Tune Sets for a Folk Orchestra

25 years ago we started the Sussex Folk Orchestra (SFO) which is still going to this day. Some of the original members are still playing but it is good to see plenty of new ones. It is a great place to meet friends and play a whole range of folk music. You can play from the music or by ear.

Here is a list of the sets we played together with some typical performances. The actual music is on another file. Looking back we think we stretched ourselves a little bit far at the beginning but it was all good fun! The orchestra have played in France, Wales and at various functions in England,

Anwyl and Dave

See below for lists:

Sussex Folk Orchestra



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| Warm Up 1 | Bobby Shaftoe (G), William Brown (G), The Muffin Man (G), What shall we do with a Drunken Sailor? (Em) | | | |
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| Warm Up 2 | Lavender's Blue (G), Waters of Tyne (D), Rakes of Mallow (G), Jimmy Allen (G A Hundred Pipers (G)) | | | |
| Warm Up 3 | Buffalo Girls (G), Little Brown Jug (D), Rattling Bog (G), Yankee Doodle (D) | | | |
| Playford 1 | Hole in the Wall (G), Goddesses (Em), Jacks Maggot (D) | | | |
| Playford 2 | The Black Almain (G), Nonesuch (Em), Sellenger's Round (G) | | | |
| Scottish 1 | Bonny at Morn (Em), Scots Wha Hae (G), High Road to Linton (G), The Drunken Piper (Am) | | | |
| Scottish 2 | Roaming in the Gloamin' (G), I love a Lassie (G), Loch Lomond (G), Scotland the Brave (G) | | | |
| Scottish 3 | The Flower Among them All (G), Wha Wadna Fecht for Charlie (G), The Braes 0 Mar(D) | | | |
| Welsh 1 | Calon Lan (G), Merch Megan (Megan's Daughter) (G), Tros y Garreg (Over the Stone) (Am) | | | |
| Welsh 2 | Lady Owen's Delight (G), Wyres Ned Puw (Am), Y Ceiliog Gwyn (D) | | | |
| European 2 | Santa Lucia (D), Tarentella (Em) | | | |
| European 3 | Toom Balalaika (Am), Kalinka (G/Em) | | | |
| European 4 | Tsakonikos (Em), Enas Mythos (G). Misir Lou (G) | | | |
| American 1 | Gaspé Reel (D). Jay Bird (D), Old Joe Clark (A) | | | |
| American 2 | Wildwood Flower (G), Green Valley Waltz (G), Blackberry Blossom (G) | | | |
| Animals 1 | Bill Grogan's Goat (D), The Chicken Reel (D). Turkey in the Straw (D) | | | |
| Train Set 1 | Freight Train (G), This Train (G). Georgia Railroad (G) | | | |
| Extra 1 | Irene (G), Show me the way to go home (G), Goodnight Ladies (G) | | | |
| Extra 2 Australian | Mudgee Waltz (D), Click go the shears (D), Loge + Virvy's Schottiche (D) | | | |

Example Short Programs

An SFO Musical Trip around Britain

Leaving England

Playford 2: The Black Almain (G), Nonesuch (Em), Sellenger's Round (G)

Hello Ireland

Irish 1: Humours of Carolan (G), Church Street (G), St. Mary's (G)

Scotland for a wee dram

Scottish 3: The Flower Among Them all (G), Wha Wadna Fecht for Charlie (G), The Braes O' Mar (D)

Wales to pick daffodils

Welsh 1: Calon Lân (G), Merch Megan (Megan's Daughter) (G), Tros y Garreg (Over the Stone) (Am)

Back to England

English 1: P&O Polka (G), Heel and Toe Polka (G/Em), Dan Leno's Boat (G)

Sussex Sunshine

Sussex Suite 1: Turner's Waltz (G), Sussex Polka (D), The South Downs Quickstep (G), Scan's Polka No 2 (G)

Finale: Sussex by the Sea

Sussex Suite 2: Sussex by the Sea (D)

An SFO Musical Trip Around Europe

Leaving England

Playford 2: The Black Almain (G), Nonesuch (Em), Sellenger's Round (G)

Bonjour to France

European 1: La Ridé (Em), Mazurka 70 (G), La Bourré à Huit (G)

Kalimera from Greece

European 4: Tsakonikos (Em), Enas Mythos (G), Misir Lou (G)

Time for a vodka in Russia

European 3: Toom Balalaika (Am), Kalinka (G/Em)

Back home to England and the joys of Sussex

Sussex Suite 1: Turner's Waltz (G), Sussex Polka (D), The South Downs Quickstep (G), Scan's Polka No 2 (G)

Finale: Sussex by the Sea

Sussex Suite 2: Sussex by the Sea (D)

An SFO Musical Trip Across the Pond

Leaving England

Playford 2: The Black Almain (G), Nonesuch (Em), Sellenger's Round (G)

Hello America

American 2: Wildwood Flower (G), Green Valley Waltz (G), Blackberry Blossom (G)

Around America by Train

Train Set 1: Freight Train (G), This Train (G), Georgia Railroad (G)

Meet the Animals on the way

Animals 1: Bill Grogan's Goat (D), The Chicken Reel (D), Turkey in the Straw (D)

South to Mexico

Tex-Mex 1: Dona Susanna (D), La Napalera (G)

Cross back via Ireland

Irish 1: Humours of Carolan (G), Church Street (G), St. Mary's (G)

Back home to England and the joys of Sussex

Sussex Suite 1: Turner's Waltz (G), Sussex Polka (D), The South Downs Quickstep (G), Scan's Polka No 2 (G)

Finale: Sussex by the Sea

Sussex Suite 2: Sussex by the Sea (D)