

## *The Eynsford Concert band*

22 years ago, seven schoolchildren sat in front of local music teacher, Robin O'Connell in the local village hall. Here began the first rehearsal of the Eynsford Concert Band. This lowly beginning gave little indication of the many successes that were to come the band's way over the coming years. The group soon became a key musical (and social outlet) for an ever increasing number of local musicians.

Ten years in, with Robin still at the baton, the band had "grown up" significantly. Two visits to Hanover in Germany, a concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, a BBC television appearance and even an album were just some of the group's achievements. There seemed to be few new challenges available in the next ten years, although the band managed to continue its success with two concerts at the Albert Hall with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The band then turned its sights overseas, visiting Austria (twice), Malta (twice) and Cyprus, generating a healthy following of foreign fans.

1993 saw the 21st anniversary of the group, with members feeling that a special celebration was needed. Robin O'Connell led the band on a successful tour of Canada as a particular highpoint. It was felt, however, that the band needed to bring together the many musicians which had played in the group over these 21 years in one musical setting for a reunion concert. The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks seemed the natural venue for such a concert but was unavailable in 1993 due to renovation. Tonight's concert somewhat belatedly brings together some of the many musicians, both professional (and unprofessional!), who have been with Eynsford Band over the years to celebrate its 21st anniversary. Many thanks to the ex-members who have dusted down their instruments to help us tonight and roll on the 50th anniversary!

## *Graham Sheldon (Conductor)*

After starting the cornet at the age of eight, Graham joined the Army in 1976, being trained at the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall. He has a strong association with military and brass band music, being musical director of the Essex Police Band and recently taking another group to the Finals of the National Brass Band Championship at Wembley. The Band is glad to welcome Graham for his second concert appearance with the band tonight, his performances always being popular with musicians and audience alike, and look forward to working with him at our Queen Elizabeth Hall concert in September.

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## PROGRAMME

<b>Spartakiade</b>	<i>Prokofiev</i> <i>Arr. Bashford</i>
<b>Roman Carnival</b>	<i>Berlioz</i>
<b>The Typewriter</b>	<i>Leroy Anderson</i>
<b>Sarabande and Polka</b>	<i>Arnold</i> <i>Arr. Paymer</i>
<b>Can't take my eyes off you</b> Trombone Soloist: Paul Gould	<i>Arr. T Creswick</i>
<b>Selection from Les Miserables</b>	<i>Boubil and Schonberg</i> <i>Arr. Barker</i>

## INTERVAL

<b>Entry of the Gladiators</b>	<i>Fucik</i>
<b>Selection from The Pajama Game</b>	<i>Alder and Ross</i> <i>Arr. Duthoit</i>
<b>Italian Festival</b>	<i>Osser</i>

## RAFFLE

<b>Amazing Grace</b>	<i>Arr. Himes</i>
<b>Robin Hood Prince of Thieves</b>	<i>Kamen</i> <i>Arr. Baker and Hubbert</i>

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