



# 2017 Application Form



**Closing Date:** Friday 28th October 2016

## Artistic Programme

### Summer Residential Course

Dates: 10-19 August 2017  
Venue: Greenmount College, Antrim  
Conductor: Michael Seal

### Repertoire:

Copland Fanfare for the Common Man  
Michael Torke Bright Blue Music  
Prokofiev Cinderella: Suite no.1, Op.107  
Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique

### Guildhall, Derry/Londonderry

Friday 18th August 2017 at 7.45pm

### Ulster Hall, Belfast

Saturday 19th August 2017 at 7.45pm

### UYO Membership Fee: £460

The Ulster Youth Orchestra's main musical activity will centre on the 10-day residential course which will afford members the opportunity to work with a professional orchestra and a team of tutors made up of some of the UK and Ireland's finest orchestral musicians.

**Apply NOW for an unforgettable orchestral experience!**

## Michael Seal

Michael Seal currently holds the position of Associate Conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO).

Michael has worked with many of the UK's finest orchestras, as guest conductor with the BBC Symphony, BBC Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Ulster orchestras, as well as the BBC Concert Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Internationally, he has conducted the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, KBS Symphony Orchestra, Norwegian Radio Orchestra, Odense Symphony Orchestra, Joensuu City Orchestra, Orquesta Académica del Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colón, Orquesta Filarmónica de Buenos Aires and both RTÉ Concert and National Symphony Orchestras.

Michael has a special bond with the CBSO Youth Orchestra, having been involved with it since its foundation. He is also Artistic Advisor and Conductor for the CBSO Youth Orchestra Academy.

2016-17 engagements include several appearances with the CBSO, plus return visits to the BBC Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, Bournemouth Symphony and Orquesta Académica del Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colón.

We are very pleased to welcome Michael to the UYO for his first visit!



## Auditions For UYO

Applications are invited from instrumentalists aged between 14 and 23 years on 10th August 2017. Applicants should be of a standard equivalent to Grade 7/8 Associated Board. Promising players who have not yet reached this standard are also encouraged to apply. Applications are particularly welcome from oboe, bassoon, tuba, cello and double bass players.

Applications will be accepted from musicians born, resident or studying in Northern Ireland, however, consideration will be given to other applicants at the discretion of the board to ensure the necessary orchestral balance.

Auditionees will be required to play two contrasting pieces of their own choice, a selection of prepared orchestral excerpts and some unseen excerpts to sight-read on the day.

A non-refundable audition registration fee of £20.00 is required before an audition can be scheduled. Please make cheques payable to "Ulster Youth Orchestra".

The membership fee covers all course fees plus free entry to other education events such as open rehearsals with the Ulster Orchestra, our annual Play-in Day and more to be announced!

Auditions will be scheduled on 22nd and 23rd December, 2016 and will take place in the City of Belfast School of Music, Fortwilliam Park, Belfast.

Applicants are encouraged to apply to their local council and school or college for financial assistance. A Bursary Fund is available for students who are in financial need and are unsuccessful in their applications to the above. Further details are available from the General Manager.

### DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

Friday 28th October, 2016

Application forms may be downloaded from our website [www.uyo.org.uk](http://www.uyo.org.uk)

## Application Form

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Mobile	<input type="text"/>
E-mail	<input type="text"/>
All correspondence regarding the auditions will be sent by email.	
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Age at 10 August 2017	<input type="text"/>
Name of School/College	<input type="text"/>
Please give details of your most recent exam results (with grade and marks)	<input type="text"/>

Council Area	<input type="text"/>
Education Authority Region	<input type="text"/>
Main Instrument	<input type="text"/>
Woodwind Doubling	<input type="text"/>
Please detail any orchestral/ensemble experience	<input type="text"/>
Do you wish to apply for the position of orchestra leader? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher's Name	<input type="text"/>
Teacher's Address	<input type="text"/>
Teacher's Signature (if under 18)	<input type="text"/>
Applicant Signature	<input type="text"/>



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## Press Reviews

"The Ulster Youth Orchestra deserved its standing ovation, and great credit is due to everyone who made this memorable concert possible, including the director, tutors, musicians, sponsors, parents and families."

**Alf McCreary**, Belfast Telegraph,  
29th August 2016

"The exuberance of the orchestra was matched with the response of the audience, four 'curtain' calls and great whooping from their young admirers, I expect most of them musicians themselves.

We have a great musical future in Northern Ireland with musicians of this standard. Congratulations to them and to their tutors."

**Anne Hailes**, Belfast Times,  
29th August 2016

## Audience Feedback

"Absolutely wonderful concert in the Guildhall last night. Thanks!"

"Well the UYO concert tonight was sublime from the first note to the last. The orchestra were a real testament to all the hard work put into maintaining and running this fantastic youth orchestra.

Bravo to every young person on that stage tonight, including the hugely talented conductor, Mr Garry Walker."

"Absolutely amazing performance last night at Ulster Hall. It was a credit to all involved and it was a breathtaking experience to watch and listen to. Such a talented group of young people. Well done again."

## Comments from 2016 UYO Members

"Thank you so much for another great year at UYO – I'm looking forward to next summer already!"

"Loved the course this year."

"Another fantastic year, I look forward to the next one!!"

"I thoroughly enjoyed it! Thanks to all."

"Very well looked after. All the staff were so nice and made sure we were okay for the duration of the trip."

"I really loved UYO! Thank you."

"Keep up the good work!"

"Thank you for creating and organising such a wonderful experience!"

## Ulster Youth Orchestra

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