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National Youth Arts Wales



# National Youth Orchestra of Wales 2010

**auditions**

**application deadline: 30.09.09**

Available to download at:  
[www.nyaw.co.uk](http://www.nyaw.co.uk) or call 029 2026 5197



# INFORMATION

## Conductor - Owain Arwel Hughes OBE

The National Youth Orchestra of Wales has the distinction of being the first national youth orchestra in the world. It combines traditional expectations with a contemporary outlook, develops a first-class training experience into performances that are full of energy and passion, and is not afraid to challenge audiences with a repertoire that is bold and adventurous. It is a flagship of youth music in Wales.

The NYOW numbers between 110 - 115 young people, aged between 13 - 21 years who are auditioned annually and drawn from all over Wales.

The Orchestra has presented concerts in prestigious venues at home and abroad, including St David's Hall (Cardiff), Bridgewater Hall (Manchester), NCH (Dublin), Waterfront Hall (Belfast), Konzerthaus am Gendarmenmarkt (Berlin), Beethovensaal (Stuttgart) and the Salle Erasmus (Strasbourg). In 2009, the orchestra will make its debut performance at The Sage Gateshead. In 2010, the NYOW will undertake a concert tour of Wales and the UK before embarking on a proposed tour of Europe. The NYOW will also open the North Wales International Music Festival in St Asaph Cathedral in September, 2010.

## NYOW 2010 Course and Concerts

Venue: Lampeter University  
Dates: 31 July - 16 August 2010 (*tbc*)  
17- 18 September 2010 (*tbc*)  
(performance at the North Wales Festival)

Cost of course & UK Tour £170 (*tbc*)  
European Tour £400 (*tbc*)

Payment by instalments can be agreed with the NYOW office. However, the total cost must be paid by 30 June 2010.

## NYOW & BBC NOW Collaboration.

Since 2001 the National Youth Orchestra of Wales and BBC National Orchestra of Wales have worked together on projects culminating in joint concerts or recordings, giving our young players the opportunity to play alongside some of the best orchestral players in Britain. In 2010 there will be two concerts including one at the Swansea Festival.

Dates: 20 - 23 October 2010  
Cost: £60 (*tbc*)

## Financial Assistance is available.

We are keen to ensure that no-one is deterred from applying for the NYOW for financial reasons. All applications for financial assistance will be treated in strictest confidence.

## Audition Requirements

Candidates are accepted for audition on the approval of their county Head of Music Service (or his/her authorised representative or equivalent) and are expected to support music activity at school/college and county level. Where county activity does not exist, the Head of Department in school or college may initially support applications.

Candidates should normally be of grade VIII standard or currently working towards it having passed grade VII; harp students should be of a minimum grade VI standard.

**Candidates for NYOW 2010 should be 21 years or under on 31st August 2010.**

## Auditions

During the audition you will be asked to play two **contrasting** pieces of your own choice (unaccompanied), a selection of scales and arpeggios, plus sight-reading and orchestral excerpts (sent to you in advance of your audition). Candidates who also play a doubling-instrument (eg piccolo/côr anglais) are asked to prepare a short piece in addition to those for your main instrument and will be asked to play a short piece of sight-reading.

For full details of the audition procedure along with tips on how to prepare, please visit the website ([www.nyaw.co.uk](http://www.nyaw.co.uk)) and follow the links.

Auditions will take place throughout the autumn around Wales and at selected centres in England for those studying away from home.

You should indicate on the application form overleaf which centre you would like to attend. We will contact you with details of your audition in October.

Provisional dates and venues:

**FRENCH HORN AUDITIONS: 18th October 2009**

**ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS:**

**CARDIFF: 14 - 16th November 2009**

**CARMARTHEN: 21 - 23rd November 2009**

**MANCHESTER & NORTH WALES: 28 - 30th November 2009**

**PERCUSSION AUDITIONS:**

**NORTH WALES: 13th November 2009**

**CARDIFF: 14th November 2009**

*\* For percussion auditions see separate application form.*

These dates/locations are based on the typical geographical spread of candidates and are subject to change if there are fewer than 12 candidates per venue. Equally an additional date/location may be arranged if there is sufficient demand.

## Cost

**Auditions are free of charge.** However, you are required to send a cheque (made payable to National Youth Orchestra of Wales) for £15 as a deposit. The cheque will be returned to you if you attend your appointment at the agreed time. Those failing to appear for the audition will forfeit the payment.

## Further information

For further information about the NYOW or any of the other National Youth Arts Wales music ensembles, contact the office on 029 2026 5197 or email [nyow@nyaw.co.uk](mailto:nyow@nyaw.co.uk)

## How to Apply

Please complete the attached application form (also available as a download at [www.nyaw.co.uk](http://www.nyaw.co.uk)) and send with your deposit to the address below before **30th September 2009.**

**National Youth Orchestra of Wales,  
WJEC,  
245 Western Avenue,  
Cardiff,  
CF5 2YX**

Front cover photo: Benjamin Evans - Cello  
(Christopher Stock)



## Application to join NYOW 2010

### Please print all information

All information given on this application form will be stored on the National Youth Arts Wales Database. From time to time we may wish to pass your contact details to other carefully screened arts organisations.

If you do **not** wish us to do this, please tick this box:

Instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(on which you wish to be auditioned)

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 31.08.10 (years/months): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Authority: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College/University : \_\_\_\_\_

Term address (if different from above address): \_\_\_\_\_

County Music Service: \_\_\_\_\_

With which instrumental groups have you performed/do you perform?

School: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

National: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other instrumental experience: \_\_\_\_\_

With whom do you have instrumental tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Instrument(s) : \_\_\_\_\_



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How did you hear about the National Youth Orchestra of Wales?

Instrument tutor  School music teacher

County music service  NYAW website

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Audition Centre**

Please tick the box of your chosen audition centre:

Cardiff  Carmarthen  Manchester  North Wales

**I enclose a cheque for £15 (made payable to National Youth Orchestra of Wales) as a deposit.  
I understand that I will forfeit this money if I fail to attend the audition at the agreed time.**

Signature of candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Applications must be endorsed by both school Head of Music and Head of Music Service.  
Please note unendorsed applications cannot be considered (see 'Requirements' on page 2)**

Name of Head of Music (School or College) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Application endorsed by County Head of Service or Authorised Representative

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Please return the completed application form together with a cheque for £15.00 (made payable to National Youth Orchestra of Wales) to the address below before **30th September 2009**.

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