

National Youth Arts Wales – Music Auditions 2018

In 2018, National Youth Arts Wales is looking to run its music auditions for the National Youth Brass Band, Choir, Orchestra and Wind Orchestra across the same weekends and at the same venues

Musicians who wish to apply to more than one ensemble in the same instrumental group (Wind, Brass, Percussion) will only be required to audition once.

PROPOSED AUDITION CENTRES: Auditions will be held in Cardiff, North Wales and Carmarthen during January 2018.

Locations are based on the typical geographical spread of candidates and are subject to change if there are fewer than 12 candidates per venue. Equally an additional date/location may be arranged if there is sufficient demand.

You should indicate on the application form which date/centre you would like to attend. We will contact you in early December with confirmation of your audition.

PROPOSED DATES & VENUES:

Date	Venue	Auditions
6 & 7 January	Cardiff - Venue tbc	All instruments – no choral auditions
13 & 14 January	Carmarthen - Queen Elizabeth High School tbc	All instruments and choral auditions
20 & 21 January	North Wales – Rhyl High School tbc	All instruments and choral auditions
27 & 28 January	Cardiff – Venue tbc	Choral auditions only

AUDITION FEE: There will be a non-refundable charge of £20 per audition. Your audition-slot will remain provisional until payment is received.

NB – those young people auditioning in the same instrument group for more than one ensemble will only have one audition and therefore only one fee is payable

PAYMENT DETAILS: If you would like to pay via electronic bank transfer, please use the following bank details:

Account Name: National Youth Arts Wales

Account number: 65820791

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Reference: Please use your name and instrument/voice i.e. TOMJONESVOICE

If you would prefer to pay by cheque, it should be made payable to National Youth Arts Wales and sent to the following address: **National Youth Arts Wales, Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff Bay, CF10 5AL.**

Please include the name and instrument/voice of the applicant on the back of the cheque

NB - We are keen to ensure that no-one is deterred from applying for the NYAW Ensembles for financial reasons. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the fee, please contact the NYAW office as soon as possible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17 NOVEMBER 2017

Audition Criteria

- NYAW accepts applications from people who live in Wales or were born in Wales.
- Applicants should normally be of grade 8 standard although they do not have to have taken their grade 8 exam at time of audition
- The normal age range for the national youth arts ensembles is 16 to 22. For the 2018 courses participants must be aged between 16 and 22 on 31st August 2018. We may take younger participants into the instrumental ensembles (Brass, Orchestra, Wind) where extraordinary talent is shown. This will be solely at the discretion of NYAW.
- We particularly welcome applications from young people who engage in activities provided by the Music Service providers and who support activity at school / college and county level.

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS: During the audition, you will be asked to play two *contrasting* pieces of your own choice (unaccompanied), a selection of scales and arpeggios, plus sight-reading and prepared excerpts (sent to you in advance of your audition). Candidates who also play a doubling-instrument (eg. piccolo/côr anglais) are asked to prepare a short piece in addition to those for your main instrument, and will be asked to play a short piece of sight-reading.

CHORAL AUDITIONS: During the audition, you will be asked to sing one piece of your own choice (accompanied or unaccompanied), vocal exercises to determine your vocal range and some sight reading. An accompanist will be provided.

For some helpful tips on how to prepare for your audition, visit the ensemble pages on our website (www.nyaw.co.uk).

NYAW 2018 MUSIC ENSEMBLE RESIDENCIES & CONCERT TOURS:

We are in the process of finalising details for the NYAW 2018 residencies and will be in a position to confirm arrangements in advance of auditions in January. Dates shown below are maximum ranges, the residencies themselves will run within these dates.

Brass Band

Dates: 22nd – 29th July 2018 tbc

Venue: Trinity St David University, Carmarthen tbc

Cost: £294 + £21 Social Fund (Total £315)

Conductor: TBC

Choir

Dates: 25th July – 5th August 2018 tbc

Venue: Trinity St David University, Lampeter

Cost: £420 + £30 Social Fund (Total £450)

Conductor: TBC

Orchestra

Dates: 23rd July – 5th August 2018 tbc

Venue: Trinity St David University, Lampeter

Cost: £504 + £36 Social Fund (Total £540)

Conductor: TBC

Wind Orchestra

Dates: 27th August – 1st September 2018 tbc

Venue: Moreton Hall School, Chirk

Cost:£252 + £18 Social Fund (Total £260)

Conductor: TBC

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: We are keen to ensure that no-one is deterred from applying to the NYAW ensembles for financial reasons. If you wish to apply for a bursary, please contact the NYAW office (029 2063 6466 or nyaw@nyaw.org.uk) for an application form.

All applications for financial assistance will be treated in the strictest confidence.