

The Joy of Being a Gift - 2010

CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

A vocal and instrumental concert by

The University Junior College Orchestra

under the direction of

Mro Manoel Pirotta

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with the participation of singers

Gilbert Delicata - Analise Mifsud - Ylenia Vella

16th December 2010 - University Chapel.

Programme

I'm Walking in the Air – Howard Blake (b. 1938)‘

Trumpet Voluntary – Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

Air for Winds - André Waignein

3 Songs for Christmas I (Arr. by Manoel Pirotta)

Ave Maria - Giuseppe Fenech (1917-2010)

The Sleigh Ride (German dance K. 605/3) – W. A. Mozart (1756-91)

Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again – Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Te Deum (H. 146) – Trumpet Prelude - M. A. Charpentier 91643-1704)

In a Monastery Garden - Characteristic Intermezzo - Albert William Ketèlbey (1875 –1959)

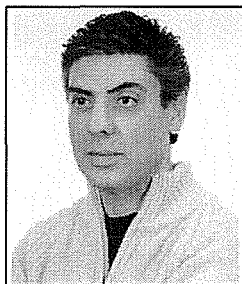
All I want for Christmas is You – Walter Afanasieff (b. 1958)

The Prayer - David Foster (b. 1949) / Carole Bayer Sager (b. 1944)

Christmas March – Manoel Pirotta (b. 1962)



The University of Malta Junior College Orchestra is made up of some 50 budding musicians with almost 150 concerts to its credit. Important venues abroad include *Teatro L. Mercantini* (2001) and the *Fieralingue* (2005). In 2004 and 2005, the students attended masterclasses at *Hamburger Konservatorium* and the *Musikschule Rissen*. The orchestra also gave a series of instrumental and vocal concerts in Heidelberg at Eichtersheim Castle Gardens Festival and vocational schools of Wiesloch and Schwetzingen (2007). In March 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 Junior College music department. In November of the same year it gave another two concerts, this time at the *Teatro del Convitto del Liceo Scientifico* (ASSISI) and a *Concerto di Natale* at the *Teatro Comunale 'Ettore Thesorieri'* (CANNARA). Members from the orchestra also take part regularly in the annual festival of the *Printemps des Lycéens et des Apprentis* organized by the Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur in the south of France. Some of the more recent concerts held in Malta and Gozo include: *Notte Bianca*, MCI Monday Ovations, 2nd. Edition of Children's Festival, Inauguration of St. George's Square (Valletta), Gozo International Celebration (Qala), *Milied Flimkien* (St. John's co-Cathedral), Christmas on Campus, the annual Soiree (College Hall), and Learning Expo 2010 (Hilton).



Mro. Manoel Pirotta graduated from the *Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Lyon* (1994) and lectures the Matsec music programme. The Research & Advisory Board of the IBC Cambridge nominated him *International Musician of the year* for his outstanding musical achievements (2003). He is a life fellow of this association and contributes significantly to the standing of the IBA in the worldwide forum. He was awarded the **Grand Prix des Arts** for music composition and conducting at the 8th. Malta International Art Biennale (2007). Pirotta conducted the *Catholic Institute Youth Orchestra* (1987-9), the *Maltese Youth Orchestra* (1994-6), and *The Euro Academy Youth Orchestra* (2002-8). He is also musical director of the *College Orchestra* since 1999. His incidental music – *Antony and Cleopatra* won him an entry in the *Shakespeare Music Catalogue* issued by Victoria College, Canada. It was revised and played by the orchestra *Città di Ravenna* (2005). His *La Lyonnaise* features in Murray MacLachlan's CD Piano Music from Malta. Other works are also included in piano anthologies, among which, *Kinder Garden* and *A musical Tribute to Mozart from Malta*. He is also musical director of St. Julian's Band since 2008.