



# WESTMORLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Newsletter

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## 60 Years of WYO

*"Westmorland Youth Orchestra makes a huge difference to the life of our local communities. Young people from across the county gain confidence, make lasting friendships and develop impressive musical skills through their involvement with the Orchestra. Westmorland Youth Orchestra helps to motivate young people to take part in wonderfully constructive activities with the common focus of preparing for public concerts. I am really proud of Westmorland Youth Orchestra and they deserve strong support to continue in their outstanding work."*

**Tim Farron MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale. January 2008**

### **A Feast of Music for WYO's 60th**

As WYO rolls into its 60th anniversary year we are delighted to welcome new members and look forward to three wonderful concerts. For starters, we will be entertained at St. Mary's Parish Church in Windermere where we will be treated to a mix of old favourites and new pieces: Vaughan Williams, two stunning pieces of Americana from Alan Hovhaness and Jay Ungar, Bertholt Goldschmidt and a piece by Borodin will complement a showcase for orchestra principals Gareth Bookfield (violin), Heppy Deane (flute), Dan Crompton (cello) along with the entire Double Bass section!

But of course, the BIG one, WYO's 60th birthday concert in Kendal Parish Church on June 28<sup>th</sup> will be the main feature of this year's music menu. Preparations are well under way for the concert, (see over) and the specially commissioned music from Anthony Milledge is now ready to go into rehearsals.

To round off this exciting year of music making we are travelling to QES Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale in November.

### **HELP WANTED**

We are currently compiling a list of anyone who can offer their help, either before, after or on the day of the concert. Past players, parents and supporters can help with stewarding, setting up, tickets, catering and many other ways. It promises to be a spectacular occasion and any offers of help, no matter how small (or large) will be most gratefully received. If you can spare some time please do contact Noel Bertram (015396 20705) or David Boxford (015395 60054) as soon as possible.

## Who's who and what's what at WYO's 60<sup>th</sup>

The exact programme for this exciting event is still to be finalised but this is the latest in who's who and what's what!

Apart from WYO, performers will include:

**Amabile** – Musical **Director Charlotte Jackson**. BBC Radio 3 Youth Choir of the Year 2007

**Catherine Bott** (Soprano) – Catherine has an international reputation in the world of early music but has also performed and recorded works by contemporary composers such as Michael Nyman, Bo Holten and Michael Torke. Currently she is one of the presenters of Radio 3's Early Music Show. We are extremely privileged to have her singing with the WYO!

**John Kenny** (Didgeridoo & Carnyx) – John studied trombone at the Royal Academy of Music and since then has specialised in contemporary music and music theatre. Have a look at his website for more info. He will be playing didgeridoo in **Peter Sculthorpe's "Earth Cry"** and opening the concert on his carnyx.

**Anthony Milledge** – composer/ musicologist/ conductor

Tony now lives near Ulverston but still works for the Open University and conducts a chamber choir and orchestra in London. He has produced many performing editions of works by composers such as Monteverdi and Gabrieli and we are using his edition of the Monteverdi Vespers for this concert.

### The Programme (so far) will be

- Fanfare on Carnyx **John Kenny**
- **WYO** / Amabile: Deus in Adjutorium *from* Vespers of 1610 **Monteverdi**
- **WYO** Prelude from Suite in D for the Birthday of Prince Charles (1948) **Sir Michael Tippett**
- Amabile (pieces to be decided)
- Catherine Bott / **WYO** (pieces to be decided)
- John Kenny / WYO "Earth Cry" **Peter Sculthorpe**
- Amabile / **WYO** New work commissioned for the WYO's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Anthony Milledge**
- Catherine Bott / **WYO** "Wher'er you walk" (Semele) **Handel**
- **WYO** Fantasia on British Sea Songs **Sir Henry Wood**
- Catherine Bott / **WYO** Rule Britannia **Thomas Arne**

What's a Carnyx?

