

NYJO NEWS - March 2013

NYJO2 brilliant performance at Royal Concert Hall - playing 2 sets at the intervals in the RCH bar area, the NYJO2 were excellent and we received unsolicited praise from many quarters. Well done all! And special thanks to guest conductor Jacques Moran. Jacques is a professional musician with a long-standing association with NYJO who teaches in Nottingham Schools. He has assisted Phil Smith on several NYJO Tours to the Edinburgh Festival and we are grateful for his contributions. The concert was rather special too - NYJO were joined by Julian Lloyd Weber for a 'Best of Proms'. To see videos of NYJO2, visit YouTube and search on 'Notts NYJO flurrysh'



A BIG Concert for NYJO with a Major Local Choir - NYJO1 are performing at the Nottingham Albert Hall on **Saturday 20th April** with the respected Carlton Male Voice Choir as part of their annual charity concert. This annual concert plays to capacity audiences and NYJO will be performing 2 x 20 minute sets and one piece jointly with the Choir (an arrangement of Chattanooga Choo Choo). Please apply for your tickets for this Charity Concert and hear NYJO with the Choir - [visit the NYJO website for details on how to apply.](#)



Lakeside Friends and Family Concert - Our usual gig planned for February had to be cancelled and we are very disappointed this could not go ahead. We are looking towards planning the Summer Jazz concert in the knowledge that the Lakeside venue may not be available to us. We are exploring alternative venues and will keep you posted.

NYJO small band at John Lewis - A NYJO small band will entertain shoppers in the Nottingham John Lewis store (sets between 11-3pm) Easter Saturday, March 30th. Last time NYJO were playing in-store was for the Olympics celebrations last year.



NYJO 3 - NYJO have had requests from younger players to join and NYJO is considering starting a session for NYJO3 players, starting level Grade 2 or 3. This would begin in September 2013 (running parallel to the NYJO2 session 5:00 to 6:30 pm and led by NYJO tutor Jacques Moran. If you are interested, or know of players who may be interested, please contact via the NYJO website Contact page.

New NYJO Players Wanted - Word-of-mouth is the best way of spreading news about what NYJO has to offer. If you have friends or know of young players who may be interested in jazz, please invite them to contact NYJO via our website Contact Page. Thanks!

Edinburgh Fringe Tour August 2013 - Our Edinburgh Fringe Festival Tour gets better every year and this year is shaping without exception. NYJO1 players (including NYJO Combo) have been invited to be part of this week-long tour.



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More Jazz in the Libraries Gigs in early Autumn 2013 - Our Jazz in the Libraries gigs proved really popular with audiences and NYJO has been asked back for further performances in the autumn. Dates are to be finalised.

Coming soon - Professional Tutors and Workshops for NYJO - We are privileged to have the chance to be part of a Miles Ahead Education funded programme starting this summer and running into 2013/14. [EMJAZZ](#) (East Midlands Jazz) are working with JazzSteps and NYJO to put together a programme tailored for NYJO players.



Two of the professionals who will provide tuition and inspiration are pianists Zoe Rahman and Julian Joseph. These opportunities to bring in professionals working along with Phil and Ben are really exciting and will enhance the learning for all NYJO players. We look forward to

providing more details. (See (<http://www.julianjoseph.com/profile.html>) and www.zoerahman.com)

Bag Packing Raised Funds in West Bridgford - Last year several NYJO players did bag packing at Marks and Spencer in West Bridgford. Organised by volunteer Marianne Bentham, this was highly successful and we are arranging to repeat this. Players benefit from meeting the public who are very interested in what they do; and the funds raised go towards subsidising NYJO activities including the Edinburgh Tour.



NYJO Committee - News - We welcome to our Friends of NYJO Committee parent Sadhana Chandrasekar.

Alison Carter will stepping down soon as NYJO Treasurer. Alison and family have been great supporters of NYJO, also assisting with Edinburgh Tour transport last summer. On your behalf, we thank Alison and family very much. Their son Matt, now at University, is much in demand as an excellent bass player and has joined NYJO recently as an alumni performer.

NYJO Alumni Chat - Mark Lewandowski (bandleader and bass player - on right) and Will Glaser (drums) talk to Notts NYJO after their great JazzSteps gig at the Bonington Theatre, Nottingham on 21 February 2013. Listen what they have to say about the support they received as youth players in Nottingham by visiting our Blog on the [NYJO website](#)



Can you Help on NYJO's Committee?

Can you be a NYJO Friend, helping on the Committee? We meet every 6 weeks to help with planning of the activities that make NYJO so rewarding. If you would like to know more, please contact via the website.

Volunteer to make a difference

Jazz Professionals of the Future - Free Mentoring Scheme - Where do the jazz players of the future come from? Today, here and now! There are NYJO alumni on jazz studies who are returning to play professionally (e.g. Mark Lewandowski and Will Glaser at Bonington) and to perform with NYJO (Sam Glaser). All three of them were on a free jazz mentoring scheme that's ideally suited for those intending to study jazz and seek a career in music.



How does this work? Promoters JazzSteps (www.jazzsteps.co.uk), provide this opportunity and NYJO players can apply to them - as did Charlie (drums) and Joe (guitar). Both are currently regulars to jazz gigs at on a mentoring scheme that enables them to meet and chat with the musicians at gigs to learn about the craft and business sides of jazz. Previous NYJO players on the same scheme are Will Glaser (drums), Mark Lewandowski (bass) and Sam Glaser (alto), all of whom are studying jazz in London.

Learn About Pianos - NYJO sponsors [Clement Pianos have some great events](#) open on a first-bookings basis. On Saturday 16th March there are two great demonstrations. See the very latest 'Silent' Pianos from Yamaha that are real acoustic pianos you can play silently using headphones. Demonstration times 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Also, see, hear and try out the new 'CX' grand pianos from Yamaha, demonstrations times 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. All demonstrations are free but booking is essential - phone 0115 9701106.

Also, from Clement Pianos, advance notice for an exciting workshop with Christopher Norton (£10, call 0115 9701106):

Sunday 21st April. A Workshop with Christopher Norton. 10am - 12pm.

Christopher Norton, the world's most popular composer of music for children, presents both his Microjazz series and American Popular Piano, his innovative approach to learning how to improvise. This session promises to be both entertaining and informative.

Donation to NYJO - We pinch ourselves after a recent act of generosity that came out of the blue.

After one of NYJO's Jazz in the Libraries gigs, a member of the audience praised NYJO's performance and musicianship as well as the enthusiasm of both players and conductor. This person, who wishes to remain anonymous, went on to donate a (gift-aided) cheque to NYJO. By agreement, part of this generous donation will be used to commission a new NYJO band arrangement. Wonderful, so unexpected and thank you!

Thank You!