

EOFed newsletter

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In these difficult times we have to hold on to the good news, our plans for the future and the remembrances of nice events. We present a few of them in this newsletter.

- Good news is that EOFed welcomes new members again.
- Members of the board visited very inspiring events and we wish to tell you about them.
- The board had planned to meet in Frankfurt. Of course we have to meet online now but nonetheless we have plans for the future for a physical meeting.

We are aware that our members had to cancel a lot of concerts and events. Musicians who have to make a living out of these concerts will suffer from these cancellations. We hope your authorities are helping all of you and we would like to hear about it.

We wish you all the best in the coming months. Luckily we have the music to turn to.

New members

EOFed welcomes two new members

Making Music, which is a large organization of all British amateur musicians, for choirs, wind bands etc. Among them are about 643 symphony and chamber orchestras with more than 30 000 musicians in total. It is important for EOFed that the United Kingdom is now also represented in our federation

<https://www.makingmusic.org.uk/>

Festivale Orchestre Giovanili is an Italian organization, which organizes the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival every summer and other events and festivals in Tuscany and surroundings. <https://florenceyouthfestival.it/>

EOFed is very grateful that new members and new countries join us, one by one. We are representing more and more of the orchestras on the European continent.



Festival Cremona 2015 Photo: Helge Lorenz

Save the date:

12th European Orchestra Festival.

Where: Plovdiv (Bulgaria), a city you really should visit

When: 12-16 May 2021

We plan the festival as you know it, with concerts, workshops and social gatherings.



Concert in St. Agnes Dublin Photo: Nelleke Geusebroek

Round table forum 'A Music Right of Way'

A milestone in the life of the St. Agnes' music project and CCMA (Music School of St. Agnes) was the International Forum and concert. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Parents Orchestra, on 22nd February there was a round table forum 'A Music Right of Way' and a concert on the following day, 'Celebrating Late Starter Orchestras'.

The round table conference was very inspiring. Late starter orchestras from Ireland, UK, USA, Spain, Germany and the Netherlands attended the forum. A lot of ideas and good practices were shared, plans were made and a lot of networking was going on. **If you are interested in more information on the phenomenon of the late starter orchestras (orchestras which members started playing instruments later on in life), please mail eofed.vicepresident@gmail.com**

The concert was attended by many eminent representatives of music and cultural life including the

President of Ireland mr. Michael D. Higgins. EOFed was well represented by its vice-president - Nelleke Geusebroek, treasurer - Allin Gray and honorary president - Daniel Kellerhals.

Students of the Hanze University



foto: Nelleke Geusebroek

Website

Our new website is nearly ready! In a few weeks you will see a brand new EOFed.org site with up-to-date information.

**Communication in EOFed,
a study**

Students from the University of Applied Sciences

"Hanze" in Groningen/

Netherlands are busy with their assignment on communication within EOFed, the difficulties and possibilities of it. They will give us advice and a toolbox in April.

In case they choose you to give information about EOFed and ask questions, then please do answer them.

Next time you can read your own inspiring news here. Send your news to
EOFed.vicepresident@gmail.com

Questionnaire

Later in 2019 we sent a questionnaire to all of our members. We thank everybody who did their best to answer us. We got very useful comments.

The members will get the report in the next weeks.

IAYO festival

The Irish Association of Youth Orchestras celebrated its 25 years jubilee with the 25th national youth orchestras festival in Dublin. Eight orchestras performed in two festival concerts.

At the festival we heard high-quality performances in a really various and exciting program, from children orchestra arrangements, local folk music, musicals and film music hits until classical masterpieces like Ravel's "Bolero" and movements from Tchaikovsky's 6th symphony and Schubert's "Unfinished" symphony.

It was nice to listen to many pieces of Irish contemporary composers. IAYO awards were given to several youth orchestras. EOFed's greetings and congratulations to IAYO for their jubilee were expressed by the president of EOFed Jüri-Ruut Kangur.

IAYO now has 92 members throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland comprising over 120 youth orchestras and ensembles with a combined participation of more than 5,000 young instrumentalists.

More information on: <http://www.iayo.ie/news/musical-milestones-of-2020/>



Eurochestries Festivals Federation held its annual congress in Casablanca in Morocco

The congress was held from 27 February till-1 March and there were 57 participants from 14 countries : Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Spain, Estonia, France, Japan, Morocco, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Slovakia.

The varied profile of the delegates allowed for rich and fruitful debates: festival organizers, managers of orchestras, conductors, composers, young musicians, managers of orchestra federations, journalists, etc. More information on:

<http://eurochestries.org/en/info/news/726-congres-international-2020-angl-casablanca-2>



