

Woodford Symphony Orchestra Newsletter

September 2026

Hello Everybody!

Welcome back after the summer break. I do hope you all had a lovely time and are ready for some more music making.

I thought it would be good to keep you informed about what's going on behind the scenes to ensure that the WSO runs smoothly while we prepare for our next concerts.

Committee Who's Who

Following the AGM in May and the first meeting of the new committee in July, a few alterations were made.

Chair - Leone (flute)
Conductor - Seb
Treasurer - Joy (flute)
Secretary - Rosemary (leader)
Fixer - Joy (flute)
Librarian - Francesca (cello)
Membership Secretary - Ann (violin)
Website Manager - Joe (Viola)
Bookings Secretary - Claire (violin)
Member - Catherine (oboe)

From this, Seb, Rosemary, Joy and Leone form the Repertoire Sub Committee specifically to work on programming.

What are we playing?

Concerts planned for this year are:

14th November - Bancrofts School (tbc)

Rossini - Tancredi Overture

Mozart - 23rd Piano Concerto with David Silkoff

Schubert - Symphony no 6

6th March 2027 - All Saints Church.

This will be a joint concert with the choirs from All Saints Church, Woodford Green.

The main item will be Haydn's Nelson Mass.

26th June 2027 - Roding Valley High School (tbc)

The programme for this concert is still under consideration, but we are hoping to include a trombone concerto!

Rehearsal Schedule

This is posted on the website in good time - please check so that you are ready for each rehearsal.

String Workshops 2026 - 2027

All string players are invited and friends are very welcome

Venue: Wanstead House Community Association Hall

21 The Green, Wanstead E11 2NT

1:30 to 4:30 pm

Sunday 11th October 2026

Sunday 7th February 2027

Sunday 9th May 2027

Any questions, email or text: rosiefitchett@btinternet.com

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What can you do?

Here are a few things that members can do to help.

1. **Make suggestions.** Putting programmes together is no easy task, so any suggestions of pieces that you would like to play would be useful. We can't promise to use them, but we will do our best.
2. **Bring your friends.** More orchestra members mean more income and fewer expenses on the concert day.
3. **Tell everyone.** Do you use social media? We will always send out a digital copy of our fliers, which are easily forwarded. The bigger the audience, the higher the income again.

Did you know?

The average cost of a concert alone is £1500, including fees for soloists and extras, venue hire and refreshments.

Do you use Instagram?

Instagram would be a good way for us to reach a new audience but we don't have it set up. Could you help? Or do you know somebody who could? If so, please contact Leone.

Please talk to your committee if you have any other suggestions.

Thank you!

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