

A warm welcome to this afternoon's concert - we've been waiting TWO YEARS for today so are more delighted than ever to be back at the West Cliff. This is a theatre (and audience) with whom we have a long and happy collection of memories, and I know we're in for another fun afternoon with you all today. As always we're especially looking forward to hearing you singing, humming or clapping along, so feel free to join in whenever you like...you were going to do that anyway I'm sure.

Today's concert was originally planned to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the memorial concert we performed here for the band's founder Sid Cooper, who passed away at this theatre suddenly in January 1990. I still vividly remember that memorial concert - as well as being the first time I conducted the band in public (I was as scared as the band were) it was also a very emotional afternoon for all of us, with Dixie Patrol being particularly difficult.

As a result of our Covid-caused delay, this concert now also marks 40 years since I joined the band, which is a scarily long time. In that time I can remember many happy concerts here, both as a player in the band and as conductor, so I'm delighted & hugely proud that today is also my son's first concert here with the band, having joined it at the same age as I did.

One challenge Covid has provided is that 2 year's worth of our young musicians have left us for University, so as always if you know of anyone who would like to join the band, just contact us via any of the methods below.

It is lovely to be back and to see you all again - we really have missed being here. We very much hope you enjoy the concert - and don't forget to join in !

Everything you need to know about the band is on our website www.wbcb.org, or you can call or email Graham on 07941 947541 or Conductor@wbcb.org.

If you'd like to follow our concerts...

- You can find them on our website www.wbcb.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/WestBergholtConcertBand
- We publicise events in local magazines - such as Look & Regional Life
- We try to publicise in local papers (sometimes large articles, sometimes small)
- We're of course in the theatre magazine when we play here
- You can email me Conductor@wbcb.org and I'll add you to our mailing list



A Sentimental Journey

*Commemorating the 30(+2)th anniversary of
the Sid Cooper Memorial Concert*

Sunday March 20th

West Cliff Theatre, Clacton

In aid of  St Helena
Hospice

West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2022)

Concert Band

1. Big Four March (*) Karl L. King ar James Swearingen
2. Oklahoma Rodgers & Hammerstein arr Edmonson
3. Harlem Nocturne Dick Rogers & Earle Hagen arr Murtha
Soloist : Anna Collins
4. Serenade Derek Bourgeois
5. Neil Diamond In Concert arr Bob Lowden

Training Band

1. The A-Team Mike Post & Pete Carpenter arr Paul Cook
2. When I'm Sixty Four Lennon & McCartney arr Eric Osterling
3. Dixieland Ramble arr Eric Osterling
4. From Now On (*) Benj Pasek & Justin Paul arr Paul Murtha
5. Highlights From Mary Poppins RB & RM Sherman arr S. O'Loughlin
6. The Lord of the Dance Ronan Hardiman arr Johnnie Vinson
7. The Locomotion G. Goffin & C. King arr Larry Norred

Concert Band

1. The Thunderer J.P. Sousa arr K. Brion & L. Schissel
2. Orpheus In The Underworld (*) J. Offenbach arr A. Hibbert
Cadenzas : Andrew Tkaczuk
3. The Music of the Night (*) Lloyd-Webber & Hart arr C. Custer
Soloist : Phil Sweeting
4. Salute to the Cinema (*) arr Carl Strommen
5. Copacabana Manilow, Sussman, Feldman arr Saucedo
6. Big Bands In Concert arr Bob Lowden
7. Signature Tune : Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

(*) Premiere performance

2022 Concerts

- Sunday 12th June (2pm) - Flatford - Free Concert
- Saturday 16th July (7:30pm) - St Peter ad Vincula Coggeshall "Best of British"
- Saturday 19th November (7:30pm) - Schools Concert "Heroes & Villains"
- Saturday 17th December (7:30pm) - St Botolph's Colchester "Christmas Concert"

Details of all our events can be found on our website (www.wccb.org).

If we don't see you before - we'll hopefully see you here next March !