



Q: Would you like to play in an exciting new Youth Symphony Orchestra?

Q: Are you interested in working on a challenging repertoire with a highly experienced conductor?

Q: Are you Grade 5 standard or higher?

A: *Yes, Yes, Yes*

Apply to join the newly formed

North Cotswold Youth Orchestra



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A new orchestra for the North Cotswold, Warwickshire & Worcestershire area

Chipping Campden International Music Festival is currently involved in running two orchestras and is in the process of creating a third.

Our original orchestra is the Festival Academy first formed in 2008. This is a unique side-by-side training orchestra that comprises 50% highly experienced professional players and 50% very advanced conservatoire students or recent graduates, sharing a 'desk'. They perform in three concerts during our May festival alongside international soloists who have included, Nicola Benedetti, Paul Lewis, Imogen Cooper, Alison Balsom, Steven Isserlis, & Julian Lloyd Webber.

Then in 2015 we formed the Festival Youth Academy, which mirrors the original Academy but in this instance the advanced students from that orchestra return to become mentors to a group of secondary school aged musicians. They meet for a week's course every August and this year performed in two concerts alongside acclaimed violinist Nicola Benedetti.

Our plan now is to form a youth orchestra made up solely of young local players. The idea being that this will to some extent act as a feeder orchestra for the Festival Youth Academy, but also to give as many local students as possible the opportunity to perform to a high standard under expert tutelage.

Rather than asking students to commit to rehearsals every week, the plan is that the orchestra will meet on six Monday evenings for a two hour rehearsal at Chipping Campden School, and on the Saturday following the last rehearsal they will perform a concert in St James' church Chipping Campden. We hope

to have three such courses every year. The first course will start on **Monday January 30th** and the final concert will be on the evening of **Saturday March 18th**. The orchestra will not meet during half term weeks.

We are delighted to announce that our conductor will be Peter Adams who will be well known to many musicians and students in the area. Peter is already one of our distinguished professional tutors for the Festival Youth Academy.

At the age of sixteen Peter was playing in the orchestra of London Festival Ballet and by the time he was 21 he had become principal cellist of both the London String Orchestra and the London City Ballet. In the same year he became Professor of viola da gamba and baroque cello at the Royal Academy of Music – the youngest ever professor in the Academy's history. He has worked with such legendary figures as Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, Janos Starker and Paul Tortelier, and William Pleeth. Peter's orchestral career has earned him principal positions with the English String Orchestra, the Brighton Philharmonic, and the Oxford Philomusica. He was a founder member of the Rogeri Trio and for twelve years a member of the Bochmann Quartet. We also hope to bring in other professional tutors to help with sectional rehearsals.

The fee for each six week course will be £60 but as an introductory offer we are setting it at £45 for the first course. However, we want this orchestra to be open to everyone so if the fee presents difficulties for anyone we have bursaries available.

If you would like to apply for the orchestra, or just want further information before doing, so please fill in the form on the following page.

We hope you will share our enthusiasm for this exciting new venture.

Application Form

I would like to apply for membership

Student's Name

Instrument

Highest grade exam passed

if no exams taken please give an indication of standard reached

Parent or Guardian's name

Address

Post Code

Tel no

email

Teacher's name

Tel no

email

School name

Address

Post Code

Tel no

email (Head of Music)

Information

For more information before applying, please tick boxes below as appropriate and complete your contact details on the left:

I would like to discuss this project in more detail

I would like to recommend a student participant

Please email me

Please telephone me

Please complete the relevant sections and return by post to:

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The Old Police Station,
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Or by email - charlie@campdenmusicfestival.co.uk



“I’ve had the most wonderful few days here. It’s difficult to create just the right environment to make music. Somehow the combination of the younger students and the older post graduates, with the involvement of Tom (Hull) Ruth (Rogers) & Charlie (Bennett), and all the tutors has created an unusually positive, focused and really uplifting environment. I felt I could step into this amazing working organism and just make music with them”

Nicola Benedetti after her performance with the Festival Youth Academy