

## PERCUSSION AND STRINGS OPPORTUNITIES

Dear CLYM parents/carers and members,

We've received the following information from Opera North which may be of interest to string players and percussionists. The links will give you more information and the organisers have reassured us that both projects work strictly within government guidance for out of school settings as well as the guidelines for the performing arts.

### **ON Percussion Academy - for percussionists studying grade 4+**

26-28 October

Carriageworks Theatre

<https://www.operanorth.co.uk/whats-on/percussion-academy/>

Led by the percussionists of the Orchestra of Opera North, Chris Bradley and Mark Wagstaff, this course will allow young percussionists to safely make music together in a developmental and inspiring environment. The academy will explore the wide-world of percussion, breaking down and developing the idiosyncrasies of different percussion instruments, playing techniques and the specialties of working within ensembles. Participants will take part in several ensembles and workshops including: Body Percussion, Latin Percussion Skills, Drills for Drums, Tuned Percussion, (including timpani), Creative Composition and Tutti ensemble rehearsals.

### **Senior Strings Academy - for string players studying Grade 6+**

Sunday mornings, November 8 – December 13

Opera North Studios, Holbeck

<https://www.operanorth.co.uk/whats-on/senior-strings-academy/>

A senior Chamber String Ensemble, delving into the intricacies of string repertoire and chamber music, working with professional musicians and conductors from Opera North. A relaxed and supportive learning environment will ensure that everyone is appropriately challenged in order to develop their technical and musical ability and establish a mature style of playing as part of a smaller ensemble.

