

***About National Open Youth Orchestra:***

The National Open Youth Orchestra (NOYO) is a world first, an ambitious orchestra launched in September 2018 to give some of the UK's most talented young disabled musicians a progression route. It promotes musical excellence, empowering disabled and non-disabled musicians aged 11-25 to rehearse and perform together as members of a pioneering ensemble. Some of the National Open Youth Orchestra musicians play acoustic instruments; others, electronic instruments like the Clarion, which can be played with the movement of any part of the body including the eyes.

The National Open Youth Orchestra is a programme by **Open Up Music**.

**Our Vision**

A world where music is open to young disabled musicians

**Our Mission**

To open up music to young disabled musicians

**Our Values**

Diversity: We bring about greater diversity by driving musical inclusion and disabled representation

Community: We collaborate and support each other to make positive change happen

Creativity: We engage audiences through exciting music, made and shared in creative ways

Influence: We work alongside young disabled musicians to influence and challenge preconceptions

***About BBC National Orchestra of Wales:***

For 90 years BBC NOW has played an integral part in the cultural landscape of Wales, occupying a distinctive role as both broadcast and national symphony orchestra. It performs a busy schedule of live concerts throughout Wales and the rest of the UK. It is part of BBC Wales and supported by the Arts Council of Wales, and the Orchestra is an ambassador of Welsh music, championing contemporary composers and musicians and works closely with Welsh Composer-in-Association Huw Watkins. BBC National Chorus of Wales is one of the leading mixed choruses in the UK and, while preserving its amateur status, works to the highest professional standards under Artistic Director, Adrian Partington. Based at BBC Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff Bay, the BBC National Chorus of Wales consists of over 150 singers.

Performances by the Orchestra and Chorus can be heard regularly across the BBC, on Radio 3, Radio Wales and Radio Cymru. BBC NOW performs biennially at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World and annually at the BBC Proms. Building on its extensive work with special educational needs schools, BBC NOW performed the first ever Relaxed Prom in 2017, which won the Best Family Event at the 2018 Fantastic for Families Awards.

The Orchestra and Chorus' home is at BBC Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff Bay, where BBC NOW continues its work as one of the UK's foremost soundtrack orchestras.

The vision of the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales is 'to enrich lives through music'. This enrichment is intrinsic of which BBC NOW is – an international symphony orchestra.

BBC NOW delivers a dual role. It is a broadcast orchestra providing content that finds a broadcast home across the BBC platforms. It is also the National Orchestra of Wales and the orchestra's ambitions for both Wales and the BBC are significant. It strives to be a force for good for both of its key stakeholders; an ambition to be the orchestral benchmark for the UK – a winning combination of both broadcast and geo-specific in our activity; together with a high-quality creative team that reflects the nature of the society in which it operates.

The following fundamental purposes remain core to BBC NOW's future:

- Engage audiences with high-quality standards
- Have an international reach
- Nurture current talent and the next generation of orchestral performers and singers
- Champion Welsh music and musicians

Core to the specific delivery of the third of these fundamental purposes: nurturing talent, is this partnership with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Spring 2023 will see auditions for musicians to join the Cardiff NOYO regional group. Rehearsals will run on Saturdays. To ensure that all our musicians feel confident, both personally and musically within NOYO, there are two groups within the orchestra:

NOYO Trainees have one-to-one lessons and pastoral support but need to gain more confidence and skills before they can attend residential and play in concerts. They are invited to join some rehearsals. NOYO Trainees have up to three years to progress towards becoming a member.

In 2023-24, there will be five NOYO Centres:

1. Bristol NOYO Centre, in partnership with Bristol Beacon
2. London NOYO Centre, in partnership with the Barbican and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama
3. Bournemouth NOYO Centre, in partnership with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
4. Birmingham NOYO Centre, in partnership with Midlands Arts Centre, B:Music and Services for Education
5. Cardiff NOYO Centre, in partnership with the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama (RWCMD) and BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

Each NOYO Centre meets for ten rehearsals a year. The full National Open Youth Orchestra meets once a year each April for a residential, before performing a series of summer concerts.

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**Supplementary Information – National Open Youth Orchestra Music Leader**

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**Indicative schedule of activity:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Induction - Attend one day of residential	11-14 April 2023	Treloar's, Hampshire
Induction - Attend one concert	April/May 2023 (Bristol 15th May)	St George's, Bristol
Musician Recruitment – 1 x NOYO Taster session	Mar 2023	RWCMD
Induction - 1 day induction training	May 2023	TBC
Musician Recruitment – 1 day of auditions	May 2023	TBC
Musician Recruitment – 1 day selection meeting	June 2023	TBC
10 x monthly rehearsals Call time: 12:30 to 6:30pm	Sep 2023 - July 2024	RWCMD
1 day of additional planning & preparation per rehearsal	Sep 2023 - July 2024	Remote
6 days to connect with musicians and 121 teachers outside of rehearsals (as required)	Sep 2023 – July 2024	Remote
3 x Music Leader development days	Oct 2023 Feb 2024 July 2024	TBC
4 days attending NOYO residential	April 2024	TBC
4 x concerts	April/May 2024	TBC
Attend regional social	TBC	TBC