

THE DOWNS, MALVERN

# Beginners & Intermediate Orchestra Courses

# 2016-2017



### Autumn 2016

Beginners Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd October  
Intermediates Saturday 29th / Sunday 30th October

### Spring 2017

Beginners Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th February  
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The Elgar School of Music

# The English Symphony Orchestra has been running children's orchestra courses, attracting students from around the country for over 20 years.

Orchestral discipline is matched by improvisation and sheer fun. Every course has its own character and nothing is done by numbers, but the primary aims are to develop musicianship, confidence and sociability.

A unique aspect of being a member of this orchestra is that you may receive the opportunity to play live alongside the full ESO during one of our concerts. Even beginners from grade 1 have been involved in live performances at Worcester, Gloucester and Hereford Cathedrals.

## Venue



We are indebted to **The Downs, Malvern** for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities. Based on the edge of the Malvern Hills in beautiful countryside, The Downs, Malvern has excellent facilities including a music block, concert hall and playing fields. The Downs, Malvern offers all round education for children from 2.5 to 13 years.

## Directions



From Great Malvern travel south along the A449 and then take the B4218 to Colwall (over Malvern Hills). At the bottom of the hill turn right at the triangular junction down Brockhill Road.

The Downs, Malvern is at the end of the road and students should register in the Memorial Hall on the left hand side.

Registration from 9:30am

Begins 10am

Ends 4pm

Final Concert 3:45pm (*second day*)

## What to bring

- Instrument
- Pencil & rubber
- Strings, reeds etc.
- Packed lunch
- Indoor and outdoor shoes and clothing



The ESO holds Public Liability Insurance. However, this does not cover musical instruments or personal belongings, for which you should make your own arrangements.



## Tutors

There are 4-5 tutors on each course, one covering each section of the orchestra. The tutors are all regular members of the ESO and bring their own ideas on how to inspire the children who attend.

## Suggested Ability/Music

The orchestra is unauditioned but indicative grades (and ages) for each course are as follows:

**Beginners:** grade 1 - 3 age 7 - 13

**Intermediates:** grade 4 - 8 age 9 - 16

The music chosen will depend on the make-up of the orchestra for the course. It might include a movement from a classical piece from the ESO library, something arranged or written specifically for the course by one of the tutors and a piece created by the students themselves.



## Fees

**£70** for the 2-day course payable in advance. In the event of last-minute cancellation the fees may be carried forward to the next course. Bursary funding may be available by application to the ESO Worcester office (01905 28613 ext 4).



## Activities

We commence the day's work with a warm-up session to encourage good posture, breathing, listening and concentration, and move on to full and sectional orchestral rehearsals as well as varied activities including singing, group improvisation, solo "masterclasses" and games. The courses end with a with a short informal concert on the second day.

*"Thank you for giving me the chance to play with you. I will never forget that amazing weekend! Siân (oboe). Thanks for letting me do a solo too! xx"*

# Application Form / Parental Consent Form

Please reserve place(s) as indicated

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Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this course? \_\_\_\_\_

Any special medical conditions / dietary requirements / allergies etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact other than above \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

The ESO accepts no responsibility for those students who do not supply this form completed in full.

**Photographs:** I hereby consent to photographs of the above names being taken during the course for publicity purposes. In the event of an emergency arising to the above mentioned person and his/her parents or guardians not being available, I authorise the official representatives of the ESO (2006) Limited, as organisers of the ESO Beginners and Intermediate Orchestras, in their absolute discretion, to sign any consent forms for medical treatment etc. as required, for the duration of any course or concert.

## Fee Payable £70 per student per 2-day course

I enclose a cheque payable to The Elgar School of Music for \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my: Mastercard  Visa  Maestro

Card No \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issue No \_\_\_\_\_

Last 3 digits of security code on rear of card \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to ESO, 16-21 Deansway,**

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