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# **New Year Charity Concert**

## **Amey Theatre**

**7pm, Thursday 1 February, 2018**

(In aid of Home Start, Support and friendship for families)

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Choir

Lower School Band

Brass Band

Symphonic Wind Band

Jazz Ensemble

Big Band

Second Orchestra

First Orchestra

Tickets £6, concessions £4, family ticket £16

# The best start in life



At Home-Start Oxford we help children to have better lives by providing support to their parents in the face of hardship or at a time of crisis.

Raising children can be hard at the best of times. We support families facing challenges like illness, disability, poverty, multiple birth, mental health difficulties or the after effects of an abusive relationship.

We recruit and train volunteers to make weekly visits to a family in their home. Our support is focused on families with children under 5, offering early help so that it can have a lasting impact.

Aisha\* was a mum of four under 5's when Home-Start was approached to help. Mum was self-harming and suicidal. The curtains were permanently closed, and the children never went out. They were diagnosed with Rickets due to lack of sunlight. Our Family Support Worker and then a volunteer helped mum with the practical hurdles to access psychiatric services and more suitable housing. The volunteer brought play activities into the home, helped the family to get out, and apply for nursery places. Our volunteer has established a strong bond with mum and children, who are bright, happy and developing well.

\*Not her real name

**Home-Start Oxford** is a small local charity, based in Blackbird Leys. Founded in 1988, we are part of a network of Home-Start charities that form the largest volunteer family support movement in the UK.

## Your donation could make this difference:

<b>£5</b>	could enable a parent to attend a Home-Start support group
<b>£10</b>	could fund a Home-Start volunteer's first visit to a family
<b>£30</b>	could provide a summer outing for children isolated by their family circumstances
<b>£120</b>	trains a volunteer to bring years of friendship and support to many more families

"Everything about Home-Start was helpful; the relationship I had with my son, the way she listened to me, gave me a break and a shoulder to cry on. She gave us both so much support and encouragement at a time when I felt everything was falling apart. I don't know how we would have got through things without her."

Supported mum

## It all starts with people just like you.

Could you help us to provide a lifeline to a family at their time of need by supporting Home-Start through regular giving?



- 1. Second Year Choir** **Conducted by John Cotton**  
*Havana* Camila Cabello and others
- 2. Lower School Band** **Conducted by Andy Townsend**  
*"The Adams Family"* Vic Mizzy  
 Oh When the Saints arr. Paul Lavender  
 arr. Richard Swan
- 3. Brass Band** **Conducted by Andy Townsend**  
*The Great Escape* Eimer Bernstein  
 arr. Martin Ellerby
- 4. Symphonic Wind Band** **Conducted by Andy Townsend**  
*Highlights from Oklahoma* Rogers & Hammerstein  
 arr. John Moss
- INTERVAL OF TWENTY MINUTES**  
 Refreshments will be served by the Music Society in the Theatre Foyer
- 5. Jazz Ensemble**  
*Strasbourg St Denis* Roy Hargrove (b.1969)  
 Raffy Armon-Jones (flute), Jake de Jongh (Trumpet), David Bicarregui (piano), James Magé (bass),  
 Haydn Ramm (guitar), Fergal Marsh (percussion), Saxon Supple (drums)
- 6. Big Band** **Directed by Simon Currie**  
*Tequila* Chuck Rio (1929-2006)  
*Cold Duck Time* arr. Erik Morales  
*Rock around the Clock* Max. C. Freedman & Jimmy DeKnight
- 7. Second Orchestra, led by Andreas Lo & Dashiell Hathaway** **Conducted by Michael Stinton**  
*March from "Carmen"* George Bizet (1838-1875)  
 arr. Woodhouse
- 8. First Orchestra, led by Ollie Breach and Chanka Pathinayake** **Conducted by Michael Stinton**  
*Little Suite No. 2, Op.78* Malcolm Arnold (1921-2006)  
*i Overture, ii Ballad, iii Dance*  
*Thunderbirds March* Barry Grey (1908-1984)  
 arr. Richard Ling