



NORTHUMBERLAND YOUTH ENSEMBLES

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WHY IS PLAYING IN AN ENSEMBLE SO IMPORTANT?

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

The best way to be engaged in any activity is to share it with others. By joining an ensemble, you are joining a community of musicians. You make friends, share the joy of making music together, and peer teach each other. Within an ensemble students make friends with like-minded musicians and forge deep, long lasting relationships.

TEAMWORK

Ensemble playing is more than the sum of its individual parts. Playing in an ensemble allows students to develop team skills, sacrificing one's ego to benefit the team. Whether students have the melody or harmony, students learn to listen and non-verbally communicate with each other to create music as a team. Skills learnt include learning balance, intonation, rhythm and performance etiquette in a group setting.

The Scotts College, Sydney Australia



INTERESTED IN JOINING ONE OF OUR ENSEMBLES?

HAVE A LOOK THROUGH THIS BROCHURE AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

REMEMBER TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW JAZZ ENSEMBLE!

We appreciate that you may not want to commit to your child joining an ensemble at the moment and so we are only asking you to have a look at the booklet and register your interest in the ensembles that you think are best suited to your child come September.

- You don't pay now
- You can change your mind in September
- You can sign up for more ensembles in September

If you're still not sure then please get in touch either by email or telephone, all information is at the back of the booklet.

Why not check out our YouTube Video to see our ensembles in action [Unity Through Music](#)

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NORTHUMBRIAN RANTERS

TRADITIONAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Do you play fiddle, Northumbrian pipes, cello, harp, accordion, percussion, concertina, flute, guitar or keyboard?

The Northumbrian Ranters is made up of talented young musicians from across the region. Their aim is to promote and raise the profile of traditional music both in the county and further afield.

This ensemble requires a level of commitment and dedication, as the group are involved in high profile performances throughout the year. Students are required to sing together, and will also have the opportunity to participate in traditional experiences such as clog dancing.

They meet for eight evening rehearsals throughout the year at a central location, 6 - 8.30pm. There will also be two whole day weekend rehearsals.

New members may be asked to come for a short informal audition.

Entry Requirements

Fiddle - grade 3 or equivalent.
Flute - grade 4 or equivalent
(For all other instruments please contact us, requirements are more around experience than grade.)

Cost

£195

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"MY DAUGHTER HAS HAD LOTS OF FUN MAKING NEW FRIENDS. THE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO HER MUSICAL DEVELOPMENT. LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES -CONCERTS, RESIDENTIAL WEEKENDS AND TOURS TO SCOTLAND - AMAZING!"

"I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I ENJOYED THE RANTERS PERFORMANCE TONIGHT... I AM BLOWN AWAY BY THE TALENT OF THESE YOUNGSTERS. WHAT REALLY STRUCK ME IS HOW MUCH THEY APPEARED TO BE ENJOYING THE PERFORMANCE WHICH WAS EVIDENT FROM THEIR SMILES AND ENERGY... I HAD A GREAT NIGHT. "



NORTHUMBERLAND YOUTH ENSEMBLE

OPEN TO ANY INSTRUMENT

Do you play strings, brass, woodwind, drums or percussion?

Would you like to:

- Meet other young musicians and learn to play new and exciting music?
- Improve your ensemble playing in a fun and friendly environment and perform in concerts?

If so this ensemble is for you.

This group provides the opportunity for students to come together to develop ensemble skills with young musicians from across Northumberland.

They meet for eight evening rehearsals throughout the year at a central location, 6 - 8pm. There will also be two whole day weekend rehearsals.

New members are invited to come and meet the ensemble staff prior to the first rehearsal.

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 or equivalent. (We do not like to turn anyone away so please contact us, requirements are more around experience than grade.)

Cost

£165

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"WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT TOWARDS MARTIN BOTH AS A MUSICIAN AND AS A PERSON... AND HE CONTINUALLY LOOKS FORWARD TO THE MONTHLY REHEARSALS. ITS SO LOVELY TO SEE HIM DOING SO WELL IN MUSIC. "

"JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU AND THE TEAM FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO WITH NYE. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE SO MANY NEW FACES LAST NIGHT AND A WIDER RANGE OF INSTRUMENTS. IT IS GIVING THE ENSEMBLE A MUCH RICHER SOUND. "



BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY AND YOUTH BRASS BAND

BRASS BANDING FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

This ensemble is a community based project and accepts applications from both children and adults to come together to rehearse and perform.

They actively recruit children and adults who want to play brass band music in a fun and supportive environment. The evening is made up of two band rehearsals. The 6pm band is the first step to playing in a brass band and specifically supports students who are playing in a school mini brass band or whole class brass project.

If you're a bit more experienced then come and join the full band rehearsal.

They meet every Tuesday evening, term time, at Bedlington Community Centre.

6 - 6.45pm Trainer Band
6.45 - 8.30pm Full Band

Instruments can be provided on a loan scheme.

Entry Requirements

The only requirement for joining this ensemble is that applicants have been playing for a minimum of 1 year.

This ensemble is **FREE** but a small donation at each rehearsal is requested.

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"A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU AND THE TEAM - IT WAS A SPECTACULAR EVENING. IT WAS VERY EVIDENT THE POSITIVE IMPACT MUSIC HAS ON BOTH CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES."

"MANY THANKS TO YOU AND THE REST OF THE TEAM FOR A GREAT CONCERT YESTERDAY. MY DAUGHTER HAS GAINED A LOT FROM BEING A MEMBER OF THE ENSEMBLE... "



THE HOOLIES

YOUTH CHOIR

Hoolies is the dynamic MPN youth choir and our aim is to build on the positive work done by school choirs and our vocal projects.

