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Welcome to our first Newsletter! Enjoy some thumbnail sketches of our activities, our "feature a teacher" slot, school activity and make a note of future events. Friday 25 November saw the launch of the National Plan for Music Education and Norfolk Music Service will be applying to lead the Norfolk Music Education Hub.

Junior String Orchestra Residential Holt Hall



33 children of all ages attended our November course.

Lead by Liz Housden and supported by four other members of the string team, the children arrived on Friday afternoon and participated in a variety of games and activities culminating in a concert for their parents on the Sunday afternoon.

"The residential has been so much fun - I can't wait for the next one at Whitwell"

Next residential: June 2012

A Level Study Day

80+ musicians came together in Norwich at the beginning of November and A Level music students performed set works. They were supported by music teachers, NMS staff, retired musicians and two professional string players from the Britten Sinfonia. Eleven of the nineteen vocal and instrumental set works for AS and A2 were performed, with a most eclectic range of composers represented: Weelkes, Gabrieli, Corelli, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Berlioz, Shostakovich, Carl Perkins, The Beatles and Mustapha Tettey Addy.

A brilliant day, great partnership working. Watch out for the next one in October 2012.

High School Choirs

Over 350 young singers, their music teachers and NMS peripatetic teachers attended the 9th annual choir



festival, conducted by Richard Allain at St Andrew's Hall in October.

Fifty instrumentalists of the Norfolk Symphonic Wind Band, conducted by David Stowell, alternated pieces with the vocal items.

Musical styles ranged from Handel, Mozart, folksong and spirituals to songs from Snow Patrol and Les Miserables. The Symphonic Wind Band was also varied in its repertoire: film, folk and nationalist programme music.

10th Annual Choir Festival: October 2012

Peripatetic music teacher – Outstanding Achievement Award - Jessica Berners



Over the past few years, Jessica has worked hard with schools in the King's Lynn and Thetford areas to inspire and encourage young Norfolk musicians. As a result many children have gone on to perform in prestigious venues both locally and nationally.

Norfolk County Intermediate Youth Orchestra



NCiYO received a record number of applicants for the academic year 2011/12. More than one hundred students applied, all grade 4 plus on at least one instrument, some offering two orchestral instruments.

We are very pleased John Stephens has agreed to

conduct the NCiYO again this year, supported by the same superb team of Norfolk Music Service instrumental teachers.

"The experience is brilliant and coming up in April we have our annual Residential which I, like many, will be looking forward to."

Next concert: Saturday 26 May 2012, St Nicholas Chapel

In Harmony

In Harmony/Sistema England is a community development programme aimed at using music to bring positive change to the lives of young children in some of the most deprived areas of England, delivering benefits across the wider community.

The programme encourages participation in music - in the form of the Symphony Orchestra - which can have huge personal benefits for the children involved, providing opportunities to grow and develop, both socially and musically. Norwich was one of three areas to be chosen to deliver the project and the two schools involved are Catton Grove and Larkman Junior.

If your school would like to feature in the next issue please contact:

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Diary Dates

Workshops

26/1/12 Baroque Strings Workshop 1
3/2/12 Fiddlesticks Workshop 1
24/2/12 Baroque Strings Workshop 2
11/3/12 Baroque/Fiddlesticks Workshop/Concert
Mar 2012 Guitar Workshop
Mar 2012 Beginner Guitar Workshop
28/4/12 Orchestra Experience Workshop
19/5/12 Lower Strings Workshop

Residential Courses

Feb 2012 NSWB + WW group
1/4/12 Norfolk Keyboard Orchestra Residential
Apr 2012 Guitar Residential
3/4/12 NCiYO Residential
10/4/12 NCYO Residential
Jun 2012 Beginner Strings

Exams

4/12/11 Rock School Exams
14-17/2/12 ABRSM Exams
14-17/2/12 Trinity Guildhall Exams

Norfolk County Youth Orchestra

The NCYO has made a great start to the season with two very successful concerts.

'pOpera' was a collaboration with the BBC music video festival

which now happens all over the country on the network of BBC Big Screens in 20 major towns and cities in September.



Our first residential of the year was in October half term, at Langley School. This was the first meeting with their new conductor for the 2011/12 season, Andrew Morley, and it promises to be a great partnership. The orchestra has 23 new members and they demonstrated clearly what potential NCYO has to develop over the next few years.

Next concert: Friday 13 April 2012, St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

