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A Family Friendly Feast for the Ears

After the amazing success of two consecutive Walk of ART community festivals, it would appear that Horsforth really has caught the artistic bug. This time, The Walk of Art, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth Music Centre and the City of Leeds Youth Training Orchestra (CLYTO) have come together to create an exciting, action packed orchestral concert aimed specifically at families with young children.

St Margaret's Church, having laid on exceptional activities throughout the Walk of ART weekends, is keen not only to develop the church's potential as an event space, but also to be a space that encourages community collaboration. As a result, creative ideas blossomed when Lara Rule from the Walk of ART, Eunice Glover and Revd Nigel Sinclair from St Margaret's and Alex Wilbrew, Head of Horsforth Music Centre discussed an idea to engage young children and their families with orchestral music through a fun and engaging concert.

The '**Sounds of the Orchestra**' will showcase the phenomenal rising talents of young Leeds based musicians who form the CLYTO. They will take the audience on a journey through the families of instruments and exhibit the dynamic force of a 40 strong arrangement through well-known film music.

The whole event has been planned from the perspective of young families. There will be themes for younger children incorporated into the introductions about the instruments as well as opportunities to try beginner brass, string and wind instruments. Enriching activities have been designed by an Early Years teacher in order to complement the music and engage the children in exploring the themes, sounds and stories. Ralph Tong, Conductor of the CLYTO said, "We're really looking forward to being a part of what should be a very special event."

There will also be special appearances from Horsforth Featherbank Primary and Horsforth Children's Centre. The children will play their own pieces of composed music devised during special workshops put on specifically for the Sounds of the Orchestra event by ArtForms, the music and arts team within Children's Services at Leeds City Council.

Alex Wilbrew, Music Teacher and head of Horsforth Music Centre said, "Young children might not always be exposed to orchestral music as it might be felt that the music is not appropriate for the age group to 'understand' but it is dramatic, dynamic music that will capture something beyond comprehension in our view".

The Sounds of the ORCHESTRA will take place on the 18th of March 2017 at 4 – 6pm at St Margaret's Church, Church Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5LA. Doors will open at 3.30pm with free children's activities. Performances running at 4pm and 5.10pm. You are encouraged to bring your own picnic. Cold drinks, popcorn and sweets will be available to buy during the intermission.

Tickets: £4 for adults £3 for children 2 years and up (Families of immediate carers and their children capped at £10). To reserve your ticket please email horsforthchurch@outlook.com, Facebook: Horsforth Walk of ART or call Eunice at St Margaret's Church on 0113 258 1719

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More about the organisers:

ArtForms is the music and arts team within Children's Services at Leeds City Council. Offering expertise and resources and working in partnership with other cultural organisations in Leeds, they support high quality learning opportunities in and through the arts. They offer an extensive range of arts and cultural programmes, both in and out of school hours,

Horsforth Music Centre is part of a network of 7 music centres across the city, run by ArtForms, Leeds City Council. Horsforth music centre offers tuition and ensemble in a wide range of instruments, musical styles and ability ranges. Open to all members of the community, regardless of age and ability, the Music Centre prides itself on offering high quality musical experiences at low cost for its members. For more information see our website:

www.artformsleeds.co.uk/musiccentres

The City of Leeds Youth Training Orchestra (CLYTO) play a wide range of music – anything from Bach to James Bond (and beyond). Players of all orchestral instruments (strings, woodwind, brass and percussion) can join the group and the age range is from 10-18. For most instruments the music is around Grade 5 level but you don't need to have taken any exams to join. The conductor, Ralph Tong, is always happy to discuss any questions you might have about this. The CLYTO gives concerts three times a year across the Leeds area. If you are interested in joining CLYTO, please email: educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk or call 0113 3782850.

The Walk of ART is an interactive, hand's on, family friendly creative community arts festival. Founded by Early Years Teacher Lara Rule, she is passionate about providing rich experiences for young children and their families in order to encourage creative, playful and passionate learners.