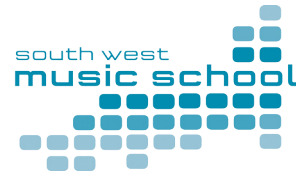


South West Youth Orchestra

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August 2016

Wells, Somerset



Application Form

What is South West Youth Orchestra?

South West Youth Orchestra (SWYO) is the leading orchestra for young people in South West England, and is a residential project taking place each August over five days. Within that time, players will rehearse a challenging repertoire in time for a final public performance at the end of the five days.

SWYO is run by South West Music School in partnership with Wells Cathedral School. The residential this year will be based at Wells Cathedral School, rehearsing and performing in the new stunning, state-of-the-art Cedars Hall, designed by award-winning architect Eric Parry. We will be among the first people to have this privilege. Our tutorial team will be drawn from the inspiration instrumental teaching staff of Wells Cathedral School.

Who can apply?

SWYO is open to both South West Music School students and other young, talented orchestral players. If you are aged between 13 – 21 years, are grade 8 (or equivalent standard) on an orchestral instrument and live in the South West of England then this is an opportunity not to be missed!

This year's repertoire

The repertoire will include Dvořák's beautiful 8th Symphony (op. 88) and Sibelius's iconic Finlandia, and the little-known but exquisite Threnody for strings by Morfydd Owen.

SWYO 2016 conductor

Our conductor this year is Mark Eager, Principal Conductor and Artistic Director of The Welsh Sinfonia. As Artistic Director he has developed new audiences who enjoy this intimate and personal approach. Mark has appeared as a guest conductor throughout the world with a diverse range of repertoire and ensembles. He has toured extensively to Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Egypt, Jordan, South Africa, France and Italy. Prior to launching his conducting career in 2005, Mark was Principal Trombonist with BBC National Orchestra of Wales for a number of years.

Mark has always enjoyed working with young people, and is well regarded for his work at the RWCMD, Trinity College London and for the BBC Education department. He is Conductor of Cardiff University Symphony Orchestra and Principal Conductor of Hertfordshire Wind Sinfonia. He also works extensively with youth orchestras abroad. More information on Mark Eager can be found at www.markeager.com.

Fees for 2016

For South West Music School students and alumni and Wells Cathedral School students

Residential: £365

Non-residential: £285

For all other players

Residential: £399

Non-residential: £320

Recruitment

SWYO is a seats-only orchestra, and we will be recruiting for the following players:

- Flutes I, II (at least one doubling piccolo)
- Oboes I, II (at least one doubling cor anglais)
- Clarinets I, II
- Bassoons I, II
- 4 Horns
- 2 Trumpets
- 3 Trombones (including bass trombone)
- Tuba
- Percussion/Timpani
- Strings (1st/2nd violins, viola, cello, double bass)

DEADLINE

Deadline for applications is **Friday 17th June 2016**. Please return your completed application form via email to swyo@swms.org.uk along with a musical reference and a solo recording (MP3 file or web link to a recording).

Section 1 – Applicant Details

First name *

Surname *

Preferred name if applicable

Gender *

male female

Date of Birth * (Please select)

Age on August 22nd 2016 *

Address (For posting out of parts, University students please provide both a term time and home address and specify the dates that you will be at each address) *

Postcode *

Mobile Number

Email Address

School/college/university attended by applicant *

Please list any dietary or access requirements you have:

Section 2 – Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Name of parent or guardian *

Mobile Number *

Landline

Email Address *

Section 3 – Musical Details

Instrument with which you are applying to SWYO *

Grade *

Please give us some examples of your musical experience

You may wish to give us details of any performances that you have been a part of, or masterclasses/courses that you have attended (max 200 words) *

Section 4 – Supporting Evidence

Along with your application form, we require a solo recording (this may be accompanied if you wish) and a musical reference.

Solo recording

If you are attaching your recording as a weblink (YouTube, SoundCloud etc), please copy the link into the box below:

If you are attaching your recording as an MP3 file, please attach it to your application email along with your form and reference.

Musical reference

This can be from anyone who can vouch for your musical commitment, talent and enthusiasm – be that a tutor, music teacher at school/college/university or someone you have worked with on a musical course, masterclass or programme.

Please attach your musical reference as a PDF or Word document to your application email.

PLEASE NOW RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO:

SWYO@SWMS.ORG.UK

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 17th JUNE 2016