

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**November 2023**

Welcome!

As we run into the busiest time of the year for any musical group, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for making our young people's Christmas so special and enjoyable, through the many Christmas Concerts, Carol Services, Nativity plays and the other wonderful musical events taking place, all these make our Christmas time memorable. I am extremely proud of all your efforts for the York Music Hub Christmas Tree bauble at the York Minster, I have had the privilege of listening to the snippets of music happening in our schools and partner groups, so varied and all enjoyable. Remember, you can vote for the best dressed Christmas Tree, so enjoy your walk around the Minster and vote for us!

Joanne Yau
Hub Partnerships Manager

News

Brass Day with Ian Bousfield!

Last weekend, **York Music Hub** patron and internationally renowned Trombonist - [Ian Bousfield](#) hosted our Brass Day, where we were joined by the wonderful [Shepherd Group Youth Band](#) at the York St John University Creative Centre.

A fantastic day for all, during which Ian led a masterclass with **SGYB** Trombonist - *Benedict Nightingale*, led the Youth Band in a workshop, an awe-inspiring Q+A - in which we learnt about Ian's incredible musical journey and top tips on life as a professional musician, ending with a fantastic final recital from Ian alongside the **Shepherd Group Youth Band**.

Thank you to all who came along to our end of day recital - it was great to share all the fantastic music making with you.



York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Wow! Thank you all so much for your fantastic submissions. Decorating the tree with such wonderful music has been so much fun!

You can find our tree within the stunning **Chapter House** of [York Minster](#) from the 2nd December all the way up until the 5th

January 2024.



YMH's Calendar

The York Music Hub is in the process of creating an events calendar for the upcoming year and hope to send this to all schools and partners as soon as possible. Alongside this, we would love to also advertise your school's music events. If you have these dates, please do send them to us at: schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk

Patrick Kelly



We at **York Music Hub** are all saddened to learn of the death of **Patrick Kelly** in October. He was a founding member of the Trustee Board and contributed his many skills to YMH for four years only standing down due to ill health.

We send our heartfelt sympathies to his family.

YMH's Festive Break

Over the festive season, York Music Hub will be out of office from **Friday, 22nd December** to **Tuesday, 2nd January**.

Join our Board! | YMH Trustee Vacancies

Could you be our next Trustee?

We have a small number of vacancies and would be delighted to hear from motivated individuals with an interest in **Music** and background in **Primary Education, Higher Education and Finance**.

Please send all enquiries to:

chair@yorkmusichub.org.uk



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Events & Opportunities

Festive Season

We are now officially entering the festive season, a time filled with lots of amazing musical celebrations.

Here is small taster of what is to come over the next month in York:

Join [York Youth Orchestra](#) for their **Winter Concert** on **Sunday 3rd December, 3pm** at **York St John University's Creative Centre**, for a magical programme of **Dvorak's** - Violin Concerto, **Schubert's** - Overture In The Italian Style in D Major and **Victor Hely-Hutchinson's** - Carol Symphony.



[York Music Forum](#) are holding an evening of jazz at their Christmas concert.. with no Christmas content! **14th December, 7:30pm** at **Bishophorpe Sports and Social Club**.

Tickets are £5 (16/under free if with an adult) at
- <https://www.yorkmusicforum.com/christmas-concert>

Tickets available at:

<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/yorkartsed/990-winter-concert>



[York Symphony Orchestra](#) are back with **Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite**, a Christmas themed open rehearsal for children of all ages!

Join **YSO** on **Sunday 17th December, 3 - 4pm** at the **University of York's Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall**, for a magical day with opportunities to conduct the orchestra and win prizes.

Tickets are £2 and available from - www.yso.org.uk

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AAM's **Big Festive Buskathon** is back!

On **Saturday 16th December** [Hands & Voices](#) and [Movers & Shakers](#) will be heading down to **Coppergate, York** to spread some festive cheer. They will be singing and signing all the festive favourites from **11am - 1pm** – raising vital funds for the projects they take part in.



The [Chapter House Youth Choir](#) will be singing in their ever-popular annual '*Carols by Candlelight*' concert with the [Chapter House Choir](#) in the Nave of York Minster on **Saturday 16th December** at **7:30pm**.

Tickets are available from the **York Minster** box office.



Join [Rockgod Academy](#) this **December** on the **27th to 28th** at **The White Rooms, Osbaldwick** followed by an epic Christmas gig at **The Crescent York**.

Limited space are still available to take part, sign up [here](#).

Yorchestra | 2023 Winter Course!



Applications for [Yorchestra's 2023 Winter Course](#) are **OPEN!**

This course is hosted at the **University of York** and will run from **28th - 30th December** consisting of 3 full days of lively music workshops for all musical abilities!

****Financial assistance is available for this course through Yorchestra's Family Fund.**

You don't have to wait for the monthly newsletter for your YMH fix - follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

More opportunities

York Early Music International Young Artists Competition 2024



York Early Music Festival invites applications from ensembles to take part in the **York Early Music International Young Artists Competition 2024**. The competition and informal recitals will take place at the National Centre for Early Music as part of the York Early Music Festival, on Saturday, 14th July 2024.

Application deadline - **15th January 2024**

For more information and how to apply visit [NCEM](#).

Audition Open | National Youth Music Theatre 2024



Auditions are now open for [National Youth Musical Theatre](#) 2024 programme.

NYMT are looking to meet young **musicians, actors and actor musicians**, as well as budding young **directors, choreographers, musical directors, designers, makers and technicians** to work on their 2024 theatre and community projects.

Find out more [here](#).

New Jazz performance grades | ABRSM

[ABRSM](#) Performance Grades for **Jazz Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone** will be available **worldwide** from **January 2024**.

These are **digital** exams assessed from a video recording by a specialist examiner. There are no booking periods or exam sessions so you can choose when to book, record and submit your exam.

For more information visit: <https://www.abrsm.org/en-gb/instruments/jazz>



NYO Ascent

Join [The National Youth Orchestra](#) as they explore new heights with music by **Dani Howard**, **Debussy** and **Strauss**, together with **Sir Mark Elder** on **Thursday 4th January - Barbican Centre, London.**

Tickets are **FREE** for

Teens:<https://www.nyo.org.uk/events-and-performances>



String Course | Virtuoso International Music Academy

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String players aged **10-17** are invited to take part in [Virtuoso International Music Academy's](#) new music course led by the UK's leading string professors. Held at **Winchester College** on **29th July to 9th August 2024.**

For more information visit:

<https://www.virtuosointernationalmusicacademy.com/course-information/>



- **Inclusive Instrumental Teaching & Accessible Ensembles** - Online (Zoom) - **16:00 - 17:30** on **31st January 2024**. Find out more [here](#).
- **Tuesday Teach Meets** - Online (Zoom) - **16:00 - 17:00** on **5th March 2023**. Find out more [here](#).



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