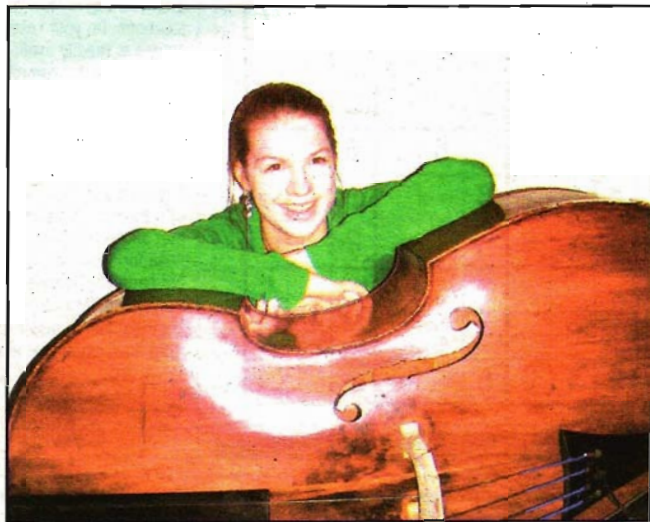


Trio set to show off orchestral talents

REHEARSALS are under way for Solihull Symphony Orchestra's Rising Stars Concert, to be held at Arden School in Knowle on Sunday, April 20.



RISING star Grace Burns will perform at the concert. (s)

The concert, which is an annual event, provides an opportunity for promising young local musicians to play movements from a concerto with a full orchestra.

Debbie Rothwell, who will be playing Bruch's Violin Concerto is a member of both the CBSO Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra, which has taken her to venues such as St Paul's Cathedral, The Barbican, Symphony Hall, and the Royal Albert Hall for the BBC Proms. She is studying at Warwick School, and is supported by the Benslow trust.

Grace Burns, also at Warwick School will be playing both Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Capuzzi's Double Bass Concerto.

Grace is a member of the Birmingham Conservatoire Junior Department, the CBSO Youth Orchestra, and the National Youth Orchestra.

Eric Brookes is a 17 year-old trumpeter who is currently studying at Matthew Boulton

College and preparing for applications to Music Colleges.

He is a member of Birmingham Schools' Concert Orchestra, Birmingham Schools' Brass Band and Birmingham Schools' Jazz Ensemble - and also plays drums in two heavy metal bands. On this occasion however, he will be playing Haydn's Trumpet Concerto.

Conductor Martin Leigh said: "We are fortunate to have such a splendid array of local talent for this event - Rising Stars is always one of my favorites.

Solihull concerts, and the standard seems to get higher every year."

He added: "The orchestra always welcomes new members, young or old - currently we are very keen to find a few more violinists."

The concert, which is an informal, family occasion will start at 3.00pm. Tickets are available from the orchestra website (www.solihullsymphony.org.uk), or from the Solihull Box Office (0121 704 6962).