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CITY OF SHEFFIELD YOUTH ORCHESTRA

WHO?

CSYO is one of the UK's leading independent youth orchestras, soon to be celebrating its 40th anniversary.

We provide valuable orchestral and musical training which develops vital skills such as communication, critical thinking and self-confidence and has helped many members take a first step into a wide range of professions.

CSYO is a unique youth orchestra, as membership is offered to students up to the age of 21, with around 80 members aged between 13 and 21. Many of our older students are at college or university, training to be professional musicians. But we also have many students studying other subjects who want to keep performing at a high level.

A young person with glasses is playing a trumpet in an orchestra. The image is in blue tones and serves as a background for the central text.

MAKE

'problem-solving, teamwork, thinking on your feet and social interaction'

GREAT

'a countless number of incredible experiences'

MUSIC

WHAT?

CSYO holds three courses a year, each accompanied by at least one concert:

Winter course - non-residential 27-30th December

Spring course - 5-day course in the Easter holiday.

Summer course - 10 days at the start of the school summer holiday

Each Summer we go on tour, alternating between touring the UK and abroad. Previous tours have taken us to Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Spain, France, Italy, Norway and the Netherlands.

We have performed with internationally renowned soloists such as Nigel Kennedy, Peter Cropper, Matthew Barley and Natalie Clein.

Being a member of CSYO requires dedication, commitment and hard work as we tackle exciting and challenging repertoire. But part of the CSYO ethos also means that socializing as an orchestra is a top priority.

WHY?

Musical Enhancement

- Orchestral and musical training with expert tutoring and conducting.
- Demanding repertoire - recently the orchestra has performed Mahler's 6th Symphony and Tchaikovsky's 6th Symphony
- A safe atmosphere in which to challenge yourself
- Membership lasts until the age of 21.

Personal Enhancement

- You will develop vital skills such as communication, critical thinking and self-confidence.
- Being a member has helped many past members take a first step into a wide range of professions.
- Boost your CV or personal statement for university by demonstrating commitment, willingness to work hard, time management and team work.
- Long-standing members also have the opportunity for leadership roles providing essential experience for employment and higher education.

FIND

'play incredible music and become a better musician'

YOUR

'I've played in amazing venues across Europe'

VOICE

AUDITIONS

Auditions are engaging, friendly and informal, so that you feel at ease to play at your best. We hope that you come away from the audition having learnt new performance or practice skills from one of our tutors, making the experience useful regardless of the outcome.

We ask is that you bring a short piece of no more than 5 minutes and prepare a piece of music sent out to you 7-14 days before the audition date. The panel will also request some sight reading and there will be an informal interview.

TOP TIPS FOR THE AUDITION:

In order to demonstrate yourself at your best, bring a piece of music you are very comfortable with, this could be one from a recent grade exam, or one of your favourites – try to avoid anything too challenging or new. Dress comfortably as it is not a formal situation, and remember the panel only want to hear you play at your best!

WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY...

Benjamin Jackson, Cello, 2014-2018

Taking part in CSYO developed me as a musician more than anything else as I grew in confidence and experience, and the orchestra helped me to grow as a person through amazing opportunities and the people I met. The experience of learning and performing music maps onto all sorts of other experiences in day-to-day life, such as problem-solving, teamwork, thinking on your feet and social interaction.

Daiwei Lang, Violin, 2012-2018

Throughout my seven years with CSYO I have had countless number of incredible experiences both musically and socially which I will remember for a lifetime. The top-class tutoring provided at CSYO enhanced my technical playing and developed my wider musicianship. One of my many highlights was playing in the San Leo Festival in Italy, which was an evening concert outside on top of a mountain with a 180-degree panoramic view with the sun setting in the background!

Jo Beach, Trumpet, 2010-2018

CSYO is more than a chance to play incredible music and become a better musician. During my time with the orchestra, I've played in amazing venues across Europe, made some really close friends and built up my self-confidence. Although I've decided not to pursue music professionally, CSYO was a key factor in my decision to study Music at university, and as I am moving on to teaching, I know that I can comfortably lead any school music activity for a new generation of musicians

JOIN

CSYO

'a whole new exciting way to think about classical music'

'the benefits of membership will certainly be lifelong, even for those whose careers aren't in music'

HOW TO APPLY

We welcome all young musicians who are committed, who strive to share great music, and who are under 21 years.

A minimum of grade 6 or equivalent standard is recommended for applicants.

Auditions take place in the autumn and summer terms.

Apply online at
www.csyo.org.uk/join-us

