

Friends of



Nurturing Norfolk Musicians Since 1959

July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers, Patrons and Friends,

As the summer holidays get fully underway we want to bring you up to date with news from the Friends of Norfolk County Youth Orchestra and look ahead to next year.

We were delighted with the numbers of parents who have come forward to offer active help with the Friends and we are pleased to introduce the committee;

Chair: Christoph Ruda

Vice-chair: Mike Corrigan

Treasurer: Richard Brooke

Secretary: Julia Crook

Director of NCYO: Juliet Rickard

plus 13 parents/carers and tutors!

The Orchestra's year ended on a high with a superb concert at Open. Particular congratulations must go to soloists Lemoni Frary, Eleanor Kershaw, Emily Crook and Reuben Selby for their contributions. The orchestra sounded great and it was wonderful to see the quality of collaboration between the young people and their teachers. Thank you to everyone.

Generous contributions to support the fund raising aspect of our work were made at the concert and we are grateful because as you know there are many demands on our funds and we are keen to be able to continue to support the residential aspect of the course and provide bursaries to young people who need them. The committee is working on developing new approaches to fund raising so that we can do our bit to secure the future of the orchestra.

We are looking forward with optimism to next year. We know that the number of young people who have auditioned for a place in the orchestra is high and increasing. There is still room for more young people so if you know of anyone

who you think would benefit from being a member – please do encourage them to audition, the audition form can be found at ncyo.org.uk. We can't think of a better way for a young person to develop their musicianship.

The following dates have been booked for concerts next year. Please put them in your diary and encourage your friends and family to attend. A big audience is a great motivator for our young people and is the best way to spread the word about the achievement of the Orchestra.

Friday, 25 October 2019

Friday, 17 April 2020

Sunday, 5 July 2020

Best wishes, we hope to see you all in the Autumn.

On behalf of all the Committee,

Christoph Ruda

Chair, Friends of NCYO