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Youth Orchestra*

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From our conductor

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The legend that is ...CLYO!

I would like to invite all parents to a meeting on Friday 20 May, when there will be an opportunity to update everyone on the upcoming tour to the Czech Republic/Slovakia. On that evening, please feel free to come and watch the rehearsal any time from 7.45pm and the meeting will begin just before 8.30pm.

Given how wonderful our concerts this year have been already, I am sure we will have another amazing tour experience and audiences will learn about the CLYO legend.

In order to keep the CLYO legend going, now is the time of year when we need to encourage new players to apply for next year. The messages are:

CLYO is one of the best and most friendly youth orchestras in the UK.

We play amazing music and have an amazing time.

Everyone is friendly but we're also brilliant!



We do great concerts and at the end of the year we go on residential or a foreign tour.

What's not to like about that?!!

Dougie

CLYO in Concert in May

Holst	The Perfect Fool
Mozart	<i>E amore un ladroncello</i> from <i>Così fan tutte</i>
Lehár	<i>Vilja-Lied</i> from <i>The Merry Widow</i>
Séjourné	Mines Concerto for Marimba and Strings
Vaughan Williams	The Lark Ascending
Tchaikovsky	Swan Lake: Act 4
Soloists:	Megan Holch (Mezzo-Soprano)
	Sarah Twaddle (Violin)
	Tom Pritchard (Marimba)

Dates

Concert in St Edmund's Church

St Edmund's Church	Saturday 28 May
Rehearsal	3.00pm
Concert	7.30pm

Tour to Czech Republic/Slovakia

Sunday 10 July - Monday 18 July

Please hand in completed E1 parental consent forms for the course a.s.a.p. to Hannah Duff or Dougie.

Reminder that final payment for the tour is now due. Cheques payable to 'Artforms Music Service'.

The Friends of CLYO are delighted to be able to provide bursaries, as needed, for the upcoming tour so that everyone is able to join in one of the major highlights of the orchestra year so fulfilling Dougie's motto:

If we go, we all go!

Thanks to everyone who brought back their smartie tube - together we raised £991.20 for our 2016 tour. Brilliant!



From the editor

Welcome to our summer newsletter. When you have read it, please think seriously about what YOU can do to help CLYO continue to be our very special orchestra.

Julie McLeish
Chair of FCLYO



The Friends of CLYO

...are delighted to announce that after nearly a year of fundraising effort and due to the extraordinary generosity of many individuals and trusts we are now in a position to purchase a much needed bass clarinet for CLYO. We are very grateful to ALL our sponsors. It is particularly lovely that a recent large donation from one of our orchestra families in memory of a much loved auntie has been the final link that has now made this purchase possible.

A big THANK YOU

to everyone who

contributed in any

way



Yay - we
have a bass
clarinet!

Over the past 2 years the Friends of CLYO have raised £9000 so that they could purchase 2 'A' clarinets, a piccolo, a pair of cymbals and a bass clarinet for CLYO, as well as arranging and paying for the servicing of the cor anglais and the contra-bassoon so that they can be played again.



A crucial moment...

Without the financial support of the Friends, not all the orchestra members would be able to attend the tour this year, which would be very sad. This is not the only thing that the Friends do but it is the most important. (We will be contributing approx. £6000 to make this possible.) In order to keep this great work going, we need more people to come forward and volunteer to help out on the committee next year.

Carolyn Shaw (Sponsorship Secretary) and Julie McLeish (Chair) will be finishing their time on the Friends committee in the autumn and we need people to take on these roles as well as general committee members. The jobs that need doing come in all sorts of shapes and sizes and the most important thing is a passion for CLYO and a willingness to do what one can to support the orchestra and all our wonderful staff team - not least, Dougie. If you would like more information, please contact Julie on juliemcleish@aol.com. Thank you.

May concert at St Ed's

Tickets will be on sale at the end of Friday evening rehearsals before the concert (including May 20th - the day of the tour meeting) and on the door.

Prices:

Adults	£10
Concessions	£5 students and over 65s
Under 18s	Free



Please can we have a good gang of people to help Kipps set up on the day?

The crucial moment

The end of the year is fast approaching and we reach the most crucial moment. If we are to maintain the extraordinary thing that is CLYO then everyone must encourage suitable players to apply to join.

YOU are our best recruiters

You are our best recruiters as YOU know how amazing CLYO is. Please EVERYONE (parents too) make a point of thinking who you know that might be a good new member of the orchestra and then encourage them to apply!!

YOU know how amazing CLYO is



Please don't leave it to others..

Talk to your instrumental teacher, to friends, to music teachers at school.....

Who can YOU invite to apply?



The provisional date for CLYO auditions is 18 June but we usually continue through to the summer.

Application forms may be downloaded from the CLYO website - www.clyo.org.uk/joining/ or the Artforms website - www.artformsleeds.co.uk/shared/cms/interface/ Anyone wanting more information may contact Amelie Addison by email at Amelie.Addison@leeds.gov.uk or by telephone 0113 378 2850.

Application forms need to be handed in by 27 May 2015.

Time for a cuppa?



Did you know that the tuck shop run on a Friday evening raises approx. £1000 each year?!

This money is shared between the four CLYM groups that rehearse on a Friday evening in City of Leeds City Academy and is used to benefit all these groups.

So do come and join us in the dining room for a cuppa - all in a good cause.

Anyone interested in helping on the tuck shop rota from September would be very welcome.

Please contact Rachel Howitt on glenmore53@freeuk.com.

Thought for the day...

I have been very touched recently by the actions of a couple of people who have gone out of their way to give to CLYO because they believe it is so special. One wasn't able to make it to our concert in the Leeds Town Hall but, nonetheless, sent in a cheque for the orchestra; another did not have money with them at the concert but has sent a generous donation on since to cover the cost of a bursary as she remembers how much she got out of residential herself when she was younger.. How amazing people are :)