

NYRO News



Volume 2 Issue 2

March 2017

NYRO aims to:

- **Be an advocate** for high quality recorder playing and for the recorder orchestra model
- **Bring together like-minded young people** to develop their recorder playing to a high level and to benefit from top professional tutors and conductors
- **Give young people the opportunity** to make friends from all social backgrounds who share their interests and experience the satisfaction of working together
- **Stimulate interest in the recorder** and promote it as an instrument for life, encouraging participation in an absorbing and life-enhancing hobby.

Inside this issue:

Another Way to Donate...	2
Another Playing Opportunity	2
Moock/SRP Competition	3
Woodhouse Courses	3
Forthcoming NYRO events	4
News of Former NYRO Player	4

Summer Course 2017

Auditions are currently in progress for our Summer Course 2017 but we would still welcome applications.

Our line up of tutors is:

Colin Touchin (Musical Director)

Michelle Holloway

Chris Orton

Joris van Goethem (BlockWork)

After our trip to Germany in 2016, we are now back "at home" in York from 23rd to 29th July 2017.

We are very pleased to be welcoming Joris van Goethem to our Summer Course for the first time. He has already made strong links with NYRO through tutoring on two previous Easter courses and this year he will be coaching BlockWork, our

one-to-a-part ensemble, which comprises players chosen by invitation based on their audition performance.

The course is open to players aged 10-25 and players of a minimum Grade 5 standard can apply for our training orchestra (NYTRO), whilst players of a minimum Grade 8 standard can apply for NYRO. Places are offered in the orchestras following a successful audition. For further information and dates of auditions, please visit our web site: www.nyro.org.uk.



The fee for the course is £535 and a non-refundable deposit of £60 is required to secure a place. There is an opportunity to pay the balance in three instalments for players applying before 1st May 2017.

Players who may be in need of financial assistance with the course fees are recommended to apply for grants from educational trusts. For example, the Society of Recorder Players has the [SRP Walter Bergmann Fund](#) to assist young recorder players.

If you have any questions about the course or the audition process, please contact us via admin@nyro.org.uk.

Easter Course 2017

The Easter Course 2017 will once again be held in the lovely surroundings of Rugby School.

The course will run from Tuesday 11th April to Saturday 15th April, with the informal concert on the Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The tutors this year will be Michelle Holloway and Joris van Goethem.

We have a limited number of places available and bookings will close at the

end of March 2017, so contact us as soon as possible if you would like a place.

The Easter Course is a great introduction to NYRO for those who have not been on one of our residential courses before. The atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly and there is no audition. We accept applications from players aged 10 and over with a playing standard of Grade 4 to Diploma.

For players who live locally or have less experience of residential courses, we have provided a day student option at a lower cost. Players wishing to take this option will arrive in time for the first morning session and return to their families after the evening playing. Lunch and an evening meal are included in the cost.

You can book through our website: www.nyro.org.uk.



Another Way to Donate...

We're happy to announce that National Youth Recorder Orchestras GB can now receive donations through the PayPal Mobile App for Android and iPhone. Using the new "Donate" function on the PayPal App, users can easily

with PayPal Giving Fund, National Youth Recorder Orchestras GB is already among the charities included in the app so you can donate to National Youth Recorder Orchestras GB straight from your phones.

The PayPal App is available on iPhone and Android mobile devices and can be downloaded from: paypal.com/uk/webapps/mpp/mobile-apps. Existing PayPal App users may need to update their app to the latest version to access the Donate button.

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Every year eBay sees an increase in listings from Christmas Day onwards, as people try to find a home for the gift that wasn't quite right for them. So this year, eBay are reminding people

that if you're re-gifting presents, you can also donate a percentage of the sale to charity – making it the gift that keeps on giving.

When listing an item for sale on eBay, you need to simply select "Donate a portion to charity" (select "Make a Donation" on the Advanced Tool or "Sell for Charity" on the eBay App).* You can then pick the charity you want to support and the percentage you want to donate. eBay sellers can donate between 10%-100% of their sales to a charity of their choosing and eBay will waive their seller listing fees proportional to the percentage donated.

Here's a quick video about how to sell on eBay and support us at the same time: [youtube.com/watch?v=jB-bw1oQWlY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jB-bw1oQWlY).



find and donate to their favourite charity at the press of a few buttons. As with our other programmes, donations are received by PayPal Giving Fund and then delivered to the donor's chosen charity.

As a charity enrolled

Another Playing Opportunity...

"I like NYRO because of the versatility and friendliness of the staff making the recorder even more enjoyable to play!"

Would you like to join a summer course in Torino, Italy which has a special recorder programme?

Between 3rd-10th of September, in Torino, in the beautiful Villa della Regina, there will be a summer course where there is a special programme for recorder players led by international player professor Drora Bruck.

Each recorder player will get 5 personal lessons with Prof. Bruck, play in a recorder consort, a chamber ensemble of Early Music, coached by leading early music musicians, and play as part of an orchestra.

The course costs 600 EU, and this price includes tuition, full accommodation (private rooms, 3 meals a day) and the complete music programme.

For more details please go to the site of the course: <http://www.musicainvilla.com/en/>

Some Photographs from Summer Course 2016 in Weil der Stadt, Germany...



Moeck/SRP Solo Recorder Playing Competition 2017

First Prize: £1500 and a recital at the 2018 Greenwich International Early Music Festival and Exhibition

Other substantial cash prizes donated by Moeck UK, The Society of Recorder Players & the Walter Bergmann Fund

ADJUDICATORS

Daniël Brüggem, Chris Orton & Andy Watts
Finals in November 2017 at the Greenwich International Early Music Festival & Exhibition

This is an international competition open to recorder players under 30 years of age on 1st November 2017.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY 31st MARCH 2017

Application form available at www.earlymusicshop.com or from:

Sarah Langdon,
4 Victoria Road,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire,
SK10 3GG

Specially produced CDs of the 2016 concert are now available in the NYRO shop:
<http://nyro.org.uk/shop/>

Woodhouse Recorder Courses

For those of you who want more opportunities to play the recorder once the NYRO courses are over for the year, why not try the Woodhouse Recorder Courses?

