

NYO 2019: Provisional Dates

NYO offers life-changing musical experiences, and requires great commitment from our players. 2019 is a special year to be an NYO musician: we have incredible repertoire, artists, audiences, national and international venues in the mix.



If you are offered a seat, you will be asked to confirm your commitment to the NYO rehearsal residencies, tour dates and performances and between 5-10 days of NYO Inspire activity.

We are aware that this is a big commitment, so we are sharing these dates with you now. **Please note that at this stage these dates are subject to change. Final dates for the year will only be sent in the offer letter for NYO 2019.** When we confirm these we give you the opportunity to tell us about any of the additional dates that are an issue for you. We then allocate each musician to your own bespoke NYO dates for the year.

Please understand that we realise that for some state school musicians the NYO dates clash with term dates with more impact than usual. Our planning is absolutely not intended to favor one constituency over another. We are dedicated to forming an orchestra that truly represents the nation. We are juggling several factors that impact on the dates chosen, including significant regional discrepancies in term dates which have caused a term time clash for some in April. In August 2019 we have an exciting opportunity to take the whole orchestra on a unique international tour. For this reason we have bought the summer dates forward by a week, impacting on the last week of term.

If you are looking at the dates and feeling concerned, please pick up the phone and talk to us as soon as you can. We can help you talk to your schools about the immense value of NYO musically, in developing wider leadership, teamwork and communication skills and personal responsibility. NYO is the national team for orchestral music and the Department of Education champion the organisation. We may be able to be flexible in some circumstances.

If you're worried about the demands of school work, it's worth knowing that despite the amount of time given to NYO, our musicians continue to enjoy an awesome record of academic achievement. Being involved with NYO helps you develop skills in time management and focus. A great many of our players gain places at top universities (at NYO, excellence is catching, and not only in music-making). But at the end of the day the decision – and the responsibility – is yours.

Please apply to this special national team! Apply, talk to us, let's see what we can make work together.

NYO Composers are also expected to attend all three residencies, but are not allocated NYO Inspire projects, and may not attend the international tour.

Residency Dates

Thursday 27 December 2018 – Monday 7 January 2019

NYO Winter Residency

Please note some schools return from 3 January

Wednesday 3 April – Sunday 14 April 2019

NYO Spring Residency

Please note some schools break up on 5 April

NB: There will be an option of evening arrivals for those who need to go to school on 3 April

Sunday 14 July – Thursday 8 August 2019

NYO Summer Residency & possible International Tour

Please note some schools continue onto 25 July

Additional NYO Activity Dates

Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 OR Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 December 2018

NYO Principals, String Leaders & Creative Collective only: Training

Tuesday 3 April 2019

NYO Principals, String Leaders & Creative Collective only: Training

NB: Arrivals will be on the evening of 2 April

This begins a day ahead of the NYO Spring Residency

Please note this may be within term time

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 July 2019

NYO Principals, String Leaders & Creative Collective only: Training

This begins a day ahead of the NYO Summer Residency

Saturday 16 – Sunday 24 February 2019

NYO Inspire Ensembles

16-18 Feb – Inspire Ensembles 1

19-21 Feb – Inspire Ensembles 2

22-24 Feb – Inspire Ensembles 3

NB: We expect everyone in the orchestra to attend one of the three NYO Inspire Ensembles

Sunday 17 March 2019 tbc

NYO Inspire Day

This will be a one day project. Arrivals will be c.10am, so may require travelling the night before

Sunday 28 – Tuesday 30 April 2019

NYO Play the School

Please note this is within term time

Thursday 27 June – Saturday 6 July 2019

NYO Inspire Orchestra

This is a voluntary project, in addition to any other NYO Inspire Dates you are participating in

Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 July 2019

NYO Inspire Day

This begins a day ahead of the NYO Summer Residency

Sunday 15 – Tuesday 17 September 2019

NYO Play the School

Please note this is within term time

Sunday 22 September 2019

NYO Inspire Day

This will be a one day project. Arrivals will be c.10am, so may require travelling the night before