

Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Orchestra

2012 Season

APPLICATION FORM

The Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Orchestra

The Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Orchestra was formed in the early 1960s and, since then, has played an important role in the musical and artistic life of the county. The orchestra meets three times a year during school holidays to rehearse and perform major symphonic works by composers such as Rachmaninov, Mahler, Dvořák and Shostakovich. The orchestra has also commissioned works from leading British composers such as David Bedford, Gareth Wood and Bill Connor.

The orchestra has visited Vienna, Hungary, the United States of America and Prague. In 2007 the orchestra was invited by Lady Walton to perform in the William Walton Festival on Ischia, Italy and, most recently, the orchestra made a successful visit to China and Hong Kong in the autumn of 2010.

The Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra is recognised for the high quality of its performances. This is a great opportunity for young musicians to work with a professional conductor on some of the greatest works in the orchestral repertoire.

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The dates for the new season are as follows:

New Year The course will be held at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon.
Tuesday 27 December – Friday 30 December 2011.
The concert will be at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon on
Friday 30 December 2011 at 7.30pm.

Easter The course will be held at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon.
Monday 9 April – Sunday 15 April 2012.
The concerts will be at Malmesbury Abbey on **Saturday 14 April at 7.30pm**
and at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon on **Sunday 15 April at 3pm.**

Summer **Monday 27 August – Sunday 2 September 2012**
Concert dates **Saturday 1 September and Sunday 2 September.**
Venues to be arranged.

Concert programmes during the season will include Piazzolla: Two Tangos, Christopher Gunning: Poirot Fantasy, Richard Rodney Bennett: Waltz – Murder on the Orient Express, Shostakovich: The Gadfly, and Beethoven: Symphony No 5.

Courses are held at the Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon and transport is available from various pick-up points in Wiltshire and Swindon including; Salisbury, Lavington, Devizes, Trowbridge, Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Calne, Chippenham and Corsham.

(Please see overleaf for 'Membership Subscription' and 'How to Join')

Membership Subscription

There will be 3 courses during 2012.

The membership subscription for 2012 is **£225 per annum** for members paying in full before 31 December 2011 after which the price is £240 per annum. There is a £30 discount for second and subsequent members in the same family paying in full before 31 December 2011. There is an additional £20 charge for use of the coach for each course. Arrangements are in place for families that need to pay by instalment.

We are always sympathetic towards cases of genuine need and no one should hesitate to apply to join the orchestra because of financial concern. To apply for remission of fees please write to Valerie Hayward, Director-WSYO, Schools & Learning Branch, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN, marking the envelope 'confidential'.

How to Join

The opportunity to join the orchestra is open to all Wiltshire and Swindon young musicians currently in full-time education. The minimum standard required is Grade 6 or equivalent.

To apply for an audition, please complete the attached application form. You will be asked to perform:

- * Two contrasting pieces of your own choice (unaccompanied)
- * An orchestral excerpt (which will be sent to you one week before the audition)
- * A sight-reading piece

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 19 October 2011**. Auditions will take place during November. Applications are also welcomed throughout the year and will be kept on file until a suitable opening occurs.

For further information, please contact Kate Macey on 01225 713845 or via email kate.macey@wiltshire.gov.uk .

Please complete this form, detach it and return it to Kate Macey, Schools & Learning Branch, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN. **The closing date for applications for WSYO 2012 season is Wednesday 19 October 2011.** Applications are also welcomed throughout the year but will be kept on file until a suitable opening occurs.

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First NameSurname.....

Address

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Postcode.....Telephone

MobileEmail Address.....

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) Age on 1 January 2012yrs mths

School or College attended from September 2011

School/College Address

.....Postcode

Instrument for audition

Level (last grade taken [with date & mark] or estimated standard).....

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Details of previous orchestral experience if any: *(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*

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Note here any doubling instruments (i.e. piccolo, cor anglais, etc.) you wish to offer at audition in addition to your main instrument, include details of current level:

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Where did you hear about the Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Orchestra?

Your teacher's name.....Tel:.....

Name of parent/carer (if under 18)

Signature of parent/carer (if under 18)

.....**Date**.....