Their Advanced Course (ages 16+, Grade 8+) will again be held in the idyllic setting of Owlpen Manor in the Cotswolds, where you can relax, meet new recorder friends and take your playing to the next level. This is an ideal opportunity for those preparing for auditions, exams or college entrance to gain useful new skills and insights.

Their fun and inspiring Junior day (age up to 18, Grade 1+) will take place at the St John's Centre in Guildford, Surrey, with good transport links to London and the south-East.

Offering expert tuition from some of the country's leading professional recorder practitioners (led by Annabel Knight, Head of Recorder at Birmingham Conservatoire, who is also one of our NYRO tutors), they aim to reach players from all corners of the UK and beyond – especially those who do not regularly have access to specialist teaching, or who wish to

take their playing to a new level and meet like-minded friends.

Advanced Course

Dates: Monday 7th August – Thursday 10th August 2017

Venue: Owlpen Manor, nr Uley, Gloucestershire, GL11 5BZ

Suitable for advanced players of approximately Grade 8+. Minimum age 16. No upper age limit.
Tutors:
Annabel Knight (recorders) with Robin Bigwood (keyboard)

Accommodation for players aged 16-25: fully-catered in the beautiful c18th Grist Mill, Owlpen Manor.

Cost: £390 (ages 16-25 full board)

Junior Day

Date: Tuesday 22nd August 2017

Venue: St John's Centre, Mellow, Guildford GU4 7AA

Suitable for players aged 18 and under, from beginner to Grade 8 (organised into small groups according to age and ability)

Tutors: Annabel Knight,

Rebecca Austen-Brown and Katriina Boosey.
Accompanist Robin Bigwood.

Cost: £35/£50 (Level 1/ Level 2 & 3)

For further details, visit:

<http://woodhouserecorderweek.co.uk/>



“Another brilliant course at NYRO, there was always something to do whether it was practicing, learning more about recorders or playing sport and talking to friends”

News from the Trustees

Our current trustees are: Richard Chester, Jean Murray, Dianne Charles, Ross Winters and Emily-May Roebuck. If you don't know them, you can find our more about them on our website.

Fundraising Activity

Our Chairman, Richard Chester, has been very successful this year in securing grants to help with NYRO's finances for the 2016-17 year. We are very grateful to the following for

their support:

The Society of Recorder Players
The Bernarr Rainbow Trust
The Doris Field Charitable Trust
The Norman Family Charitable Trust

If anyone reading this Newsletter has any ideas about fundraising or is able to spare some time to help us with this, please email admin@nyro.org.uk.



NYRO GB
Registered Charity
1153705

NYRO Office
2 Regent Close
Edgbaston
Birmingham B5 7PL

Phone: 0121 349 0490
E-mail: admin@nyro.org.uk

News in brief:

- **Kent Recorder Day** added to the 2016-17 list of events
- Joris van Goethem joins the tutor team for Summer 2017
- NYRO runs its first ever **Cambridge Recorder Day** in May 2017

If you have any news you would like to share or an article to submit, please send it to admin@nyro.org.uk for inclusion in the next edition.

NYRO is an organisation dedicated to young recorder players and exists to support, develop and nurture their playing and give them opportunities to perform. As well as supporting their musical ambitions, NYRO gives them the chance to meet other young people, have new experiences and broaden their horizons. NYRO is unique in that it is the *only* national youth recorder orchestra in the world.

Visit our web site
- www.nyro.org.uk

News from Former NYRO Player Alexia Sloane:

In September of last year, after Alexia was an Aldeburgh Young Musician for a year specialising in Composition, she was offered places by all the London Junior Conservatoires and she eventually chose RCM Junior Department where she is a First Study Composer and Second Study Recorder player. She is preparing for her Recorder Diploma with Sarah Humphrys at RCMJD. Following an audition last October with NYO for Composition, to her amazement, she was successful in gaining a place with them. She had her first residency with NYO in Nottingham under the tutelage of Larry Goves.

Here is a link to a live radio interview she gave in January and in which she mentioned NYRO.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04l2p0d>

The interview starts at around 20 minutes into the programme.

You can listen to recordings of her compositions on her website at www.inspirarts.com.

Forthcoming Events

Courses 2017

Easter Course 2017
11th - 15th April
Rugby
Tutors: Michelle Holloway
and Joris van Goethem
Cost: £325
(£235 days students)

Summer Course 2017
23rd - 29th July
York
Tutors: Colin Touchin,
Chris Orton, Joris van
Goethem and Michelle
Holloway
Cost: £535

Recorder Days 2016-17

Cost: £29

Oxford
Rye St. Anthony School
30th April 2017
Tutors: Annabel Knight
and Katriina Boosey

Cambridge
Landmark International
School
14th May 2017

London
James Allen's Girls'
School
28th May 2017

Kent

Sevenoaks School
25th June 2017

Auditions for the Summer
Course 2017 will be held
at all venues.

Easter Concert
Saturday April 16th
Temple Speech Rooms,
Rugby School
Free of Charge

Summer Concert
Saturday July 29th
Booking opens 1st April
Advance Booking
£12 Standard
£7 Concessions

Advance Notice for 2017-18

The next **Edinburgh Recorder
Day** will be held on Sunday
29th October 2017 at **George
Watson's College**.

Keep the date free and watch
the NYRO web site for
bookings to open.

