

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

## Welcome!

July has been a busy month for young musicians in York, and in this edition we're celebrating all the different ways those children and young people have been showing off their music-making enjoyment and accomplishments! We've loved attending many of the events mentioned below, so please invite us along to your next celebration or performance. You can find out more about the range of organisations running music activities in York by following links to their pages below. Thinking ahead, young people looking for new playing/singing experiences might like to take part in one of the taster activities on offer in September. And for the educators, we hope you can join a CPD session at the start of term!

**Millie Raw Mackenzie**  
**Hub Partnerships Manager**

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## News

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### End of summer term!

Congratulations to the young musicians across York for all their hard work over the past academic year! There have been lots of end of year celebrations going on - here are just a few highlights!



[York Youth Orchestra](#) hosted a great strings concert at St Olave's Church, on 8th July, and were joined by the York Music Centre string quartet and guitar ensemble!

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Well done to the **Minster Minstrels**, run by the National Centre for Early Music, who all gave wonderful performances as part of the [York Early Music Festival](#). With special congratulations to young musician Lilah, who was presented with the John Marvin Award by the Lord Mayor of York!



The South Bank Academy Trust [#ArtsFest](#) was a huge success, with packed-out house at [York Barbican](#) - well done to all school involved!

## Shepherd Group Youth Band

Well done to the [Shepherd Group Youth Band](#) who performed on stage at the **Birmingham Symphony Hall** earlier this month, for the **Music for Youth National Festival!** They were also awarded ‘**Best Youth Band**’ at the **Wetherby March Contest** a week earlier - both great achievements which deserve congratulations all round!



*Images: Shepherd Group Youth Band*

## York Music Centre Fun Day!

A huge well-done to all the ensembles who took part in [York Arts Education Fun Day](#) held at **Millthorpe School**.





Images: York Arts Education. Guitar Ensemble, First Strings, Intermediate Strings, Senior Concert Band.

## Rockgod Academy | Week 1

Well done to the young musicians who took part in week one of the [Rock God Academy](#) summer workshops. It was great to hear you all play at the fantastic end of week gig at the [Crescent](#) .



## National Youth Girls Choir | 20th August

Join the [National Youth Girls Choir](#) on **20th August, 3pm** at the [University of York's Sir](#)

**Jack Lyons** concert hall for an afternoon of beautiful music including *'Sing out my soul'*, *'Jubilate Deo'*, *'Cantata Domino'* and Darius Lim's *'Deliverance'*. You can book your tickets [here](#).

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## Events & Opportunities

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### Accessible Arts and Media | IMPs Summer Holiday Club



Join IMPs this summer for five fully inclusive holiday clubs!

**Sessions include:**

31st July - [Disco](#)

7th August - [Swampville](#)

14th August - [Summer fun with Concrete Youth](#)

21st August - [Performing Me with Thunk-It Theatre](#)

1st September - [IMP's Olympics](#)

\*Note that 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. 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](mailto:imps@aamedia.org.uk))

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## **NCEM | Outdoor Family Shakespeare Show!** **[A Midsummer Day's Dream](#)**

Join York based theatre company - [Four Wheel Drive](#), on **Saturday 5th August** for a family-fun 45-minute Shakespeare adaptation at NCEM this summer! Choose from 3 showings all packed full of music and interaction allowing children to engage in the action of the play.

You can find [booking details here](#).

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## **Making Music Inclusive | CPD 4th September** **NYMAZ in partnership with York Music Hub**

Join **David Insua Cao** as he describes and demonstrates his approaches to making all music learning inclusive. During the course of the afternoon he'll provide practical ways to make your delivery inclusive and engaging for all. This course is specifically aimed at instrumental teachers who may be working with SEND pupils in mainstream settings - for example those with Neurodiversity. The aim of the afternoon is to help you make your lessons accessible for those pupils.

You can find [booking details here](#).

This training has been kindly supported by [Jessie's Fund](#).



## York Youth Orchestra | Open Rehearsal

Do you know a young musician working towards grade 6 or above? York Youth Orchestra are hosting a fun open rehearsal at Millthorpe School on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Find out more information [here](#).

**YORK YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

**Open Rehearsal**  
**Wed 6th Sept 2023**  
**@ Millthorpe School**

- Open invitation to any young musicians
- Ideally working towards Grade-6 (or above)
- An evening of fun!

**6.45-8.15pm**

Register: [www.yorkartsed.org.uk](http://www.yorkartsed.org.uk)

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**Brass Academy**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**16th September 2023**  
**10am**



Join us for a day of free workshops ranging from first starting out, to taking on large scale set works!

The Shepherd Group Brass Organisation boasts 6 bands and caters for over 150 brass and percussion players.

We provide musical opportunities for all players, of any age or standard, within a fun and family-feel environment. We are local to York, rehearsing close to Monks Cross and are proud to be supported by a local York business.

This day of workshops aims to offer opportunities for those who may not have ever played an instrument, players who play but want to test the water in ensemble playing, or existing players who just want a day of new and exciting repertoire.

[www.shepherdgroupbrassband.org](http://www.shepherdgroupbrassband.org)  
[shepherdgroupbrassband@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdgroupbrassband@gmail.com)

## Shepherd Group Brass Band open day | 16 Sept

For those interested in joining a brass band, the Shepherd Group Brass Band is hosting a day of free workshops on **Saturday 16 September 2023!** The day aims to offer opportunities for those who may not have ever played an instrument, players who play but want to test the water in ensemble playing, or existing players who just want a day of new and exciting repertoire. [Sign up via this form.](#)

The Shepherd Group Brass organisation boasts 6 bands and is one of the largest banding organisations in the UK. The bands rehearse close to Monks Cross in York and are proud to be supported by a local York business.

## Chapter House Youth Choir are recruiting!

For more information visit - [Chapter House Youth Choir](#)



**CHAPTER HOUSE**  
**YOUTH CHOIR**

DIRECTED BY CHARLE BOYER-SMITH



**WE ARE RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!**  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE 13- 19 YEARS OLD AND

- ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT SINGING IN A CHOIR
- ENJOY SINGING GREAT CHORAL MUSIC TO THE HIGHEST STANDARD

**AUDITIONS:** To apply, email [youthchoir@chapterhousechoir.org](mailto:youthchoir@chapterhousechoir.org) to arrange an audition

Recent highlights include:

- Workshop and a virtual choir video with The Gesualdo Six
- “Gabrieli Roar” concerts at York Minster with the Gabrieli Consort & Paul McCreech
- Bach’s St John Passion with English Touring Opera at York Theatre Royal
- Sell-out candlelit concerts with the Chapter House Choir in York Minster’s Nave
- Group composition project to create our own new song with award-winning composer Michael Betteridge

**REHEARSALS:** Tuesdays 5:30-7pm in St Olave’s Church, Marygate, York  
Visit our website [www.chapterhousechoir.org/chapter-house-youth-choir](http://www.chapterhousechoir.org/chapter-house-youth-choir) for details

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## YMH Primary Music Meet-Up | 21st September



Music Leads from York primary schools are very welcome to join us after school on **Thursday 21st September**. Bring along your **Music Development Plan** drafts, and we'll provide the space for you to share thoughts, challenges and successes with each other. Our Learning Lead, **Molly Newton**, will be on hand to answer questions you might have, and

we'll even provide **Cream Teas!**

Please [register](#) in advance.

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## 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](mailto:schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk) to arrange an appointment with Molly.

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

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## More opportunities

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- **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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## 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](#).



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## 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](#).

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## 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**.



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