

National Youth Jazz Orchestra



The National Youth Jazz Orchestra was founded by Bill Ashton OBE in 1965. From a single jazz orchestra of young professional musicians, NYJO has grown to be a multidimensional organisation, working in jazz education at all levels all around the country, and offering alternative routes to young musicians who want to play jazz.

The trials of 2020 meant that NYJO's core activities came to a halt. However, in their passion to continue to inspire, teach and help young musicians, especially those in financially deprived areas where music education is often underfunded, they applied to the Wavendon Foundation for a grant to continue to allow them to deliver their Learning and Participation programme.

As a successful grant recipient, NYJO developed an on-line strategy, "The "NYJO Virtual Academy", which focuses on what NYJO does best: helping young musicians to play with others, and building a national jazz community.

"NYJO's work is so important, taking jazz to children in hard pressed communities and inspiring them to reach their potential in life as well as music"

Lord (Seb) Coe



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