

A vocal and instrumental yuletide concert by

The University of Malta Junior College Orchestra

with the participation of:

Danielle Ciantar (Soprano) and Miguel Rosales (Baritone)

Musical Director:

Mro. Manoel Pirotta

DNESM (Lyon) [M.A.] Dip CNR (Lyon) [B.A. (Hons.)]
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University Chapel

16th December 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

PROGRAMME

Christmas March – Manoel Pirotta (b. 1962)

Air for Winds – André Waignein (b. 1942)

The Tempest – Robert W. Smith (b.1958)

Cantique de Noel – Adolphe Charles Adam (1803 – 56)

All For Love – Bryan Adams (b. 1959)/Arr. Robert W. Smith (b. 1958)

Cinema Paradiso – Ennio Morricone (b. 1928)

Sleigh Ride K. 605, No.3 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91)

Millennium Song – Kees Vlak (b. 1938)

Te Deum – Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643 – 1704)

Three Songs for Christmas – Traditional

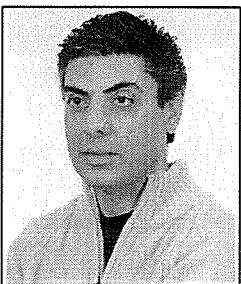
Gladiator Theme – Hans Zimmer (b. 1957)/Arr. Frank Bernaerts (b. 1967)

March from Carmen – Georges Bizet (1838–75)



The University of Malta Junior College Orchestra is comprised up of some 40 budding musicians hailing from the college and with almost 190 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 Korskonservatorium* 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 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 University Junior College Music Department. In November of the same year it also gave another two concerts, one at the *Teatro del Convitto del Liceo Scientifico* (ASSISI) and the other at the *Teatro Comunale 'Ettore Thesorieri'* (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 they visited Spain on an exchange visit with the *Gran Asociacion Colegio* of Valencia where they also gave performances which included works Maltese composers Camilleri and Pirotta. Since 2008, nine most promising members from the orchestra also take part 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 important performances held in Malta and Gozo include: The Manoel Theatre (*Notte Bianca* 2011), Palazzo Castellania - Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care (Valletta), MCI Monday Ovations (Le Meridien St. Julians Hotel and Spa), World Children's Day Festival, Inauguration of St. George's Square (Valletta), Gozo International Celebration (GIC) (Qala - Gozo), *Milied Flimkien* (St. John's co-Cathedral), Christmas on Campus (University Chapel), the annual Soirée (Junior College Auditorium), Parent's Meeting (Sir Temi Zammit Hall - Tal-Qroqq), The Point Shopping Mall (Tigné), Learning Expo (Hilton Malta - Portomaso), MFCC – Intrapriža Malta (Ta' Qali), and Christ the Saviour Church of Għasri – the smallest village in Gozo!



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 1998. 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. Julians Band A.D. 1927 since 2008.

University of Malta Junior College is a further education college in Msida, Malta which prepares students for the Matriculation Certificate. Since the college forms part of the University of Malta, one are able to become familiar with the University campus. College and university students collaborate on cultural projects such as concerts, drama, sport, student exchanges, debates and seminars. Mr. Joseph Sciriha and Mr. Paul Xuereb are the present Principal and Vice-Principle respectively.