



*March 2024*

Since the last edition of Upbeat, the band has maintained its busy schedule of rehearsals and performances.

### **Christmas Festival**

We shared the stage at the Christmas concert with the 45-strong Choir of Hiltingbury Junior School. What a lovely afternoon we had! As ever, the children lit up the event with their uninhibited singing and happy smiles, bringing joy and an abundance of Christmas spirit to all who attended. It is good to know that the choir will join SCWB once again for this year's Christmas concert.



### **Banding Together 2024**



At the end of January we staged the seventh version of Banding Together, when musicians from far and wide converge on Itchen College for a day of music-making under the direction of an esteemed conductor. This time, no fewer than 93 musicians took part under the expert direction of Rob Wiffin, former Principal Director of Music of the Royal Air Force and SCWB's Patron. A wide range of repertoire was tackled throughout the day and it was rewarding to note from the evaluation sheets just how much everyone had enjoyed the event.

## Our next concert – Song and Dance



And so to our Spring Concert! At 7.30pm on Saturday 16th March SCWB will be performing in Turner Sims, Southampton's premiere concert venue. The concert programme reflects the title of the concert, Song and Dance. Highlights include Warren Barker's sparkling Broadway Showstoppers Overture along with a classic of the wind band repertoire, Holst's Second Suite in F which features melodies drawn from the world of folk song. We are also thrilled to have as guest soloist Alex Jones, a young flautist who currently plays 1st flute with Southampton Youth Orchestra and also Southampton Youth Wind Band. Through

this venture, SCWB is delighted to be developing stronger links with these excellent ensembles.

Do please come along to this concert – you won't regret it! SCWB values your continued support.

Tickets £12 adults / £10 concessions / under 16s £1

Box Office 023 80595151 or [www.turnersims.co.uk](http://www.turnersims.co.uk)

### Calum Gray

Music Director

#### Join Southampton Concert Wind Band at our future concerts

Christ Church, Winchester July 13<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm

War Memorial Park Bandstand, Romsey Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm

Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm

*With special guest soloist Alastair Penman, Clarinet and Saxophone*

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm

*Christmas Concert, with the choir of Hiltingbury Junior School*

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