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## Sunday 17th July - Children's Concert

### KING'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

#### Conductor Gerard Le Feuvre

3pm St Peter's Church

#### Once upon a time .....

Programme will include:

*Prelude from 'Holberg Suite'*  
*Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*  
*Allegro from 'The Four Seasons'*  
*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs suite*  
*Pizzicato Polka*  
*Air in D*  
*The Ugly Duckling*  
*Feuille*  
*Dance Russe*

Edvard Grieg  
W A Mozart  
Antonio Vivaldi  
Frank Churchill  
Johann Strauss  
J S Bach  
Frank Loesser  
Van der Schiltz  
P.Tchaikovsky



Founded in 1985 by Gerard Le Feuvre, the King's Chamber Orchestra performs many times throughout the year in the UK and occasionally abroad. Originally formed to support the Christian

charitable work of Youth With A Mission, the orchestra's first concerts were given at the charity's beautiful estate in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. KCO's members are distinguished musicians and friends who share an interest in breaking down traditional walls for the sake of reaching a new generation.

The educational work of the KCO has been boosted over the years by a series of unexpected windfalls. Many years ago Gerard stumbled upon a long lost orchestral library from the 1930s in an upper room above a seaside ice cream parlour! The owner passed it on for a song, and many of the library's hilarious numbers (amid more established classics) have enthralled children of all ages.

On another occasion Gerard went to buy some items from the library of a retiring conductor, only to be given the entire collection.

#### Gerard Le Feuvre – Cellist/Director

Gerard Le Feuvre was born in Jersey in the Channel Islands in 1962. As for many of his generation, his musical inspiration as a child came from Jacqueline Du Pré, to whom he is distantly related; by his mid teens Gerard had won two national awards as an outstanding young British cellist.

Gerard went on to win scholarships to the Royal Academy of Music. He was awarded the Lloyd's Bank national award for 'outstanding musicianship and musical attainment' as principal cello in the National Youth Orchestra, and also won a large award for study abroad, given by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust. In 1980 while still a student he gained first prize in the Royal Society of Arts national competition.

Over the last 20 years Gerard has given over 500 recitals, mostly with the distinguished British pianist Nigel Clayton, and has performed concertos in the UK, Germany, Scandinavia, and in the USA. He was for seven years the cellist of the English String Quartet, led by Diana Cummings, and continues to work with Diana as principal cellist of the Milton Keynes City Orchestra. In the year 2000, the Royal Academy of Music awarded Gerard the title of Associate in honour of his 'outstanding achievements in the music profession'.

#### John Kane - Orchestra Leader

John was awarded a scholarship to study music at the Royal Northern College of Music, gaining prizes for solo and chamber performance. Having been a member of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta, he began his freelance career with many of the country's finest ensembles. John is Director of Education and Community projects for the Newbury Festival, director of Music Box, and was awarded a 'Year of the Artist 2000' residency by the Arts Council of Great Britain. Since 1993 John's work in education has involved him in a number of commissions by distinguished composers, among them Paul Patterson and Judith Bingham.

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