



Colne Valley Youth Orchestra News

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Young musicians urged to join youth orchestra in its 30th year

The Colne Valley Youth Orchestra is issuing a special invitation to young local musicians to join them as they prepare to celebrate 30 years of playing and performing in the area.

Fresh from a packed end of year Gala concert at St Botolph's Church where they performed to an audience of more than 400 people, the Colne Valley Youth Orchestra is inviting young musicians to come along and try out at their annual Open Rehearsal for current and prospective new members.

The rehearsal, which is open to any young musician from the ages of 7-18, takes place on Sunday

September 19 at the Sixth Form College in Colchester. Players are encouraged to come along to try out with the orchestra but are not expected to audition.

For players of approximately Grade 5 standard and above, the Main orchestra will be rehearsing from 10am-4pm with a pizza lunch provided. For younger and less experienced players the Training orchestra will rehearse between 2-4pm.

Both orchestras perform a range of concerts throughout the year and older members get to go on a residential weekend, on a tour abroad and perform at this year's Oyster Feast. Younger members have the chance to take part in a

two day holiday workshop during February half term.

Musical Director Nigel Hildreth, who set up the orchestra 30 years ago said: "This is a very exciting time to be part of our orchestra, which has grown in in size, reputation and popularity with young musicians and the public over the years. But our aim has always stayed the same - to make music while having fun."

Anyone who is interested in joining the orchestra can turn up to the Open Rehearsal on September 19 or check out the website at www.cvyo.net for more information.



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