

SYNCHORDIA

IN ASSOCIATION WITH GRAVESEND GRAMMAR SCHOOL



PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

Saturday 28th February 2026
at 7:30pm





Welcome

A very warm welcome to tonight's concert "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" - a celebration of music with a transportation theme.

It is always exciting to see a year's work come together in one concert. This is particularly true this year, as we have expanded some areas of our orchestra. For a number of years, our string section has competed with the wind, brass and percussion, and struggled to be heard. The strings have grown into a tight unit, who more than hold their own in tonight's programme.

We are always open to new instrumentalists of any age and standard, as well as enthusiastic singers, of all voices. We are a welcoming group, made up of members of a wide range of musical experience, from those at the start of their musical exploration, up to some who are near-professional level. We enjoy coming together to make music, and the community which this develops. If you would like to be a part of what we do, please get in contact with us, and we look forward to welcoming you to rehearsals in the future. Our rehearsal night is Wednesday, at Emmanuel Baptist Church Hall in Gravesend. (Orchestra 6.45-7.45pm; Singers 8-9pm).

We wish you a very enjoyable evening with us, as we say that, tonight, it's not about the destination, it's about the journey..!

Nick Downs - Musical Director - Synchrondia Ensemble and Singers

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Synchronia Ensemble

PICCOLO/FLUTE

Jane Challis

FLUTE

Stephanie Wood*

Jane Challis

Briony Mephram

RECORDERS

Frances Tate

Briony Mephram

Claire Franklin

Diana Wells

Phil Wood

CLARINET

Lesley Topping*

Michelle Gray

Julia Herod

BASS CLARINET

Peter Stafford*

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE

Piers Gray

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Laura Peters

Julia Herod

Piers Gray

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Peter Stafford*

Ellie Nixon

Michelle Gray

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Piers Gray

TRUMPET/CORNET

Philip Woolmer

David Williams

Jeremy Clarke

Becky Lock

FRENCH HORN

Claire Williams

Esther Lock

TROMBONE

Frances Tate

*Laura Kirk**

TUBA

Mark Jennings

VIOLIN

Laura Peters

Ellie Nixon

Claire Franklin

VIOLA

Tania Jackson

Carol Pranczke

VIOLONCELLO

Liz Lindsell

Lynn Bishop

Zoe Haines

DOUBLE BASS

Richard Lock

Noah Lock

BASS GUITAR

Peter Stafford*

PERCUSSION & DRUM KIT

Ryan Downs

Dylan Wells

Peter Demery

KEYBOARD

Jane Noakes

*denotes founder member

Bold italics denote invited players



Synchronia Singers

SOPRANO

Catrin Board
Jane Dunn*
Elspeth Hopkins
Ann MacEwan
Ellie Minta
Catherine Stafford*
Catherine Tuke
Gill Webb*
Michelle Wood
Diana Wells

TENOR

Graeme Bentley
Paul Hopkins
Jonathan Stafford*
Phil Wood

ALTO

Kay Bentley
Ann Brennan
Chris Creed
Helen Downs*
Sally Mashiter
Frances Tate
Andrea Wright
Briony Mephram

BASS

Vic Downs*
Ken MacEwan
John Swaffer

ACCOMPANIST

Jane Noakes

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singers

Synchronia welcomes players of all instruments, and singers of all voices. All standards are welcome.

We are particularly looking for oboes, bassoons, horns and sopranos.
Please visit the website for more details (www.synchronia.co.uk) , or speak to Nick

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Part One

Dambusters March

Orchestra

Eric Coates

arr WJ Duthoit/NJD

Fly me to the moon

Recorders

Bart Howard

arr Gwyn Arch/NJD

Crazy Train

Orchestra

Ozzy Osbourne, Randy Rhoads & Bob Daisley

arr Roger Holmes

Midnight Train to Georgia

Choir (Soloist: Di Wells)

Jim Weatherly

arr Steve Zegree

Yellow Submarine

Choir

Lennon & McCartney

arr Mark Brymer

Adagio - Spartacus & Phrygia

Orchestra

A Khatchaturian

arr David Stone

Sailing Medley

Orchestra & Choir

Various

arr NJD

(Soloists: Phil Wood & Vic Downs)

Walking Medley

Choir

Various

arr NJD

Interval – 20 Minutes



Part Two

Ride of the Valkyries

Orchestra

Wagner

arr Mark Williams

Wizard of Oz Medley

Orchestra & Choir

Harold Arlen

arr MJ

Funiculi Funicula

Recorders

Luigi Denza

arr NJD

Orpheus in the Underground

Choir

J Offenbach

arr Catabile

Puffin' Billy

Orchestra

Edward George White

arr NJD

Driving in my Car Medley

Orchestra & Choir

Various

arr NJD

Light at the End of the Tunnel

Orchestra & Choir

Andrew Lloyd Webber

arr NJD

(Soloist: John Swaffer)



Concert diary:

Friday 1/5/26 - Gravesend Recorder Festival - Gravesend Grammar School

Friday 4/12/26 - Alright On The Night Saxophone Quartet - St Helen's Church, Cliffe (www.alrightonthenight.com)

March 2027 - Synchronia concert "An A to Z of Musicals"

