



# EUROPEAN MUSIC CAMPUS ORCHESTRA

GRAFENEGG FESTIVAL & THE EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH ORCHESTRA (EUYO)
INVITE TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM BULGARIA AGED 18 OR UNDER
TO APPLY TO BECOME MEMBERS OF

### THE 2015 EDITION OF THE EUROPEAN MUSIC CAMPUS ORCHESTRA

### This is an opportunity to

- Attend and be part of the European Music Campus in Grafenegg, Austria, 24 July- 9 August 2015
- Play in, be a member of and perform with the 2015 European Music Campus Orchestra
- Experience life with the European Union Youth Orchestra during its summer tour residency
- Work with EUYO musicians, tutors and alumni on music by Mozart and Tchaikovsky, and in chamber repertoire, including talented young players from al 28 EU Member States
- Play in sectional, tutti & chamber **rehearsals**, and take part in **social activities** including an escorted visit to Vienna, as well as attending Grafenegg and EUYO Summer Concerts.

## The European Music Campus

The <u>European Music Campus</u> is a centre for **Europe's talented young musicians** and is now entering its second year. The Campus, centred around the residency of the European Union Youth Orchestra at Grafenegg, lies at the heart of Europe an hour from Vienna, in the idyllic grounds and preeminent performance spaces of Grafenegg. The Campus currently operates during the Grafenegg Summer Concerts and Festival period.

Formed in 2014 as part of the *Towards 2020* Project co-funded by the EU Commission's Creative Europe Programme, the European Music Campus is a unique partnership between **Grafenegg** and the **European Union Youth Orchestra** to reinvigorate and renew the ideals that first brought the countries of Europe together in a Union, through group music, culture and debate. This includes exploring how orchestral skills can help create a better and more sustainable Europe during a challenging economic period, and how jobs and employment can be created for young European musicians.

### **Invitation to Apply**

As part of the **European Music Campus** we are offering a unique opportunity to a group of young musicians to be part of the European Music Campus Orchestra which will **work alongside the EUYO at Grafenegg**, and we are now pleased to invite **applications from musicians from Bulgaria** to come and be a part of this major European and EU initiative.

To qualify for application, candidates should be **talented musicians** of or approaching Conservatoire standard **aged 18 years or under**, and play one of the following instruments:

Violin – 18 places available
Viola – 6 places available
Cello – 5 places available
Double bass – 2 places available
Flute – 1 place available
Oboe – 2 places available
Clarinet – 2 places available
Bassoon – 2 places available
Horn – 2 places available

# Orchestral work and training

Campus Orchestra members will rehearse at Grafenegg under **expert tuition from EUYO tutors**, including by **EUYO Rehearsal Director Peter Stark**, and alumni of the Orchestra. They will also have the chance to get a taste of what life is like on the Grafenegg Festival site and with the EUYO, which we hope will encourage and help prepare them in their studies and to audition for the Orchestra, as well as the orchestral sector in general, in future years. This will also include an opportunity to rehearse with EUYO conductor Xian Zhang.

During 2015 musicians in the Campus Orchestra will work in sectional and tutti rehearsals to prepare repertoire including Mozart's Symphony No. 40 and Tchaikovsky's String Serenade for a public performance on 8 August in Grafenegg. Campus orchestra members may also have an opportunity for some individual tuition, and are encouraged to bring with them chamber music – particularly that from their own country and tradition – to rehearse, play informally and possibly also to perform in 'pop-up' concerts taking place in Vienna, Krems and other surrounding towns.

# Opportunities to socialise and learn

Part of the opportunity afforded by the Campus is the possibility to be absorbed into **life on an EUYO residency** – eating and socialising with EUYO members, listening to the Orchestra in open rehearsals, attending 'Laboratory' sessions with the 120 EUYO players that will look at Verdi Arias and 'The Voice as Instrument', orchestral work and a career in orchestral playing, and also exploring the city of Vienna in a dedicated day trip.

Campus members may also attend a special European Music Campus Music Gallery concert in the rooms of Schloss Grafenegg, and other Grafenegg Summer Festival concerts. The fortnight will culminate in the Campus Orchestra performance and a chance to see EUYO perform a programme of Tchaikovsky (with 'cello soloist Alisa Weilerstein) at Grafenegg's stunning outdoor Wolkenturm stage under the EUYO's first ever women conductor, Xian Zhang, followed by an informal late night music club session.

## **Transport, Accommodation, Concert Tickets & Tuition**

All accommodation (in twin rooms in nearby town Krems an der Donau where the EUYO also stay), local transport to and from Vienna, Grafenegg and Krems, and food, will be provided by the European Music Campus. In addition, all tuition, performance opportunities and tickets to any available Grafenegg Festival concert events will be provided free of charge. EMC staff will be present throughout, including at the accommodation, and while staff do not act in loco parentis, pastoral care towards all musicians is a strong element of any EUYO tour.

Campus Orchestra musicians should arrive on Friday 24 July, for a special induction day on Saturday 25 July, and in order to start rehearsing on Sunday 26 July. The date of return travel home will be Sunday 9 August. The only cost to be borne by successful candidates is the cost of travel to be in Vienna on Friday 24 July, and from Vienna for return home in the evening of Sunday 9 August or morning of 10 August.

We hope that this exciting opportunity will be of great interest to young musicians in your country and ask you to circulate it among your own students and to any music high schools or other suitable organisations whom you have relationships with.

# **How to Apply**

Interested candidates should send a <u>video recording</u> with the following excerpts and a solo piece of their choice, which should be minimum 2 minutes and maximum 5 minutes long.

Please see the link to our website where you can download the orchestral excerpts: <a href="http://old.euyo.org.uk/orchestral-extracts">http://old.euyo.org.uk/orchestral-extracts</a>

### How do I send the files back to EUYO, they are too big to email!

- Use wetransfer! It's free and easy to use! <a href="https://www.wetransfer.com/">https://www.wetransfer.com/</a>
- Simply click 'Add files' and select the audio and video files you have created for us.
- Put chris@euyo.org.uk as 'Friend's email'.
- Enter your email address as 'Your email'
- Press Transfer! The file may take a while to upload depending on your internet connection so make sure you leave your computer on and connected to the internet until the upload has finished!

Together with the video, candidates should email the attached application form to Matic Gajšek, EUYO Projects and Orchestra Assistant, on <a href="matic@euyo.org.uk">matic@euyo.org.uk</a> by Wednesday 22 April.

#### We will then contact successful candidates with more information.

Please do contact me as below if you have any questions – we look forward to hearing from you very soon and look forward to the second year of the EMC Campus Orchestra in Grafenegg!

With best wishes,

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