

Good evening and welcome to tonight's concert, and an especially warm welcome to the musicians and audience members who are here as a result of our *Play Day* this afternoon.

As a number of you are attending your first concert with us...I thought a history of the band may be of interest. According to the West Bergholt village archives, there have been brass or military bands in West Bergholt for over a hundred years, but the current band was formed relatively recently back in November of 1978 after the discovery of some old brass instruments under the stage in the village hall. That discovery was made by a music teacher (Sid Cooper) from West Bergholt who wanted to set up a band where the young musicians he taught across Essex could mix with some less young musicians to perform all types of music in an enjoyable atmosphere. The band's first rehearsal included a mere 6 players, but as Sid was a hugely popular teacher, the band quickly became full of school-age musicians with some adults helping them along. These days the band's membership is more evenly split between currently young and previously young, but we still hold true to Sid's original vision, and it's that which I believe has kept the band successful for all these years. The band is proud to include musicians of all ages and abilities, and to perform all styles of music.

Tonight's concert is no exception – you'll be hearing a diverse range of music within the (obvious) theme of The Great Composers. That theme has resulted in the inclusion of more classical pieces than usual and a programme that is noticeably harder overall than usual - albeit not necessarily due to the classical pieces (suffice it to say - the band won't be rushing out to buy or stream Abbey Road !). Despite that, I know the band & I have hugely enjoyed getting to know the pieces within this programme, and the band have worked harder than ever to rise to the challenges the pieces have presented.

One of the constant challenges of this band is maintaining a mix of all ages, and as Sid is sadly no longer with us to encourage his pupils into the band (that's how I joined 37 years ago) events such as today are how we maintain a flow of musicians into the band. These events usually encourage those who take part to **join this band** of great people playing great music...so if we have tempted you, **come and speak with me in the interval** , visit our **website** [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org), give me a call (07941 947541) or drop me an **email** ([Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org)).

We're always very welcoming of new brass & woodwind players of all ages, either to our Training Band (Grades 1-4) or Concert Band (Grade 4 upwards) - and all of our rehearsals are open to new players, especially the rehearsals at the start of each term.

Finally – thanks again for coming - we really do appreciate all of your support - and we hope you enjoy the concert.



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# The Great Composers



Beethoven to  
The Beatles



## Saturday November 23rd

## St Botolph's Church Colchester

# West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2019)

## Concert Band

1. The Washington Post March J. P. Sousa arr Brion & Schissel
2. The Symphonic Gershwin arr Warren Barker
3. Rondo For Solo And Wind Band W. A. Mozart arr Andy Clark  
*Soloist : Leanne Baker*
4. [Abbey Road – A Symphonic Portrait \(\\*\)](#) arr Ira Hearshen
5. Italian Polka Sergei Rachmaninoff arr Elena Lucas

## Training Band

1. There's No Business Like Show Business Irving Berlin arr John Moss
2. [I'm Seventeen Come Sunday \(\\*\)](#) arr Michael Story (based on P. Grainger)
3. [Danny Elfman: Music in the Dark \(\\*\)](#) arr Johnnie Vinson
4. [Jurassic Park Main Theme \(\\*\)](#) John Williams arr Eric Wilson
5. Baby Elephant Walk Henry Mancini arr Johnnie Vinson
6. Crocodile Rock E. John & B. Taupin arr Larry Norred

## Interval

## Concert Band

1. Hoe Down Aaron Copland arr Quincy Hilliard
2. Egmont Overture arr Tobani
3. Hallelujah Leonard Cohen arr Michael Brown
4. Highlights from Evita Lloyd-Webber & Tim Rice arr John Moss
5. Send In The Clowns Stephen Sondheim arr Frank D. Cofield
6. Duke Ellington In Concert arr Paul Murtha
7. Signature Tune : Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

## **West Bergholt Concert Band – 2019 Concerts**

- Saturday 14th December 7:30pm - Christmas Concert - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

## **West Bergholt Concert Band – 2020 Concerts**

- Sunday 29th March 3:00pm - West Cliff Theatre Clacton
- Sunday 7th / 14th June 2:30pm - Flatford
- Saturday 11th July 7:30pm - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall
- Saturday 14th November 7:30pm - venue tbc
- Saturday 12th December 7:30pm - St Botolph's Church, Colchester

We also have small-band concerts in West Bergholt on April 4th and June 28th.

Details of all our events can be found on our website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)).