

BRENTWOOD JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA



BJSO was formed in January 1990 to give young string players in Brentwood an opportunity to enjoy orchestral playing. Since then its reputation has spread and is now attracting players from a wider radius. Players usually stay in the orchestra until they are year 7 or when it is hoped that they will progress into either Phoenix Flames (the training orchestra for the Youth Orchestra) or the Phoenix Youth Orchestra.

The orchestra meets at Brentwood Ursuline High School, Queens Road, Brentwood, on Friday evenings during term time from 4.45 to 6pm and termly Sunday afternoon workshops. The orchestra is directed by Ann Elderton, a well known local violin teacher, who is assisted by a team of string teachers who tutor the children for section rehearsals; and a committee of parents. The orchestra gives at least 2 performances a year (usually more) one at Christmas - for several years they have played in Brentwood Chapel High Precinct for the arrival of Father Christmas - the other concert is later on in the academic year. We also have social events such as a Christmas Party or trip to the Pantomime and a Family Barn Dance.

In addition to these regular events BJSO has also played at the Chelmsford, Leigh-on-Sea and Southend Music Festivals. They have twice played on Liverpool Street Station for "commuter proms" and in September 1993 they were the first to perform in the new, and then unfinished, Brentwood Theatre for the dedication ceremony. In 1994 they had the honour to be invited to play at the Royal Albert Hall for the opening ceremony of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists' International congress in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal. In 2003 they were invited to play in the Mayor's Civic Carol Service; in 2005, they were invited to play in the National Festival of Music for Youth at Birmingham's Symphony Hall.

In the year 2000 we invited Gonzalo Acosta, the associate leader of the English National Opera Orchestra and who grew up in Brentwood, to help us celebrate our 10th anniversary by working with the children by giving master classes and playing with the orchestra.

To join BJSO violinists and violists should be at least Grade 1 (nearer Grade 2) and cellists should be Grade 2 standard. Double bass players need to be able to cope!

RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM TO:

Ann Elderton,
33, Weald Road, Brentwood, Essex. CM14 4TH.
(Telephone 01277 223881)

Visit the Orchestras' Web-site www.boym.org.uk
For all the latest news about Brentwood's Orchestras for Young Musicians.



BRENTWOOD JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA - APPLICATION FORM

Child's Name.....

Date of Birth.....

Address.....

.....Post code.....

Telephone number.....

Parent's e-mail address.....

School.....

What instrument do you want to play in BJSO?
(Please circle the instrument)

VIOLIN

VIOLA

CELLO

DOUBLE BASS

Most recent exam.....

Date taken.....

Instrumental Teacher.....

If an exam has not been taken recently your instrumental teacher should endorse this form.

Estimated standard.....

Teacher's signature.....

Parent's signature.....Date.....

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