



Colne Valley Youth Orchestra News

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## Nigel Hildreth receives MBE in CVYO's 30th anniversary year

Colne Valley Youth Orchestra's founder, inspiration and long-serving Musical Director, Nigel Hildreth has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Nigel, who formed the orchestra in the early 1980s to help youngsters to make music and have fun said he was "delighted and honoured."

The well-deserved award comes as the orchestra, which has afforded opportunities to thousands of local young musicians, from its base at The

Sixth Form College Colchester, where Nigel is Head of Performing Arts, celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Members of the orchestra are not only preparing for their regular annual concerts and tour abroad, but also for a special 30th anniversary Gala Concert on September 4, when all former members are being invited to come back and play with the current orchestra and to attend a post-concert party.

Paying tribute to Nigel, Colne Valley Youth Orchestra Chairman, David Bobby, said:

"Nigel has devoted himself and hours of his time to creating fantastic musical opportunities for children in and around the Colchester area and this is a fitting tribute to his dedication and hard work. Everyone at Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and everyone who knows him will be thrilled."

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