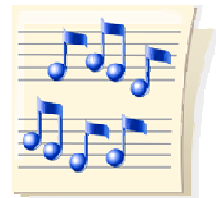


The Carnyx is a wind instrument from the Iron Age, used from around 300 BC to 200 AD. It is a kind of bronze trumpet, held vertically with the mouth styled in the shape of a boar's head. It was used in warfare, probably to incite troops to battle and intimidate opponents. The instrument's upright carriage allowed its notes to carry over the heads of the participants in battles and ceremonies.

Find out more at [www.carnyxscotland.co.uk](http://www.carnyxscotland.co.uk)



# PLAYERS PAGE



## Declare your love of WYO!

In the 60th Anniversary concert programme we are hoping to have some comments from YOU, the players. It's your orchestra; we want to know what you think and record it for posterity!

- How long have you been in the orchestra?
- What do you play?
- What do you love about the orchestra?
- What do you get from being in the orchestra?
- What would you like to tell the world about WYO?

If there is something you want to say, please write it down and give it to a committee member at the first rehearsal after Easter 11th April 2008, or mail it to Wendy ([publicity@wyo.org.uk](mailto:publicity@wyo.org.uk)) by the same date.

We cannot promise to publish everything you say in the programme because space may be limited, (especially if you all write loads!) but we will publish it on the website. Thank you... happy writing!

## Beat Roots

If you are interested in getting together with other young musicians to explore and play folk music from around the world, Brewery Youth Music want to hear from you. Cath Sewell, the Brewery Youth Music Development Officer (along with our very own Stu Lewthwaite) is keen to get this group going and asks instrument players of all standards to get in touch so that this project can finally get off the ground.

Please contact Cath asap!  
01539 795090 ext 317

## [beyou@wyo.org.uk](mailto:beyou@wyo.org.uk)

Would you like to get a WYO email address and support the orchestra at the same time? Well now you can! If you sign up for our **mail forwarding service**, you will pay just £5 a year (or £10 for 3 years) to be [you@wyo.org.uk](mailto:you@wyo.org.uk) All you need is an existing email address for your mail to be automatically forwarded to and a name which will be uniquely yours. You can be [noel@wyo.org.uk](mailto:noel@wyo.org.uk), [tubbythetuba@wyo.org.uk](mailto:tubbythetuba@wyo.org.uk) or [jsbach@wyo.org.uk](mailto:jsbach@wyo.org.uk) if you prefer. The choice is yours. All addresses will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis and all mail will be private. To apply for this fantastic opportunity to impress your friends, please fill out the form below and hand in a sealed envelope, (marked E MAIL ADDRESS APPLICATION) at the tuck shop for collection by a committee member.

Thank you

I would like to be .....@wyo.org.uk

My current email address is .....

I enclose £5 / £10. Signed.....

## Future concerts

29 November 2008  
Queen Elizabeth School  
Kirkby Lonsdale

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20 March 2009  
Mary Wakefield Concert  
Kendal

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27 June 2009  
Kendal Parish Church

## Goodbye and best wishes...

... to **Anne Brookfield** our lovely tuck shop manager and all round wonderful person! Anne will be moving on in the summer when her youngest son Gareth also leaves us. She has been a jewel in WYO's crown for well over 5 years and we will all miss her.

Goodbye Anne and thank you.

## Hello and welcome...

... to Fiona Crombie, our new tuck shop manager and to all our new players. We hope you enjoy being part of this orchestra and look forward to many years of WYO participation.

## Westmorland Music Council

need a treasurer.  
Please contact Hester  
Willink Tel: 01524 781203  
if you are interested in  
taking on this job.

And finally...  
... a BIG thank you to  
all our sponsors and supporters  
for continuing to make WYO a  
thriving and  
successful Youth Orchestra.



## New Members Wanted

WYO is always looking for new members. If you are aged 12 to 19, happy playing an instrument at the WYO standard and want to have some fun, why not come and join us?

We meet at Castle Street Centre every Friday in term time, from 7 pm—9.30pm.

If you are interested, call Noel Bertram on 015396 20705 David Boxford on 015395 60054 or look at our website.

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