

# NORFOLK COUNTY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Application Form 2019-20



# Nurturing Norfolk Musical Talent since 1959

Norfolk County Youth Orchestra dates back to 1959 and was re-established from 2006 to enhance the breadth and quality of musical opportunities for young people in Norfolk.

NCYO is a full symphony orchestra, playing professional orchestral repertoire and performing around 5 concerts a year.

The orchestra is made up of young players, aged from 11 to 21 and musicians from Norfolk schools and colleges are welcome.

Norfolk County Youth Orchestra offers a unique opportunity for you to enjoy performing music of the highest quality. NCYO players love their time with us, but also acquire important life skills: team building, leadership, time management and self-confidence.

*"The effort, encouragement and positivity you show to us all is just amazing, and makes NCYO what it should be all about - fellow musicians rooting for each other!"*

Abra - Violin

**For the 2019-20 season NCYO continues as the resident orchestra at OPEN, Norwich conducted by Andrew Morley.**

**NCYO student's will have an opportunity to play a concerto with the orchestra and be part of many exciting projects including "Celebration of a voice" in collaboration with the BBC and Guildhall School.**

Over half of NCYO players also attend the Norfolk Centre for Young Musicians, part of Guildhall School of Music and Drama; many will join 'Triorca' international youth orchestra which is made up of players from Britain, Germany and Serbia under the baton of Nicholas Daniel (awarded the Queens Medal for Music). Triorca will be visiting Novi Sad to perform as part of the official programme celebrating the cities status as European Youth Capital 2019

Further details of all NCYO rehearsal dates, courses and information will be available on the OPEN website:

<https://opennorwich.org.uk/youth-activities/norfolk-county-youth-orchestra/>

There is also a facebook group and twitter page @CountyOrchestra



## WHAT AGE CAN I JOIN?

NCYO is open to any young person between 11 and 21.

## WHAT STANDARD SHOULD I BE?

We anticipate players to be Grade 6 standard and above. You do not need to have taken the exam; we will give you an audition on your teacher's recommendation.

## WHEN ARE THE REHEARSALS?

Day rehearsals take place at OPEN on Sundays from 10.30am - 4.30pm on the following dates:

- 29th September 2019
- 13th October 2019
- 8th March 2020
- 29th March 2020
- 14th June 2020
- 28th June 2019

## RESIDENTIAL COURSE DATES:

Residential courses take place at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre twice a year and are included in your NCYO membership.

### COURSE 1

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th October 2019

### COURSE 2

Monday 13th April - Thursday 16th April 2020

## WHEN ARE THE CONCERTS?

- Friday 25th October 2019 OPEN, Norwich
- Friday 1st November 2019 OPEN, Norwich
- Friday 17th April 2020 OPEN, Norwich
- Sunday 5th July 2020 OPEN, Norwich

\*Please note: Additional rehearsal/concerts are planned for the 'Celebration of a voice project' and these will be included in the membership pack and posted on the NCYO website.

Players will need to be available for all rehearsals. NCYO policy is that if more than 3 rehearsals are missed players will lose their place.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Membership includes the cost of BOTH residential courses and all rehearsals.

It is important that no talented player is excluded because of financial circumstances. A limited number of bursaries are available and the orchestra is supported by The Friends of NCYO who work to raise funds for the orchestra and all its members. We also have a limited number of scholarship places. Please indicate if you wish to be considered for a scholarship on the application form attached to this flyer. All players are entitled to pay membership fees in instalments. Further details will be sent to you on application.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A years membership is as follows:

- Individual - £490
- Family (2 members) - £880.00
- Family (3 members) - £1120.00

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for the orchestra, please fill in the attached form and return to the address below by Friday 28th June 2019.

**Auditions will be held on Wednesday 3rd July & Thursday 11th July.**

Players will need to play a piece of their own choice (approx. 3-4 mins long) and will be given an orchestral excerpt at the audition.

Remember auditions are an opportunity for you play to us and tell us about your musical interests. We are looking for potential, commitment and enthusiasm - it is all very informal so please don't worry!

**For further enquiries please contact:**

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07786 122374**

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Post Code:

Parent Mobile:

Student Mobile (optional):

Parent email address (please print):

Student email address (please print):

School:

Instrument:

Standard:

Last exam passed (if applicable):

Instrumental Music Teacher:

Instrumental teachers; please provide a short supporting statement by email to [jrickard@cym.org.uk](mailto:jrickard@cym.org.uk) or by post to Open at the address below.

Auditions will be unaccompanied.

Piece you would like to play:

I wish to apply for a NCYO scholarship:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Please return to: NCYO, Open, 20 Bank Plain, Norwich NR2 4SF  
Email: [jrickard@cym.org.uk](mailto:jrickard@cym.org.uk)