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Welcome to our second **YYM Newsletter; the March Edition.**

Student & alumni news

Macy (pictured below) recently joined our partner *Opera North's Youth Voices*. This exciting opportunity will further help to develop her choral singing technique and bring performance opportunities across the country. Well done Macy!



Tamon worked hard to prepare his entry for the *British Flute Competition* in the under-14s School Performer Category, and was shortlisted as a finalist in the online performance, alongside flautists from all over the world. Great work Tamon!

We are also delighted to share that YYM alumnus **James Hendry** is to be awarded the prestigious award of Associate of the Royal Northern College of Music (ARNCM). A first for the College, ARNCM is conferred upon recent alumni who have demonstrated notable achievement in the early stages of their careers in music and demonstrate the potential to make a significant contribution to their chosen profession.



Timothy Jennings from near Harrogate (pictured right), started playing the piano aged 14 and secured a place to study with Stephen Coombs at the *Royal Conservatoire of Scotland*, Glasgow in 2020. He continues to flourish and upcoming performances include Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto and Ravel's *Ma Mere l'Oye*. Fantastic work Timothy

YYM prepares you for your future! **Pia Bromby** is from Scunthorpe, and was part of YYM for 9 years. She left in 2019 to study at the internationally renowned *Royal Northern College of Music*, Manchester. The transition to RNCM life was facilitated both by the top-quality tuition she received whilst at YYM, and the musical family to which she now belongs. She frequently sees familiar faces throughout her degree studies; from past tutors, friends, and fellow YYM alumni, which she finds warming and welcoming. She is very grateful for being a past recipient of the *Barbara Twigg Prize*, which gave her further support and access to resources.



*One of our tutors Polly talks about taking our percussionists to the **RNCM Virtual Percussion Day**;*

"Though we couldn't make our annual trip to Manchester this year, the online Day of Percussion from the RNCM gave our students a fantastic insight to *all things percussion* as well life at music college and the vast array of career paths that this could prepare them for. There were valuable top tips from RNCM tutors on warm-ups, practice, orchestral auditions and how to being a strong all-round musician as well as some timely advice for adapting your practice and lessons when working online and limited access to instruments. A solo recital from German percussionist Kai Strobel, playing music for marimba and multi-percussion provided a perfect start to our day".

"I learnt lots of new things. I look forward to the next one" – YYM Foundation student.

Many of our pupils recently attended the **Opera North online orchestral academy**. Our flautists, cellists, clarinetists, percussionists, violinists, and oboists took part in lively and enjoyable workshops with members of Opera North orchestra. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive; many YYM pupils have already asked when the next one is taking place!



York Music Hub launched their exciting online masterclass series in February, featuring two internationally renowned teachers/performers: soprano and YYM advisor Lynne Dawson (Head of Vocal and Opera, RNCM), and violinist Nick Wright (Vancouver Symphony Orchestra).



We are very much looking forward to further interaction, inclusion, and participation between our **partner hubs and YYM pupils** following the government's recent announcement regarding the easing of lockdown restrictions.

YYM returned after half term on Sunday 28th Feb, where our older students participated in a **Careers afternoon**. Leeds Conservatoire lecturers and RNCM professors led the sessions, alongside student ambassadors & YYM alumni. It offered valuable insight into studying music at conservatoire.

Here we have celebrations of fantastic results by all our **ABRSM exam candidates**. Our hard-working students continue to prepare well for the range of online and remote exams offered by exam boards throughout the pandemic.



Applications are now open for **2021 entry**. If you have bright, promising students that may want to **audition for YYM**, please do get in touch with the Head of YYM, Emily Alexander, for more information: info@yorkshireyoungmusicians.uk

YYM is always keen to share and promote the fantastic education work of our **partner hubs and services online**. If you want to draw our attention to anything specifically, please do tag our Yorkshire Young Musicians Facebook page, or @YYMusicians on Twitter.

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