



NORTHERN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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LUNCHTIME STRINGS AT CDL SOFTWARE

We are delighted that **CDL Software** has reaffirmed its sponsorship of the Northern Chamber Orchestra for another year. This valuable support will enable us, among other things, to continue our work with people living with dementia and to run education projects with schools in Stockport. By way of a 'Thank You' a pop-up string trio from the orchestra entertained diners over lunchtime at CDL's Stockport base. Melissa Johnson, Group Managing Director said, "it's been a great pleasure to support the Northern Chamber Orchestra over the last three years, They are wonderful musicians and they deliver outstanding community projects."

In March, we return to Stockport with a CDL sponsored concert at Romiley Forum, where cellist Matthew Sharp will perform the Haydn Cello Concerto following a week of workshops at Stockport school. For more information about this concert, visit www.ncorch.co.uk.

We would like to thank CDL Software for their ongoing support. For further information about financially supporting our Education and Outreach work, please contact Charlie Rowley on 0161 247220 / charlie@ncorch.co.uk or visit www.ncorch.co.uk/support-us/corporate-support.

UK THEATRE AWARDS

BUXTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL – UK THEATRE AWARDS

Many of the NCO's players make up the 'house orchestra' of Buxton International Festival, which takes place in the stunning Buxton Opera House every July. We're delighted to congratulate BIF on winning its first 'Achievement Award in Opera'. CEO Michael Williams thanked "Northern Chamber Orchestra ... [who] pulled off 5 operas in 17 days!"

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SOLD OUT CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT TATTON PARK

In December, we gave our annual Christmas Concert at Tatton Park, accompanied by the Choir of St Nicholas Catholic High School. The audience were treated to a tour of the Fairytale mansion and a glass of warming winter punch before we took them on a journey through music inspired by fairy tales and the festive season. The concert was completely sold out, and in 2020 we will be adding a matinee concert alongside the evening one due to popular demand! Thank you to our compere Kate Millward, and the choir's conductor Helen McKenna for adding to this wonderful evening.



BUSKING AT VICTORIA STATION

To promote the beginning of this year's series of concerts at The Stoller Hall, five members of our brass section brightened up a freezing cold afternoon for commuters in Manchester's Victoria Station. We were delighted that quite a few people took a little time out of their busy journeys to stop

and listen to the music. Thanks to the staff at the station for helping us out. 'Brave' said Fran Healey, Stoller Hall's General Manager. We THINK she was referring to the weather...

Our next concert at The Stoller Hall takes place on Friday 17 January and features soloists Colin Currie (percussion) and Elizabeth Jordan (clarinet). For more information about this concert, visit www.ncorch.co.uk.

LIVE STREAMED CONCERTS

Sponsors CDL and Porthaven last year supported NCO to undertake a series of informal concerts in a number of carehomes around Greater Manchester. This series, Mind Music, is designed primarily for people living with dementia and has proved highly successful. Arts Council England has supported us to maintain ongoing contact with our carehome audiences, funding us to engage UCANPlay to live stream our Stoller Hall concert series directly to the care homes we work with. NCO General Manager Charlie Rowley said "Whilst we may only be able to actually visit the care homes in person once a year, this brilliant provision enables us to maintain that real, live connection in between times. It allows people who may be unable to leave their care settings to share the moment of a one-off live performance."



NEW FINANCE AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR - CHRIS BRYAN

In November, we welcomed the newest member of the team, Finance and Office Administrator Chris Bryan. Chris will be the voice on the end of the telephone when you call us, as well as the face at our box office at our Macclesfield concert series. In Chris' own words: "I have over 10 years experience in a range of performance and visual arts organisations across the North West. I'm looking forward to working with NCO and increasing my knowledge and understanding of Classical Music.. Thanks to everyone for being so welcoming!". Welcome Chris!