

2006

February Fiesta

The Phoenix Concert Band, The Biggleswade Choral Society and Stratton Upper School, Biggleswade are co-presenting tonight's concert.

This is the culmination of nine months organisation that began in May 2005 as a result of an invitation from Making Music to participate in its Developing Young Professionals Project. The Biggleswade Choral Society took the lead and joined with The Phoenix Concert Band and Stratton Upper School to organise this and other events.

These three groups are enthusiastically assisted in this eclectic programme by three young professionals:

Marketing – Suzanne Dent from Bournemouth;

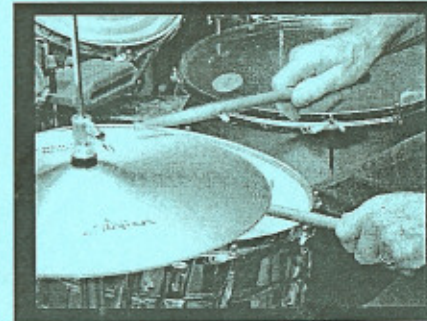
Trumpet player – Nicole Lyons from Tooting, London;

Mezzo-Soprano Joanna Sleight from Bounds Green, London.

This is one of a number of consortiums working on similar events throughout England. Mezzo-Soprano Joanna Sleight has also initiated a vocal workshop with children and adults to take place at Stratton Upper School. Date to be advised.

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*An evening of
eclectic music
for everyone*

**Saturday 25 February
7.30pm**

**Stratton Upper School
Eagle Farm Road
Biggleswade**

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Tonight's Concert

Phoenix Concert Band, Associate Conductor Owen Elton
Star Wars Saga, John Williams, arr. John de Meij

Stratton Upper School Orchestra, Conductor Justin Thomas
Emperor Waltz, Strauss
Themes from 1st Symphony, Op. 68, Brahms
Classical Overture, Mozart

Biggleswade Choral Society, Conductor Keith Brown
Twilight Blessing, Dvorak
Three Hungarian Folk-songs, Matyas Seiber
Ave verum corpus, Mozart
Two Spirituals: arr. Keith Brown
Swing low sweet chariot
Joshua fight de battle ob Jericho

Interval

**Phoenix Concert Band and Stratton Upper School Band,
Conductor Chris McGinity**
My Fair Lady, Lerner and Lowe, arr Robert R. Bennett

**Phoenix Concert Band, Stratton Upper School Band and
Biggleswade Choral Society, Conductor Chris McGinity**
Hymn to the Fallen, John Williams, arr. Lavender

Joanna Sleight - Mezzo-Soprano
Cabaret Songs, Benjamin Britten/W.H.Auden

Trumpet - Nicole Lyons

**Biggleswade Choral Society, Stratton Upper School Choir and
Phoenix Concert Band, Conductor Keith Brown**
Te Deum, John Rutter

**Phoenix Concert Band, Stratton Upper School Band and
Biggleswade Choral Society, Conductor Chris McGinity**
Jerusalem, Parry, arr. Wiffen

V. Hoop (Chairman)

The Phoenix Concert Band

The Phoenix Concert Band is based in Radlett, Herts, and draws members from surrounding areas.

From small beginnings with just 8 musicians, it now has over 40 players, from all walks of life. It recently took part in the National Concert Band Festival, achieving a Gold Award, and has recorded its first CD.

The band runs its "Follow the Phoenix" scheme, which you are invited to join, where you'll be kept up to date with the band's forthcoming concerts and other activities, also as listed on the band's Website,

www.phoenixconcertband.co.uk

The bands next concert is at Christ Church, Sf Albans Road, Watford, with the Essex Concert Band and featuring the recently restored organ.

Stratton Upper School

Orchestra, Choir and Concert Band

Stratton Upper School is a comprehensive school of 1150 students. The Music Department regularly holds concerts throughout the year at the school at the end of each term. We have a variety of music ensembles at school such as swing band, brass group, string group and flute choir, including the three you will hear this evening.

Our students vary from beginners on their instrument through to semi-professional musicians. We have students performing this evening ranging from 13 to 18 years old.

If you are interested in coming to one of our future concerts, please contact 01767 220000 for further information. Our next event is a Joint Schools' Concert on Thursday 27th April at 6.30pm at Stratton Upper School where we will be performing with local Lower and Middle schools in the area.

Biggleswade Choral Society

The Biggleswade Choral Society has been in existence since the 1940s and welcomes anyone interested in singing and has no auditions. They perform two to three concerts a year and are currently working with a new conductor, Mr Keith Brown who has many years piano, organ and Choir experience as well.