

Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Orchestra

2009 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 was one of the six orchestras nationally to win the Sainsbury's Youth Orchestra award. WSYO's performance of Act 1 of Siegfried by Wagner, received national acclaim and was broadcast on BBC Radio 3 as part of the Youth Orchestras of the World Series. 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.

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 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 **Sunday 28 December - Wednesday 31 December 2008**
Friday 2 January 2009
Concert dates **Saturday 3 January and Sunday 4 January.**
Course and concerts to be held at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon.

Easter **Monday 13 April – Sunday 19 April 2009**
Concert dates **Saturday 18 April and Sunday 19 April.**
Course to be held at the Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon.
Concerts to be held at the Wiltshire Music Centre and Malmesbury Abbey.

Summer **Monday 24 August – Sunday 30 August 2009**
Concert dates **Saturday 29 August and Sunday 30 August.**
Venues to be arranged.

Concert programmes during the season will include Brahms: Tragic Overture, Bartók: Viola Concerto and Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

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 2009

The membership subscription is **£190 per annum** for members paying in full before 31 December 2008 after which the price is £199 per annum. There is a £30 discount for second and subsequent members in the same family paying in full before 31 December 2008. 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 Branch, Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge. BA14 8JB, 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 **Friday 23 October 2008**. Auditions will take place during the second and third weeks of November. Applications are also welcomed throughout the year but will be kept on file until a suitable opening occurs.

For further information, please contact Emma Jackson on 01225 713871 or via email emmajackson@wiltshire.gov.uk .

Please complete this form, detach it and return it to Emma Jackson, Schools Branch, Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JB. **The closing date for applications for WSYO 2009 season is Friday 23 October 2008.** 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

Postcode.....Telephone

MobileEmail Address.....

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) Age on 1 January 2009yrs mths

School or College attended from September 2008

School/College Address

.....Postcode

Instrument for audition

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

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

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:

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.....