has performed title roles in many operas and has sung in major concert halls in Great Britain and abroad. She has recently won a prestigious international competition in Italy and performed "La Mamma Morta" on Italian Television. Warren continues to gain wonderful critical reviews for his solo recitals, including his recent debut Carnegie Hall. He has now performed over 30 times for the Royal Family. His latest CD features popular work by Chopin.

Grange Concert Club is delighted to welcome two such talented musicians. Admission to the concert is by ticket only, price £10 to include wine and nibbles. Tickets are selling fast but are currently available, strictly in advance, from the Treasurer Mr Peter Hickson on 015395 33422.

## Grange Youth Theatre busking for Haiti

On a cold and foggy Saturday morning in January, Grange residents dug deep into their pockets and contributed £418.50 in one hour!! The young people sang, played instruments, read poems etc on the forecourt of Independent Investment Associates Ltd and the collecting baskets were filled to overflowing.

One young singer said, "I can't believe what we've collected. Aren't people kind, it makes you feel warm inside even if I'm freezing outside!" So a big thank you to Grange & District for showing that you care and a big thank you to our special young people for giving up their time and talents to help others. A total of £425 was sent to the Haiti earthquake appeal.

Look out for these wonderful youngsters who will be performing in a Christian Aid concert at the beginning of May and also a Midsummer Magic VII at the end of May.



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## Westmorland Orchestra

Spring Concert Saturday March 13th at 7.30pm, Lakes Leisure Kendal.

Guest Conductor Richard Howarth is no stranger to local audiences, particularly in Ulverston, as until recently he was leader of the Manchester Camerata, which has built up a loyal following at the 'Coro'.

As well as becoming a distinguished orchestra leader, he has been in increasing demand as a conductor in recent years, and says that he is delighted to be making this debut appearance with the Westmorland.

Featured is one of the nation's favourite violin concertos, often ranking high in Classic FM's Hall of Fame list; Max Bruch's G Minor concerto. The solo violin part will be played by Diana Galvydite who was born in Lithuania in 1984. In 2000 she was invited to the Yehudi Menuhin School in England, and is currently studying at London's Royal College of Music. (see below)

Tickets for the concert, which still remain at £11 (centre) and £9 (sides) for adults, £5.50 (centre) and £4.50 (sides) for children, are available now from orchestra members, and from Saturday 27th February at Lakes Leisure Kendal, Burton Road, Kendal (telephone 01539 729702). Further information is also available from the orchestra's website which is regularly updated: [www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk](http://www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk)



## Windermere Jazz Cruise

Reach out to help HEAL Africa with ReachOut2Congo whilst enjoying a Windermere Lake Jazz Cruise on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 12noon to 3pm.

It will be a Buffet Cruise with music by the New Hall Jazz Band on board the majestic steamer Teal. The Big Raffle will be drawn on board.

Enjoy a freshly prepared, sumptuous buffet and a relaxed atmosphere whilst viewing stunning scenery – tickets £28 each from 015395 52021 or email [john@outreach-house.org](mailto:john@outreach-house.org)

The flights are now booked (via Kenya and Rwanda), injections are under way and, on 22 March, 7 local people are going to help 'Heal Africa', a grass-roots organisation in Goma on the Congo-Rwanda border – together we can make a difference.

## Mame

Flookburgh Amateur Operatic Society are presenting "Mame" at Lower Holker Village Hall for five nights: Tuesday to Saturday, 16th to 20th March 2010.

Curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets in advance may be reserved on 015395 58204 or at the door during show week. Prices remain the same as last year – Tuesday; £6, other evenings £7, Children £3 each evening. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Come out and enjoy a night at the Opera!

We would like to thank everyone who generously supported our Coffee Morning in Flookburgh on the 30th of January at which the sum of £587 was raised. Thank you so much.

## Stage Whispers

Thank you! Grange Drama's cast and crew wish to thank each of you who came to see our recent production of Alan Ayckbourn's "Seasons Greetings". We received many affirmative comments in regard to our experimental matinee and will attempt to repeat the exercise in due course.

Our future play readings are intended to be held in the Victoria Hall. Readings will be held on a Tuesday, starting at 7.30pm. Newcomers are very welcome to come and meet Grange Drama members and participate in the readings or share a tea or coffee with us. The next play reading is 16<sup>th</sup> March, *The Noble Spaniard* by Somerset Maugham. The reading will be led by Donald Scott, although Donald is a relative newcomer to this area he has appeared for Grange Drama in *Lord Arthur Saville's Crime* and for Cartmel Players in *Friends and Neighbours*.

Other play readings are 29<sup>th</sup> April *Aristocrats* by Brian Friel and 18<sup>th</sup> May *Intimate Exchanges* by Alan Ayckbourn.

If you are new to Grange we are always looking to recruit additional members to our existing core of players, backstage crew and front of house personnel. Whether you have previous experience or not, if you are looking for an interesting and rewarding outlet for your talents, Geoff Entwistle, our Chairman, will always be happy to talk with you on 015395 32391.

## Cartmel Choral Society

Cartmel Choral Society warmly invites you to their Spring Concert. This is to be performed in Cartmel Priory on Saturday March 20th at 7.30 pm.

This year the choir will perform two works well suited to the time of year. The first is *The Passion of Christ* by Sir Arthur Somervell, a local composer born in Windermere, whose father was the founder of K Shoes. *The Passion of Christ* was written in 1914 and is modelled on the great passion settings of Bach with choruses, recitatives, arias and hymns for the congregation.

The second piece is *Te Deum* by Andrew Carter. He is a living composer and his works are performed world wide. Several of his carols have been sung by Kings College Cambridge Choir in the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. *Te Deum* was first performed in 1996 and is a colourful setting of the great hymn of praise from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer interspersed with familiar hymns such as *All creatures of our God and King* and *Christ be with me*. The choir under the enthusiastic leadership of Adrian Self are pleased to welcome a new accompanist, John Green from Keswick.

Tickets are £7 including refreshments and can be obtained either at the door or through choir members (children are free).

## South Cumbria Musical Festival

The 2010 festival takes place between Sunday 21st and Saturday 27th March and is held as usual in the Coronation Hall, Ulverston.

Not only does the festival attract performers from the south Cumbria area but some are traveling from as far away as Shropshire.

The festival starts with brass classes on Sunday and follows on with speech, piano, woodwind, strings, vocals, choirs and culminates in a Gala evening on Saturday when performers from all disciplines compete for a valuable performance award.

This year's festival promises to be the usual feast of good music and speech so come along to the Coronation Hall and be entertained by talented local performers. You won't be disappointed!