

CHRISTMAS on CAMPUS

University of Malta
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University of Malta Junior College Orchestra

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Under the direction of

Mro. Manoel Pirotta

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Christmas march no. 1 (*Ejjew o Nsara, ejjew la ddumux*) – Manoel Pirotta (b. 1962)

A whiter shade of pale - Procol Harum

Solo Guitar – Sean Anastasi

Carol of the bells – Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921) (Arr.: Ryan Fraley)

A marshmallow world – Peter De Rose (1900-53)

Solo Guitar – Sean Anastasi

A holiday sing-along – (Arr.: John Moss, Audrey Snyder)

Christmas march no. 2 (*Il-benniena tal-Bambin*) – Manoel Pirotta (b. 1962)

Walking in the air – Howard Blake (tw. 1938) (Arr.: Manoel Pirotta)

Solo Guitar – Sean Anastasi

Pearl of the city - Harm Evers (b. 1925)

Frosty the snowman – Steve Nelson (1907-81) and Jack Rollins (1906-73)

Solo Guitar – Sean Anastasi

White Christmas - Irving Berlin (1888-1989) (Arr.: John Edmondson)

Pearl of the city - Harm Evers (b. 1925)

Every town has something typical, something special. Both the people who live there as well as tourists immediately recognize them. With this march Harm Evers tried to set that pearl of the city to music.

Frosty the snowman – Steve Nelson (1907-81) and Jack Rollins (1906-73)

Written in 1950, the song recounts the fictional tale of a snowman that is magically brought to life through a silk hat that a group of children find and place on his head. Although Frosty enjoys roaming throughout town with the children who constructed him, he runs afoul of a traffic cop and leaves town, promising he will be back again someday.

White Christmas - Irving Berlin (1888-1989) (Arr.: John Edmondson)

A 1942 Irving Berlin song reminiscing about an old-fashioned Christmas setting. According to the *Guinness World Records*, the version sung by Bing Crosby is the best-selling single of all time, with estimated sales in excess of 100 million copies worldwide!

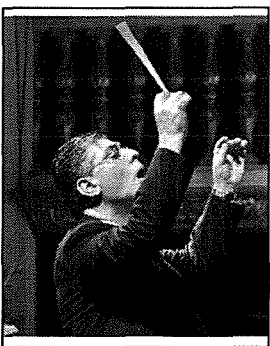


The UoM Junior College Orchestra was founded in October 1998. Important venues abroad include *Teatro L. Mercantini* (2001) and the *Fieralingue* (2005). In 2004 and 2005, the students attended masterclasses at *Hamburger Korskonservatorium* and the *Musikschule Rissen*. It also gave concerts in Heidelberg at Eichersheim Castle Gardens Festival and vocational schools of Wiesloch and Schwetzingen (2007). In 2008 the orchestra gave a *Concerto vocale e strumentale di musica sacra e classica* at *Chiesa di San Nicola (PISA)* and *Chiesa di Sta. Ubaldesca (CALCINAIA)*, as part of a cultural exchange between the *Istituto Magistrale Statale "G. Carducci"* (*Liceo Pedagogico Linguistico e Scienze Sociali Sperimentale*), and the UoM JC Department. In November of the same year it gave another two concerts, one at the *Teatro del Convitto del Liceo Scientifico (ASSISI)* and the other at the *Teatro Comunale "Ettore Thesoriere"* (CANNARA). In July 2010 the orchestra

revisited Heidelberg and gave two concerts in *Louise Otto Peters Schule* (Wiesloch) and *Max-Weber-Schule* (Sinsheim). In March 2011 the orchestra visited Spain on an exchange visit with the *Gran Asociacion Colegio* of Valencia where they also gave performances including works by Maltese composers Camilleri and Pirotta. In 2012, another cultural exchange took place, this time with the *Istituto Tecnico "Luca Pacioli"* of CREMA where the orchestra performed in the *chiesetta*. In 2013 another exchange took place, this time in Modica, Sicily between the UoM Junior College and the *Liceo Musicale dell' Istituto Superiore "G. Verga"*. The two orchestras performed in two joint concerts: at the *Teatro Garibaldi* and the MCC during the official opening of the *Festival Nazzjonali tal-Ktieb 2013*. The orchestra is also winner of 'The Horace Mercieca Award', awarded in memory of Horace Mercieca, co-founder of the GIC. The college band 'gingerline' has also won the 'Jury Special Award' in an international festival which took place in Istanbul on the 29th of April 2016.

Local performances include: **The Manoel Theatre, Palazzo Castellania, Dar l-Ewropa, Great Siege Square, World Children's Day Festival (President's Palace), the Palace courtyard, Inauguration of St. George's Square (Valletta), MCI Monday Ovations (Le Meridien Hotel, St. Julians), Gozo International Celebration (GIC) (Qala Parish Church, Gozo), *Milied Flimkien* (St. John's co-Cathedral, Valletta and the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu in Gharb, Gozo), Christmas on Campus (University Chapel), the annual Soirée (JC Auditorium), The Point Shopping Mall, Tigné, Learning Expo (Hilton Malta, Portomaso), Intrapriża Malta (MFCC, Ta' Qali), National Book Festival 2013 (MCC), Gieħ Tas-Sliema 2015 (The Palace Hotel), and Christ the Saviour Church, Ghasri – the smallest village in Gozo!**

The UoM Junior College Orchestra launched its first CD album in 2013 to mark its 15th anniversary. Preparations are well under way for the launching of a second CD album due in 2018 to mark the orchestra's 20th anniversary.



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Music from Malta. Other works are also included in piano anthologies, among which, *Kinder Garden* and *A Musical Tribute to Mozart from Malta*. Other compositions include works for wind band.