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EOFed Award

In 2021 the European Orchestra Federation, EOFed, presents the inaugural **EOFed Award** to celebrate best practice and innovation in the youth and amateur orchestral

community in Europe.

The aim of the award is to acknowledge particular accomplishments of EOFed members and members of members and to showcase examples of excellent work that can be emulated by others to develop their own orchestras or projects.

This award will not only recognize the efforts of the European orchestral movement in promoting the growth and development of orchestras but will champion innovative activities that benefit an orchestra or an entire community of orchestras and will reward artistic projects that are in some way imaginative, different or represent a great achievement.

More about this award on www.eofed.org.



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The 12th European Orchestra Festival 2022 will take place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria: 5-8 May 2022

You are most welcome to join this festival with workshops and concerts where you can perform as an orchestra, if you wish to do so. The workshops are internationally mixed.

You will have a chance to play interesting music under inspiring conductors.



Plovdiv is a very nice historic city, as shown in this picture. There is even a roman theater we can use for the festival!

A new website is online:

www.europeanorchestrafestival.org

Third EOFed lounge on youth orchestra

Central issue of the lounge (26-6-2021) was to find out where and how EOFed could help youth orchestras and their federations.

All the federations for youth orchestras were present. The lounge was very useful and interesting. We identified the big challenges: how to inspire children/youth to learn an instrument; how to keep them on board in the transition from children's to youth orchestras and to regular orchestras later on. For succesful transitions we have to build bridges.

Experiences were shared; from the importance of having fun in youth orchestras to training conductors to work with these special orchestras. We were told of professional musicians functioning as mentors for youth orchestras and of orchestra members looking after younger members.

More topics we discussed: project orchestras; questions of inclusion; cooperation with music schools. Very important topic is how to open up again after corona. Last but not least we concluded we have to talk to the members of children's and youth orchestras to hear from them.

So many plans to be made and steps to be taken. We will tell you more after summer.

If you want to read the whole report please mail us.

BTHVN event - Passion meets Profession

The German Association of Amateur Orchestras (BDLO), in cooperation with the World Federation of Amateur Orchestras (WFAO) and the European Orchestra Federation (EOFed), invites to "BTHVN 2021 – The Conference": an international conference on the topics Music, Interaction and Outreach, which will take place in Dresden from 19th to 21st September 2021. Forms of cooperation and synergies between professional and amateur

orchestras and musicians will be tackled at the conference in lectures, workshops and open discussions.

Registration for the conference is still open on www.bthvn2021.com.

The world will not be the same as before, going back to normality does not exist. The amateur music has to be prepared for a change, a Plan B. At the conference, participants can do their part to provoke and advance a change in thinking.

The conference is planned as a hybrid event.

The **physical meeting in Dresden** will be supplemented by **livestreams (keynotes and panel discussions) and hybrid discussion rounds** in order to facilitate an online participation. If a physical event is not possible due to current events related to the Corona pandemic, the conference will be held as a digital event.

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IAYO: Summer Practice Clubs

Starting on 19 June, IAYO will be hosting regular online Practice Clubs throughout the summer featuring some of Ireland's top musicians.

During these sessions, musicians will hear from professional musicians on how they like to practice and there will be dedicated time for attendees to practice their own instruments.

These sessions are open to musicians of all ages. More information to follow. See [website](#)

Eurochestries International

is a festival federation that has organized international festivals for youth orchestras and ensembles, workshops and conferences in France, Brazil, Canada, Russia, Poland, Spain and other countries for more than 30 years

See the website www.eurochestries.org for all the information on the many concerts by high level youth orchestras, choirs and chamber music ensembles this summer.

150 musicians - 50 concerts 6 countries



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