

## **Regional Strings Orchestra – September 2019**

Solihull Music Hub is delighted to announce the creation of a regional Strings Orchestra from September 2019.

This exciting new ensemble is a partnership between the music services of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire and we hope to attract students from across the region to join this brand new group.

We are delighted to announce that the Regional Strings Orchestra will be directed by Mr. Alex Laing, Artistic Director (Music) at the King's High school in Warwick.

In addition to his role at King's High Alex acts as coach and conductor of the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain and course director and conductor for the National Youth String Orchestra of Great Britain.



It is also exciting to announce support from a range of partners including the Warwick Schools' Foundation and the University of Warwick Arts Centre. The Regional Strings Orchestra will rehearse at the King's High school in Warwick on Fridays from 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Members of the Regional Strings Orchestra will be advanced players of at least grade 6 standard and further details on membership will be available shortly.

The Regional Strings Orchestra will form the core of the brand new Regional Youth Orchestra to be launched in January 2020 with a two day course at the University of Warwick Arts Centre in January.

## **Regional Youth Orchestra**

We are delighted to announce the creation of a regional Youth orchestra in a partnership with the music services of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire.

The new regional Youth Orchestra will launch with a major event at the University of Warwick Arts Centre in January and we hope to attract students from across the region to join this brand new ensemble.

The new orchestra will meet three times a year for a two day orchestral course followed by a performance in a major local venue.

Tutors from all three music services will support each orchestral rehearsal and top quality guest conductors will be invited to lead each course.



The University of Warwick Arts Centre have agreed to be the home for this exciting new youth orchestra and we will return to the Arts Centre in March for our second two day course followed by a performance in the Butterworth Hall.



We are also delighted to be working in partnership with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and have already shared a very exciting day of music making with the orchestra at the University of Warwick Arts Centre in January 2018. We look forward to many more collaborative adventures with both the NYO and the NYO Inspire orchestra.

Our third 2 day course will take place at the Warwick Schools' Foundation in Warwick at the end of June as part of their week long Arts Festival.

Our brand new Regional Strings Orchestra will form the core of the new youth orchestra. Brass, wind and percussion students will be invited to take part in the Regional Youth Orchestra and further details on membership will be available soon.