This ensemble will bring together vocalists of all abilities from across the county to sing a wide variety of music from all over the world.

Over time, this will also give more advanced/experienced singers the opportunity to develop their own vocal leadership skills and play a part in shaping the direction of this project.

They meet for six evening rehearsals throughout the year at a central location, 6 - 7.30pm.

Entry Requirements

The Hoolies accepts students of all abilities between the age of 7 -18

Cost

£75

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"MY DAUGHTER LOVED BEING ABLE TO SING WITH OTHER MUSICIANS DESPITE COVID RESTRICTIONS! IT HELPS KEEP HER INTEREST UP... "

"IT REALLY HELPED MY DAUGHTER FEEL LESS ISOLATED. MUSIC IS HER ONLY EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND THESE GROUPS WERE WONDERFUL FOR HER MENTALLY!"



THE YOUNG PIPERS GROUP

NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES ENSEMBLE

Morpeth Bagpipe Museum is the setting for this Northumbrian pipes ensemble, which brings young pipers from across the county together for a series of workshops.

The aim of the group is to encourage players, no matter what level of playing, to share enthusiasm and skills with other young pipers.

The workshops are built around what the students want to achieve. They may want to focus on rehearsing for a performance or have a specific skill learning workshop or even just to socialise, the decision is theirs.

They meet for three workshop days throughout the year, 10.30 - 12 noon.

Entry Requirements

it is expected that students have been playing for at least one year.

Cost

TBC - sponsorship dependant

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"AS A PARENT, SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO WATCH AND FEEL SO VERY PROUD! THANKS TO ALL THE STAFF - IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!"

"THANK YOU FOR GIVING ELEANOR, AND THE REST OF THE GANG, SUCH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AT THE CONCERT. I'M SURE THAT ALL OF THE GROUP WILL REMEMBER THE NIGHT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. I'VE TOLD ELEANOR TO MENTION PLAYING WITH KATHRYN TICKELL ON HER UNIVERSITY APPLICATION AS THERE WON'T BE MANY ARCHITECTURE APPLICANTS WHO WILL HAVE DONE THAT."



MPN JAZZ TIME

We asked our customers and our future customers which new ensemble they would like to see on offer and the overall wish was for the creation of a jazz ensemble.

So if your child would like to be involved in this NEW group and help shape what it looks like and what it sounds like then register your interest.

The sessions will be built around what the students want to achieve. They may want to focus on rehearsing for a performance or have a specific skill learning workshop. The options are endless.

They will meet for six 2hr rehearsals. (venue TBC)

Entry Requirements

Tutor recommendation.

Cost

£95

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IMPROVISATION IN JAZZ HELPS TO CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. IMPROVISATION IS AN AREA OF MUSIC MAKING THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY RELY ON THE ABILITY TO READ NOTATION OR PLAY ANY ONE INSTRUMENT PARTICULARLY WELL: THE FOCUS INSTEAD IS ON CREATIVITY AND EXPRESSION, AND THIS CAN HELP TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD AMONG YOUR STUDENTS...

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NEXT STEPS

To register your interest for any of the ensembles listed in this flyer please visit our website

<https://music.northumberland.gov.uk>

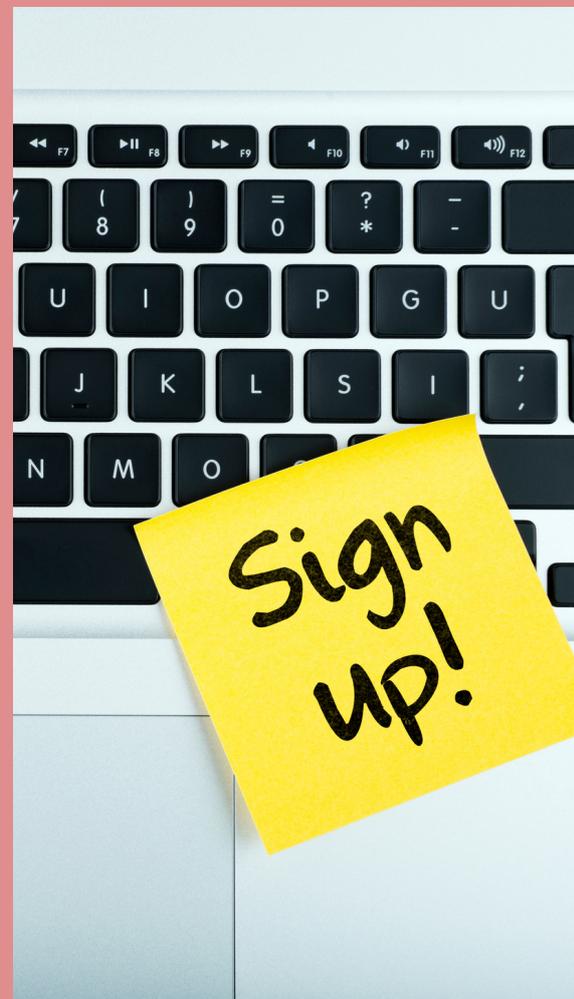
Or click [HERE](#) to fill in the online ensemble application e-form.

Families who are applying for two or more places in any ensembles are entitled to a 10% discount by ticking the request on the application form. All students are required to apply each year to join ensembles, including current members.

Once your application has been received further information will be issued to you in September.

Due to the current situation some details are waiting to be finalised and you will not be asked to confirm your place or pay until all relevant information and costs have been provided.

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