

Talent Unlimited Newsletter, 19 August 2022

Dear Friends

I am writing to all those who have requested to subscribe to Talent Unlimited Newsletter and also to our supporters and volunteers. I have not sent one out for quite some time, but here is a summary of what we have been doing during the times of Covid and subsequently.

Just like all the other concert organisers, we did suffer as a result of lockdowns and restrictions and only managed to organise concerts for small audiences when there was a window of opportunity. The result of this has been a serious loss of income for the charity. Apart from this, our musicians did not manage to get as much exposure as we would have liked them to have.

On a positive note, during the Covid times, we took the opportunity to set up a new platform within Talent Unlimited. This is the *Talent Unlimited Composers' platform*. We are lucky to have more than 20 composers amongst our musicians. They are young and unknown to most concert-goers and as a result, they find it difficult to create the necessary opportunities to have their compositions heard. We incorporate their music by way of an Encore at the end of most of our concerts, especially, the evening concerts. These are short pieces of 5-8 minutes mostly. At the beginning of the concert I make an announcement about this and the audience looks forward to it. So far, these new compositions have been received very positively by our audiences.

Here is information about most of our concerts on our Archive page. Please click on the link below which will take you to the page with the full list of concerts we have organised. Then by clicking on various words in the listing you can get all the information you need on the programmes and artists.

Despite all the restrictions in Covid-ridden times, even I am surprised to observe that we have given a good number of concerts from January 2020-April 2022. Have a look at the list of names whom we have given exposure and to some of them performance fees too: Nina del Ser, Laura Balla, Kathy Chow, Tyler Hay, Ivelina Krasteva, Sirius Chau, Miguel Sobrinho, Dillon Jeffares, Nuno Lucas, Louis-Victor Bak, Ezgi Sarikcioglu, Simone Tavoni, Ashkan Layegh, Matthew McLachlan, Dilyan Todorov, Siqian Li, Laure Chan, Ashley Fripp, Daisy Ou, Cristiana Achim, Yong-Jun Lee, Alim Beisembayev, Juhee Yang, petar Dimov, Kasparas Mikuzis, Julian Trevelyan, Nicolo Foron, Mira Foron, Mira Marton, Danilo Mascetti, Emre Sener, Elif Karlidag, Simo Sisevic, Erdem Misirlioglu, Emre Engin, Pedro Lapaz Salas, Asagi Nakata, Elizabeth Turmo, Parvis Hejazi, Gabriele Sutkute. See the full details on the link below.

<http://talent-unlimited.org.uk/archive.html>

We held most of these concerts in two churches, both of them called St James's, one being on Piccadilly and the other one in Sussex Gardens. We have a special relationship with both these churches.

If you wish to see our Future Events, please click on the link below. We have eight more concerts until the end of 2022. The details of some of them are to be announced at a later date because we have just been allocated these dates. It would be wonderful to see you at these concerts.

Please note that we have Rose McLachlan piano, on 24 August, Hugo Lau, clarinet on 14 September.

The 24 October lunchtime concert is with Julian Trevelyan who is transcribing a piece for piano and also playing his own sonata. We also have our big end of year evening concert on 10 November with Nimrod Borenstein conducting a 20-piece string orchestra. There will be two pieces by Nimrod Borenstein in addition to other repertoire.

31 October is the date of another lunchtime concert whose details are TBA.

On 14 November we have Raymond Shon who is the Musical Odyssey's Talent Unlimited Prize Winner. Raymond will also receive £300 as cash prize.

On 18 November we have Elfida Su Turan, violin and Can Arisoy, piano at the penultimate lunchtime concert of the year. We will end the year on 12 December, details TBA.

All the above will take place at St James's Church, Piccadilly which in a way is the home of Talent Unlimited, as most of our concerts take place there and we have had a very good relationship with the church and the organisers. Please click on the link and scroll to see the full details of the concerts. <http://talent-unlimited.org.uk/future-events.html>

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Best wishes

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