

CLYTO REHEARSAL UPDATE

Dear City of Leeds Youth Training Orchestra (CLYTO) Parents, Carers and Members,

You will by now have received a message from ArtForms about returning to Face-to-face rehearsals. We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer this again and we will start rehearsing in Pudsey from Friday, 23rd April, which is the first week of term for Leeds schools.

We totally understand that there may be a few parents and students who would still like to remain online for the time being. If this is the case, it is important that you reply to let Ralph know as soon as possible. If there is enough of a demand for online sessions we will keep an online option going.

It is also really important that you let Ralph know if you will no longer be attending as we will need to rehearse in smaller groups initially, as we did before Christmas. The current rules state that the maximum we can have in one group is 15 students. Additionally there are different capacities for the rooms at Pudsey. If we don't hear from you we will timetable your child for a place in a face-to-face group. If this is not taken up, it could mean that a child wanting a place is not able to be offered one, so it's vital we know exactly who will be attending. There is no need to contact us if you are taking up your place.

We will contact you again when we have finalised the groups with timings and further information.

Thank you to everyone who has returned videos for the 'Mr Blue Sky' virtual video. We have been really impressed by the quality of the playing and also would like to thank everyone for the time, care, attention and love that went into the recording process.

The finished video is going to be brilliant. As well as the videos from CLYTO, LSBE, LSSO and Roots Alive members, it was decided just before Easter that we would also invite all of the other City of Leeds Youth Music (CLYM) group members to record a video if they wish. We've had a great response to the invitation and are now expecting videos from members of CLYO, the Wind Orchestra, the Wind Training Orchestra and LYJRO. We also hope to showcase the Youth Choir and the Steel Pans group in the video, which will be a celebration of everything that our groups have to offer. The deadline for the other group members to submit their videos is Monday, May 3rd so if there is anyone who hasn't submitted a video already, but would still like to do so, we'd be happy also to receive your video by that date.

Kind regards,
Ralph Tong and Megan Swinchin

