

Friends of City of Leeds Youth Orchestra

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The Conductor



This is always an exciting time of year as we head towards the big Leeds Town Hall concert but I must admit that this year the sense of anticipation is palpable!

CLYO has been giving people the chance to make fantastic music together for 50 years and when thinking about how to celebrate that achievement, for me it had to be by inviting back our wonderful CLYO alumni who have been part of the story. The response was amazing and we will be joined by 84 former members of CLYO, who will all join in the second half of the concert – I know it will be simply amazing!

We will be doing some of our favourite encores too so prepare to cheer and be ready to dry those eyes when we play the Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana and of course Pirates.

This year's CLYO makes one of the best orchestral sounds of any CLYOs in my 13 years of conducting the orchestra - bravo to everyone, you do inspire me to continue with my legendary commute to work with the wonder that is CLYO. Thank you!

Dougie

From the Leader of the Orchestra

I am Sophia Wakefield, the Leader of CLYO for 2016-2017. I have been playing with different Artform music groups since junior school, starting in string group then the training Orchestra and finally joining CLYO when I was 12. These groups have given me a fantastic grounding in orchestral playing as well as an opportunity to meet new people and travel! It was a privilege to be asked to be Leader, especially in CLYO's 50th year! I am also one of four orchestral reps on the FCLYO committee.

I am very much looking forward to the concert in the Leeds Town Hall and playing under the baton of Dougie!

Dates for your diary

Concert in Leeds Town Hall

LTH	Thursday 23 March
Rehearsal	18.45—21.45
LTH	Sunday 26 March
Rehearsal	14.30—17.30
Concert	19.30

Concert at St Edmund's Roundhay

	Saturday 27 May
Rehearsal	15.00—17.30
Concert	19.30

Summer Residential Course

Repton — Friday 14th July—Wednesday 19th July
Concert—Selby Abbey—Wednesday 19th July

Chair of the Friends of CLYO

Welcome to this year's edition of the FCLYO newsletter. I would like to introduce myself as Naz Wakefield, Chair of FCLYO. The role of FCLYO is to support CLYO by raising money in order to provide bursaries through to purchasing / maintenance of orchestral instruments to organising events for CLYO members. We are always continuously grateful for any help from holding a collection bucket, to producing a glossy concert brochure to updating the CLYO website. I look forward to seeing you all at the Leeds Town Hall Concert. Thank you for your continued support.



Leeds Town Hall Concert

Merchandise will be sold at the Leeds Town Hall Concert. There will be a Limited edition 50th Anniversary mug as well as CLYO teddies. Photographs will be taken by Brian Slater at Leeds Town Hall and hopefully Repton, and will be made into a calendar and available to purchase later on in the summer. The individual photos are usually available for purchase and a link to the website will be included in the future.



The Friends of CLYO committee



Naz Wakefield
Chair



Jackie Moore
Vice-Chair and
Refreshments



Graham Merriam
Treasurer



Jackie Baily
Secretary



Hayley Harding
Sponsorship
Secretary



Arindam Chatterjee
Website Manager



Julie McLeish

Other committee members include, Denise Sharpe, Rachel Howitt, Andrea Smith, Samit Chakrabarty, Vivien Wriglesworth and Ruth Buckley. I am also very grateful to Jackie Moore, Jackie Baily, Graham Merriam, Hayley Harding, Julie McLeish, Ali Newton, Arindam Chatterjee and Sally Hudson for continuing to serve on the committee. We have been delighted to welcome Sophia Wakefield, Callum Wood, Claire Jennings, Victoria Daramy-Williams as Orchestra Reps this year.

Fundraising Roundup

Orchestra members, with the help of The Friends, have been very busy fund-raising since our last newsletter.

Meet the Smarties Challenge!

All orchestra players have received a tube of smarties. The idea is that the smarties are eaten and then the tube filled with £1 coins and returned to CLYO. Simple! A full tube should contain £25! Think how this can help the orchestra.

It is relatively easy to ask family, friends and acquaintances for £1 to support the orchestra and together we can make a big impact. There will be prizes for the first individual to return their full tube and for the first full section to return their tubes. Thanks to Ali

Newton for persuading Tesco to give us a flying start by donating Easter eggs for prizes to CLYO! Last year we raised £991.20, let's see if we can exceed this amount.



Bag-packing / Busking for CLYO

A busy day in Sainsbury's, Leeds with festive cheer and bag-packing / busking raised £673! Thanks to Jackie Moore, Sophia Wakefield, Julie McLeish and Naz Wakefield for all their hard work in organising this event, supervising and encouraging so many people to be involved. Fantastic effort and achievement! We're very grateful to Sainsbury's for giving us this opportunity to fundraise. We will be repeating this event on **Saturday 9th December 2017**.

From the Editors

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter. If you have any news you want to share with CLYO such as music exam results, music festival successes then please let us know.

Naz Wakefield, Jackie & John Moore

Christmas Hamper

The orchestra did a fantastic job in providing delicious items for our Christmas hamper. Thank you to Jackie Moore for making this delicious cake. The raffle of the cake and hamper together at our November concert raised £394!



Sponsoring CLYO

We are very grateful to all the individuals who sponsor CLYO. Your support makes a massive difference. We are now also looking for businesses to sponsor CLYO. If you know of an organisation/business or individual that might be willing to support CLYO in this way, please contact our Sponsorship secretary Hayley Harding email: educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk

FCLYO Urgently Need You

Friends of CLYO desperately need offers of help as the majority of the committee are leaving in the summer. The Friends are fundamental to CLYO to enable concerts to take place and to promote fund raising. The money raised enables the orchestra members to go on foreign tours and residential trips and to provide and service instruments for the orchestra. If lots of people do something however small, it does not become a burden. In Autumn 2017 we urgently need a Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, General committee members, someone to update the website and in addition we are looking for someone to organise the refreshments at concerts.

If anyone is interested in shadowing any of the positions after Easter or think they may be able to help please contact us by email: educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk

Thank you to everyone who has raised funds for CLYO
