

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

Welcome!

June has been a very musical month, with lots of York's young people involved in inspirational events such as Make Music Day and the York Proms. We were also thrilled to launch the York Schools' Music Network, a vital opportunity for music educators across the city to meet and share practice. We look forward to it growing in the coming year. Now, with the summer holidays just around the corner, and a whole range of music activities planned for children and young people, it's a great time to explore what's on offer! For many of these, bursaries are available for low-income families, so do get in touch with the provider if the cost would be a barrier.

Millie Raw Mackenzie
Hub Partnerships Manager

News

York Schools' Music Network

It was great to have so many representatives at our York Schools' Music Network event

last week. From schools, universities and musical organisations in and around York coming together to collectively advocate for music education in our city.

The event began with a wonderful performance by the [Joseph Rowntree School](#) choir, which then led us into an inspiring speech from our keynote speaker - **Simon Toyne**. Later on the group split into two to get the discussion going, facilitated by our breakout leaders - **Karen Marshall** and **Liz Dunbar**.

Many connections were made and we're sure your conversations will continue until our next event.



Children's Open Rehearsal with York Symphony Orchestra



Children were invited to get involved in YSO's interactive open rehearsal of *Carmen* and *Mother Goose Suite*, last Sunday. Supported by York Music Hub, the rehearsal was open to families with even the smallest of children, introducing them to an orchestra in an informal setting, and with opportunities to join in. Fantastic to see one of the mini-conductors taking charge of YSO!

(image shared by a proud parent!)

Funding for your Summer Music Project!

Is your school or organisation planning an event that will get young people singing and/or making music this summer? If you're looking for funds to support your project, you might be eligible to apply to [York Music Hub's Partner Project Fund!](#)

We're particularly keen to hear from partners and York schools, or groups of schools, who haven't yet accessed other support from the Hub this year.

Find out more [on our website](#), or e-mail info@yorkmusichub.org.uk to discuss your project or event with us.

School Music Development Plans

Did you know that the Hub offers individual support to York schools with their Music Development Plans, which the DfE are asking schools to have in place by Autumn 2023?

If that sounds like something your school would benefit from, our new Learning Lead, Molly Newton, would love to meet you! Contact us at schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk to arrange an appointment with Molly.



Molly, born and raised in York, qualified as a secondary music teacher in 2000 after training at Homerton College, Cambridge. Since her studies she has worked in York,

singing and teaching music in multiple schools.

During 2009 she made the transition to teaching music in primary schools, spending time as a peripatetic singing teacher and then became co-founder of “York Mini-Musicians” offering pre-school music classes to babies and toddlers.

Molly currently works at Archbishop Holgate’s School as Arts and Culture Lead. In addition, she works freelance delivering primary music INSET as well as CPD focusing on voice protection, and is founder and co-director of the annual York Schools' Choral Festival. Molly previously spent two years as strategic manager for York Music Hub and is now thrilled to be returning to YMH as Learning Lead.

Events & Opportunities

I Can Play! | 1st July 2023



Don't miss NCEM's [I Can Play!](#) on **July 1st, 10am** at **Millthorpe School (YO23 1WF)**.

The **I Can Play!** programme provides music-making opportunities for **D/deaf children** across the city of York. This project builds on a long-term programme of research and development activity, investigating the levels of provision and barriers to making music for D/deaf children and young people in **York**, the **East Riding of Yorkshire** and **Hull**.

The event is **£6 per participant**, though **FREE** places are available for families on low income (please email support@yorkartseducation.org.uk for a discount code)

Yorchestra Summer Course I Applications open!

Join Yorchestra on 29th August to 1st September for a return to **Sir Jack Lyon's Concert Hall**, with an orchestral activity for all (pre-grade 1 to post-grade 8). Apply now on the [Yorchestra website](#). Applications close on Friday 28th July!

RockGod Academy I Summer Workshops in July/Aug

Join [RockGod Academy](#) this summer for workshops (24th July - 27th July, 31st July - 3rd August) bringing together students aged 7-18 who play instruments including Guitar, Bass, Drums, Keyboard, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone or Vocals, and developing their ensemble skills. This course is held at **Archbishop Holgate's School**, ending with a Gig at [The Crescent York](#) (Thursday night).

The cost of the course: £150 (bursaries available and childcare vouchers can be used to pay).



York Youth Orchestra I Concert & Open Evening

Join York Youth Orchestra for a [Strings concert](#) on Saturday 8 July, at St Olave's Church. YYO string section (conducted by Marcus Bousfield) will perform works by Ireland, Tchaikovsky, Nielsen, Fuchs, Gershwin and Elgar, and will be joined by York Music Centre String Quartet and Guitar Ensemble (directed by Federico Pendenza).

Any young players working towards grade 6 or above are invited to join YYO for a fun [Open Evening](#) on Wednesday 12th July!



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Minster Minstrels in concert | 9th July



Join [NCEM](#)'s youth early music ensemble [Minster Minstrels](#) (for school-aged-musicians) as part of [York Early Music Festival](#), performing *A Musical Magic Box: The Art of Baroque Variation*. Their programme is showcasing the use of variation in baroque music, revealing its tricks, presenting favourites by Purcell, Lully and Rameau in a new light, and applying these strategies to their own compositions and improvisations.

[Book](#) your tickets for this event, **Sunday 9th July, 16:30-17:15** at the **Unitarian Chapel, Saviourgate**.

York Music Centre Fun Day! | 15th July

[York Arts Education](#) is running a Family Fun Day at the end of term, open to all York Music Centre students, to celebrate another year of York Music Centre! Come along for an exciting morning of musical activities at

Millthorpe School on July 15th, 09:15am - 1:30pm.



IMPs Holiday Club | 31st July



IMPs Disco will be taking place on **Monday 31st July!**

Get into character and unleash your inner disco dancer with sparkly fabrics, inflatable guitars, and other percussion instruments. All IMP's holiday clubs are fully inclusive - you don't need to be a member of IMP's or have any experience in music to take part.

Book your place [here!](#)

Future sessions this summer include:

- 7th August - Swampville
- 14th August - Summer fun with Concrete Youth
- 21st August - Performing Me with Thunk-It Theatre
- 1st September - IMPs Olympics

*Note that AAM do not provide 1-1 support. If you're in need of this please bring your own support or contact AAM to discuss (imps@aamedia.org.uk)

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

More opportunities

The Certificate for Music Educators (CME): Early Childhood Autumn 2023 cohort applications open!

The CME: Early Childhood qualification, led by **Dr Susan Young**, offers a part-time qualification in early childhood music. It is ideal for Early Years Practitioners, freelance and/or peripatetic musicians working, or wishing to work, in the Early Years.



For more information and resources on how to apply visit [here](#).

Youth Champs 2024 | Applications Open!



Registration is **open** for the **National Youth Brass Band Championships 2024**. It is open to all youth bands across Great Britain and Northern Ireland, offering bands a chance to perform on a national platform in either a competitive or non-competitive capacity.

For more information and how to register visit [here](#).

NCO 2024 programme | Applications Open!

Applications are now open to audition for NCO's 2024 programme. Read the [auditioning handbook](#) for everything you need to know on what to expect and how to apply.

Deadline for applications is **9am - Monday 31st July**.



- **Music in Mixed-Age Classes - Online (Zoom) 16:00 - 17:30 on 11th July 2023.** Find out more [here](#).
- **Music Teacher conference on Curriculum Music: Leadership, Collaboration and Inclusivity.** - Central London - **09:00 - 16:30 on 10th October 2023.** Find out more [here](#).



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