



**Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra  
at  
Central Music School (Saturdays)**

## **Information and Application Form 2019 – 2020**

**Please Note: This form is for application to the Saturday orchestra only. There will be a separate application process for the touring orchestra in due course.**

### **About Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra**

Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra is Oxfordshire's premier youth orchestra and widely acknowledged as one of the finest youth orchestras in the country. It is a large, symphonic ensemble of around 90 members which prides itself in being able to tackle some of the most challenging works in the symphonic repertoire.

Rehearsing weekly as part of Central Music School (CMS) in Oxford on Saturday mornings from 9:15 – 12:45, **OCYO at CMS** performs regularly throughout the year. As well as concerts at the Centre for Music, it gives concerts to schools in the Sheldonian Theatre, performs in the Oxfordshire Concerto Competition and presents a concert in Dorchester Abbey in July. It is regularly invited to perform at the finals of the National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham.

### **What are the benefits of joining?**

The repertoire played by Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra is always challenging. Apart from the technical challenges of the music, we demand high standards of musicality, performance and discipline. Our aim is to stretch students' playing beyond what they thought possible and enhance their sense of achievement and enjoyment of music-making. Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra is the place where life-long friendships and a passion for music can be formed. Players will play repertoire that they wouldn't be exposed to elsewhere and they are given the opportunity to perform in prestigious concert venues.

### **How do I join?**

Applicants should be of a standard of Grade 7 and above though there is no need for a formal exam to have been taken. All new members will have an audition and some existing members may be required to audition where there is a high demand for places in their particular section.

### **When are the auditions and what do I have to do?**

Auditions will take place in the week commencing 24 June at the Centre for Music in Oxford. The auditions will take place during the evening in front of a panel of two specialists. Candidates will be asked to play:

1. A piece of their own choice, unaccompanied
2. Some sight-reading which they will be given 10 minutes before the audition to prepare

3. Some orchestral excerpts which will be sent out at least two weeks in advance at the time the audition appointment is sent.

## Dates for 2019 - 2020 Season

**OCYO at CMS** meets to rehearse for 3 ½ hours every Saturday morning during term-time. There are no rehearsals where the Saturday is immediately preceded or followed by a school holiday, e.g. there are no rehearsals on the two Saturdays either side of the half term breaks.

## Fees

The cost for **OCYO at CMS** for the 2019 - 2020 season will be £102 per term payable upon receipt of an invoice. Students who attend more than one ensemble may benefit from buying a 'CMS Pass' which entitles them to attend as many ensembles as they wish for one price.

## Commitment

We ask for a high level of commitment from students, not only so they benefit from the rehearsals but also because great orchestral playing is dependent upon the contribution from all members of the 'team'; if someone is missing, this has an effect on the whole orchestra. We expect an 80% level of attendance for **OCYO at CMS**; there is enough rehearsal time available to allow for some absence and we acknowledge that students often have commitments which will sometimes clash.

## Applications

Please complete the application form attached to this information or visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/orchestras](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/orchestras) and complete the online form. Applications should be submitted by Friday, 24 May 2019. Everyone should submit an application form, even those who are currently members and won't need to re-audition. Please submit an application even if you are unsure whether you will be able to take up a place; otherwise the section may be filled, and it will be very difficult to add extra players at a later date.

## Further Information

If you have any queries that have not been answered here, please call Tom Morter on 01865 816982 or email [tom.morter@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tom.morter@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

We look forward to receiving your application.



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## OCYO at CMS Application Form 2019 – 2020 Season

<b>Name</b>					
<b>Currently a member of (please tick):</b>					
<b>OSSO at CMS</b>		<b>OCYO at CMS</b>		<b>OYWB</b>	
<b>OSSO Touring</b>		<b>OCYO Touring</b>		<b>Other (please state)</b>	
<b>Instrument</b>			<b>Standard</b>		
<b>Teacher</b>			<b>School in Sep. 19</b>		
<b>Age on 01/09/19</b>		<b>School year Sep.19</b>		<b>D.O.B.</b>	
<b>Address</b>					
<b>Postcode</b>			<b>Tel. Number</b>		
<b>Parent email</b>					
<b>Student email</b>					
<b>Parent/Carer Name</b>			<b>Parent/Carer Signature</b>		

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Return this form to Oxfordshire County Music Service by  
**Friday 24 May 2019**

Email: [music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
(Subject heading 'OCYO application 2019 – 2020')