



THE
COBWEB
ORCHESTRA

Silver Trumpet!

The Cobweb Orchestra 25th Anniversary Newsletter

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Greetings from a somewhat subdued, (or should that be *muted*?) Silver Trumpet, given the uncertain times we currently inhabit. Regardless, we're determined to continue planning for our celebration weekend at the beginning of October.

Thank you so much for the 60 Silver Jubilee Survey responses received so far, which demonstrate the positive influence Cobwebs has on our lives. Currently the most frequently used word associations are:

FEELINGS:

Fun, Friendly, Challenging, Welcoming, Inclusive

(though the words scary, irritated and exhausted did also make a single appearance!)

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Playing, Skills, Friendship, Sight Reading, Confidence

It's probably no great surprise to you that violin players have provided the most responses so far (followed closely by flute, clarinet and horn).

Although the survey is entirely *voluntary*, we'd hate you to be *brassed off* for missing out! It closes after the Easter Weekend, at midnight on Monday 13th April. So if you haven't already done so, please register your views using this link [here](#).

We'll publish our findings with suitable *fanfare* in the May newsletter and start to develop Word Art and other publicity materials inspired by you!

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Celebration Challenges

1) Group Challenge

Wouldn't it be another achievement to celebrate, if we could still somehow stay connected and motivated, despite our current enforced separation?

So, "your mission, should you choose to accept it" is to communicate within your groups (via whatever media suits you best) in order to come up with one or more pieces you'd like to perform at the Big Play on Saturday 3rd October (they'd need to be freely available to download). Then to rehearse them remotely until we're able to resume our practice schedule.....I was going to say rehearse individually but with the combination of today's technology and your ingenuity, who knows what you could achieve?!

2) Individual Challenge

Warning....this is one of my mad ideas (I have had worse ones – Andy is very polite about them!)

I've never composed anything in my life but for some reason thought it would be interesting to see if I could conjure up a melody starting with only the notes present in words "The Cobweb Orchestra".

The photo below shows what I came up with... I'm hoping you can come up with something better!

Andy has promised that we'll play any resulting compositions but only on condition that there are parts for every member of our orchestra. That sounds incredibly challenging to me, but for some reason, I seem to have more time on my hands than usual at the moment, so I might just try. What about you?

