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Newsletter no. 2

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The new year is already a week old, but we wish you a happy remaining 2020 with lots of beautiful music !

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The next European Orchestra Festival will be held 12th-16th May 2021. We will give you more information as soon as possible.

Please tell us if we may send this newsletters to other persons/mail addresses in your organisation.

We welcome new member

We welcome the Montenegro Youth Orchestra! We are glad that again a new country is represented in EOFed. The orchestra was founded in 2018 as the first and only youth orchestra in Montenegro. It consists of the best young Montenegrin musicians. In the repertory of the orchestra is music from the earliest periods to contemporary music. The orchestra likes working with young talents and likes the fusion of music and drama.

More information on the orchestra you can find on:
<https://umucg.me/eng/myo/>

Study on international communication in EOFed

In February and March 2020 15 or 16 students of "international communication" in Groningen will study communications in EOFed. What does EOFed strive for and what means of communication can we use to be successful ?

In April these students will have an advise for the EOFed board and a "toolbox".

We leave it to the students to get their information but it might well be that they want to ask you, EOFed members, a few questions. We hope you will help them so that they can help us.

News

Please send your news for this newsletter to eofed.vicepresident@gmail.com.

Questionnaire for EOFed members

In the first EOFed newsletter we mentioned a questionnaire. We did send out this questionnaire and if you did not answer till now please do, as soon as possible. The board of EOFed is very interested in your opinion.

If you did not get this questionnaire please mail eofed.vicepresident@gmail.com

INSPIRING NEWS FROM EOFed MEMBERS

Late Starter Orchestra Internal Forum and Concert

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Parents Orchestra, on Saturday 22nd February there will be a round table forum "A Music Right of Way" and a concert on 23rd February. Guests will come from Ireland, UK, USA, Spain, Singapore, Germany and the Netherlands for a weekend of sharing experiences and making music together.

<http://www.stagnescma.ie/Leaflet%20A%20MUSIC%20RIGHT%20OF%20WAY.pdf>

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In 2020, the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras will celebrate its 25th anniversary with their 25th annual Festival of Youth Orchestras, taking place in the National Concert Hall, Dublin on Saturday, 8 February.

The Festival of Youth Orchestras is IAYO's flagship event and will see over 500 young musicians from across Ireland take to their national stage. The Festival of Youth Orchestras is the annual celebration of youth orchestras in Ireland and their members, with a diverse variety of music played by young people, for young people – from the standard classical repertoire to music from the movies, pop tunes arranged for orchestra, Irish Traditional, and new music by Irish composers.

The 2020 edition is the 25th Festival of Youth Orchestras and to mark this special occasion, IAYO is once again establishing a Festival Orchestra made up of young musicians from across Ireland. The Festival will feature classics such as Ravel's *Boléro*, *In the Hall of the Mountain King* by Greig, two movements of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 6 'Pathétique'*, and the lively *Lord of the Dance* by Ronan Hardiman, along with performances of music from The Avengers, pop classics such as *Shallow* from A Star is Born and The Beatles' *When I'm 64*, and modern Irish works by Sam Perkin, Vincent Kennedy and more.

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Funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and supported by RTÉ Supporting the Arts.

The 4th LOA youth orchestra festival



The festival was organized in 2019 by the Latvian Orchestra Federation. It was attended by 800 participants from 27 symphony and chamber orchestras. During the two days of the festival, there were 7 concerts in the biggest cities in the Kurzeme region. The youth and amateur orchestras had a great opportunity to perform at the festival closing in a new concert hall (*Latvija* in Ventspils city with 800 seats). The concert hall has excellent acoustics and it is especially emphasized that 76% of this building is used for the needs of Ventspils Music High School.

The 12th Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration will take place in 2020, from 6th till 12th of July. Normunds Dregis is currently working on organizing a symphony music concert *Simfoniskie rotājumi* on July 6 at 19.00 in the Great Guild Concert Hall, Riga.

In November ESOL held its national youth orchestras festival.

The Estonian Symphony Orchestras Association (ESOL) celebrated its 20 years jubilee with the 9th Estonian youth orchestras festival in 8-9 November in Eastern Estonia. There were 5 concerts in schools and a final concert in Jõhvi Concert Hall. 13 youth symphony

and string orchestras with more than 400 musicians participated in the festival.

About orchestra festivals in 2020

Eurochestries organises very nice festivals for youth orchestras in France and beyond. But first about their annual congress:



Youth orchestra managers, conductors, musicians, teachers, composers, **please hurry up with congress participation registration:** <http://eurochestries.org/en/info/news/722-congress-international-2020>

It is the 31th edition of Eurochestries Festivals in 2020 with festivals in Brazil, Canada (Quebec), France, Russia, look: <http://eurochestries.org/en/info/to-participate/719-to-participate-to-2020-festivals-3>

The festival in **France:** (Department of Charente Maritime) from 30/07 till 12/08 August. This festival welcomes 4 symphony orchestras, 1 string orchestra, 1 choir, 4 music chamber ensemble.

Festivals of 2020 we presented to you earlier were:

The Provençal Youth Festival . The deadline for applications was 31st October 2019 but

maybe you can visit the concerts during your holiday in southern France.

For WOWFest, 17-20th July 2020 there is still one place remaining. This is a brand new festival for international youth and student choirs, orchestras and bands in England's smallest city: Wells. And this city is in Somerset, UK

A festival for all ages:

A festival for all ages, choirs and orchestras, from 11-14th June 2020 in Bratislava.

<http://www.choral-music.sk/en/Festivaly/view/id:122>

Many youth orchestra festivals waiting your applications:

- *Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna (Austria), 10-15 July 2020: <http://www.sclfestival.org/scl-festival-2020>*
 - *The World Orchestra Festival in Vienna (Austria), 22-26 July 2020: <http://www.orchestra-festival.org/?p=10>*
- *22th Youth Orchestras Festival in Florence and Tuscany (Italy) waiting the applications for Summer 2020: <https://florenceyouthfestival.it/>*
- *International Youth Festival of Arts "Muzite" in Sozopol (Bulgaria) 10-15 July 2020: <http://muzite.org/en>*
- *The International Music Exchange (TIME), concert tours, festivals in the UK & Ireland, France, Switzerland, Hungary, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Latvia: <http://timeconcerts.co.uk/>*



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