



**ESSEX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Conductor: Tom Hammond

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Members' Circular November 2018 following the Committee Meeting 26-11-18

I am sure everyone felt, as I did, that we gave a thoroughly enjoyable concert last Saturday. I hope everyone has seen Tom Hammond's message of thanks. We will now be starting on the music for our next concert at the rehearsal on 3rd December. The rehearsal on the following Monday will be the last before the Christmas break so we will extend our rehearsal break to include mince pies or other Christmas season fare.

The first rehearsal in 2019 on 7th January will be for STRINGS ONLY where we will be rehearsing Lost Lanes, Shadow Groves by James Francis Brown.

For our Spring concert in Chelmsford Cathedral the Committee decided we must increase the ticket prices as we had done for the previous concert in the Cathedral. The admission cost will be £16 but no increase for Friends or their additional purchased tickets. The admission will remain free for those under 18.

Soon after this concert we will be having our children's' outreach event. This will be on Sunday 17th March at Aquinas Hall in the main building of St John Payne School. The season will be too crowded with conductor audition rehearsals to fit in a children's concert so the event will be a workshop with children playing alongside orchestra members. The plan is for two sessions; 10.00 – 12.30 for younger children and 1.00 – 3.30 for older children. Parents will be asked to stay during the sessions. We have received a generous donation from M&G to help fund the event. Please make sure the date is marked in your diaries.

Subscriptions are now due from all new members. Ian, our treasurer, will supply details of payments methods and procedures. Existing members who have not yet paid should also contact Ian.

With best wishes

Roger

*Roger Strange, Chairman ESO*