

ODR/shu

28 May 2019

## **National Festival of Music for Youth**

Following the Regional event in March, I am delighted to tell you that **Symphony Orchestra** has been invited to perform in this year's **National Festival of Music for Youth's Schools Concert** in **Birmingham** during the first week of July.

***Symphony Orchestra*** will perform in **Symphony Hall, Birmingham**, on **Thursday 4 July** from 11 a.m. for an hour. Everyone who is a member of the ensemble is expected to take part. This is our last performance of the year and will follow on from our final school concert performance on **Thursday 27 June – 'Summer Fiesta!'**.

We will be travelling by coach leaving school at 7 a.m. (although this could be a bit later when we know what time our soundcheck is) and should arrive back at school by 2 p.m. when students will be expected to return to class in school uniform. Casual clothes can be worn to travel in but please bring black concert clothes to perform in, along with plenty of food, or money to buy some with, and water.

Rehearsals will restart from Monday 3 June although Year 11, 12 & 13 examinations must take priority. We would, however, appreciate members of those year groups attending as often as their examination/revision schedule allows them to.

Commitment and responsibility are key elements that ensure high standards of performance so if you cannot make a rehearsal please mark this on the schedule attached. If at a later date attending a rehearsal becomes an issue, please send an email in advance to **odruker@nsb.northants.sch.uk** as rehearsal schedules can be tweaked to accommodate any absences - every single player is vital!

Symphony Orchestra rehearsals, lasting from 3:45 – 5 p.m., will take place on:

***Monday 3 June***

***Monday 10 June***

***Monday 17 June***

***Monday 24 June***

***Summer Fiesta! concert - Thursday 27 June***

***Monday 1 July***

**The rehearsal and travel form needs to be completed for each participant; the Medical Consent form only needs completion by band members who have not attended either the NCBF in Manchester in April or any other performance/theatre trip this school year; all forms should be returned to Miss Hutchings in the Music Office by Friday 14 June.**

Day tickets for the **National Festival** are on sale from the THSH Box Office (0121 345 0603) - priced £10, concessions £8, family 2+2 £32, 2-day passes £16/£14. To book tickets online, go to [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk). Admission is subject to availability on arrival at the venue.

**‘Summer Fiesta!’ tickets** are on sale priced at £6 Adults, £5 Concessions, £4 NSB Friends.

Jazz @ The Cripps Summer Hog Roast, with special guests The Canaries, on Wednesday 10 July is also on sale with tickets at £10, £8 & £7. Food and music will be available throughout the evening from 6 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you at our final concerts of the year and in Birmingham.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Druker  
Director of Music

**Please return this sheet, plus the Medical Consent Form if applicable, by Friday 14 June**

I have received and read the information re: Symphony Orchestra at the Schools Concert NFMY, Birmingham on Thursday 4 July.

This confirms that \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Form) also understands the expectations outlined above.

**Please complete the following grid as applicable:**

| <b>Rehearsal/concert date</b>                    | <b>Mark X if not available</b> | <b>Reason (Examination; examination revision; etc)</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday 3 June                                    |                                |  |
| Monday 10 June                                   |                                |  |
| Monday 17 June                                   |                                |  |
| Monday 24 June                                   |                                |  |
| <i>Summer Fiesta!</i><br><i>Thursday 27 June</i> |                                |  |
| Monday 1 July                                    |                                |  |

**Medical/travel arrangements**

**Band members who performed at the NCBF in Manchester in April or have attended any other performance/theatre trip this school year do not have to fill the medical/consent form in – please state if details are the same or need to be updated:**

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**Please tick the relevant box regarding the journey from Birmingham – all students will travel to Birmingham with NSB**

I will be returning on the NSB coach

I will be making my own arrangements for the return journey

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify exact details)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_