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Dear String Players and Parents/Carers

Please find details of a very special CMA anniversary concert this term which takes place on **Saturday 1 December at 6pm** at the King's Church in Amersham.

Please take note of the rehearsals and concert details listed below and return the attached reply slip to the CMA box or to your music leader by **Saturday 10 November**. Alternatively, you can email your reply to Kate.Laughton@ChilternMusicAcademy.org with the subject **StringFest**, ensuring that you include all the relevant information.

If you have friends who play string instruments, can attend the rehearsals, and are not currently members of CMA they may also be able to join in! Ask them to get in touch by email and I'll let them know how.

We have attached a flyer for the event and would be grateful for your help in spreading the word and buying tickets in advance for this event.

Many thanks

Best wishes

Kate Laughton and the CMA Team

Find Your Forte Strings, String Stars, Junior Strings, Junior Orchestra Strings

StringFest 2018

On **Saturday 1st December** at 6.00pm you are invited to perform as part of CMA's 5th Anniversary Celebrations in a **StringFest "A String Family Concert"** at **The King's Church, Raans Road, Amersham, HP6 6LX.**

This concert, involving all CMA String Players performing alongside local orchestra the Chiltern Camerata, will include items from individual CMA ensembles plus some massed items in which you will all take part, including Copland's Hoe Down from *Rodeo* and a fun Twinkle Boogie. There will be parts available for beginners to professionals.

For the CMA groups listed above, there will be two rehearsals at CMA on Saturday mornings of 24 November and 1 December during the 9.00-10.15am rehearsal slot. Then there will be an additional rehearsal in the afternoon of the concert day on Saturday 1 December from 3.00-5.30pm with the concert beginning at 6.00pm.

Advance Rehearsals

Saturday 24th November and Saturday 1st December

9.00-10.15am at Wycombe High School. *NB Junior Chamber Music will not be meeting these days so that all strings from Junior Orchestra can take part.*

If you are in a non-string ensemble that meets at 9.00am, you will be excused for these rehearsals. (All other ensembles, eg Junior Orchestra, take place as normal as there will be many Christmas items to rehearse for the end of term!)

Concert Afternoon and Evening

Saturday 1st December

3.00-5.30pm

Rehearsals will take place in the King's Church, Amersham from 3.00pm. A more detailed rehearsal schedule for the afternoon will be provided at the first rehearsal on 24 November.

Concert 6.00pm

Students are welcome to stay between the rehearsal and the concert. We expect the concert to last 1 hour 40 mins with a 20-minute interval.

Tickets

Tickets cost £10 for adults, participants and children under 18 free. Tickets can be bought on the CMA website from 5th November by following the link on the home page.

StringFest Reply Form *(return by Saturday 10 November)*

Name of CMA student _____
(as you'd like it to appear in the programme)

Current 'string' CMA ensemble _____

Emergency contact details for the concert day _____

I am free to take part in StringFest on Saturday 1 December at 6pm and can attend all the rehearsals scheduled.

I am not able to take part in StringFest because
(please give a reason as it helps us with future planning)

On the concert day the CMA Parent Partnership would value volunteers to help with Front of House and Stage Management support. Please tick how many apply.

I am able to help during the afternoon

I am able to help during the evening

I can't help but could make a cake or will bring lots of friends to the concert

Name of parent _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Many thanks