

PART 1

In this part of the programme we would like to commemorate with British music the auspicious year in which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest reigning British monarch.

Standard of St George	Kenneth Alford
Rose of England (optional audience singing in final part)	Ivor Novello
On Eagles' Wings Louis Green – Violin	Robert Kerr
Military Minuet Elise Parry – Piano	Joseph Haydn
I vow to thee my country (with audience singing)	Gustav Holst
Robot's March Annabelle Boulos – violoncello John Eaton - piano	Gordon Jacob
Concerto for Viola in G minor, Op 25 Movement 3, Allegro con fuoco Peter Farnbank – Viola John Eaton – Piano	Cecil Forsyth
633 Squadron	Ron Goodwin

INTERVAL

PART 2

This part of programme celebrates the festive season with religious and secular works.

The Messiah	George F. Handel
And the Glory of the Lord Every Valley shall be exalted	
Concerto Grosso in G Minor "fatto per la notte di natale" Op 6 No 8 Allegro and Largo (Pastorale) Megan Scott and Grace Robles – Violins Mary Boulos – Cello John Eaton – organ-keyboard	Arcangelo Corelli
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Ralph Blane
A Christmas Poem Julie Rose – Narrator	
A Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson

Peter Farnbank – Musical Director/Tutor

Peter studied violin under Alan Powell (Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra) and Mark Knight (now Professor of Violin/Viola at Guildhall School of Music and RNCM). From 1978-88 Peter taught music in Gibraltar schools after qualifying from Southampton University. He was conductor of the Gibraltar Youth Orchestra and Music Adviser to the Gibraltar Music Centre. There he also formed and conducted the Camerata Singers (a young ladies' chamber choir) and the Youth String Ensemble, which he conducted from the violin.

Peter returned from the Mediterranean in 1988, and settled in the Northwest "because of the friendliness of the people here" (he said). He lives in the Fylde area, where he pursues a varied musical life. He was Leader of the Blackpool Symphony Orchestra from Feb 2010 to Nov 2011. Today he leads the Fylde Concert Orchestra, as well as the Cameo String Quartet of Lancashire (which he formed in 1997) playing for weddings and formal functions.

Peter works as a Chartered Educational Psychologist. He has three grown-up children and is proud grandfather to a 3year old boy born in Manchester.

Lowry Strings Players

Violin 1 – Rod Brown, Mike Coates, Geoff Hague, Emily Narey, Grace Robles, Christine Sharpe (concert leader), Jenny Stanley

Violin 2 – Viv Green*, Sheila Peake, Elaine Roycroft, Megan Scott, Neville Thomas

Viola - Gayle Brown, John Lageu, Ian Parkinson, June Robson, Julie Rose

Cello – Mary Boulos, Rona Courtney**, Cathryn Dutton, John Eaton*, Jane Kelham,

Double Bass – George Bate, Paul Frimston

* Many thanks to our guest players, John Eaton and Viv Green

** A big thank you to Rona Courtney who has kindly moved over from violin to cello this evening to help us out. She really is multi talented!

*** Thank you also to the family and friends of the orchestra who are helping with refreshments and raffle tickets.

We are always keen to welcome new players.

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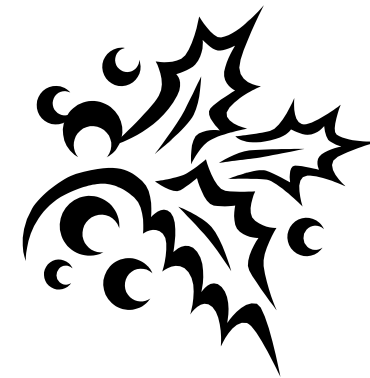
Lowry String Group Xmas Concert

Saturday 5th December 2015 7.30pm

Worsley Road United Reformed Church

276 Worsley Rd, Manchester, M27 0AG

Entrance free: Retiring collection in aid of The Samaritans



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Peter Farnbank**