## NYJO NEWS - October 2013

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**NYJO Subs for 2013-14** This NYJO year is packed with extra free Workshops and opportunities to play in gigs, as well as our usual weekly term-time rehearsals. The price has remained the same as last year so we hope you agree that it represents good value.



Thank you to very much all those who have paid subs promptly. Please can those who have not yet done so, send your cheque (marked to 'NYO') and other details to Paula Watt. Details about this are in the NYJO Welcome Pack that was emailed to you by Paula. If you need another copy, please email her at <a href="mailto:pauladjwatt@gmail.com">pauladjwatt@gmail.com</a>. Or you can download a copy from our website for download (see Docs section. Thank you for giving this your urgent attention.

**NYJO Library Gigs & Music on You Tube** As you know, we try to video a selection of NYJO performances and workshops and make them available via You Tube. A selection of them are highlighted at

## http://www.nottsnyjo.co.uk/videos-on-you-tube/

They're taken partly as a record of performances that otherwise would be missed by others who were not there and to jog the memories of those that were! The earliest video is from 2008, the year that NYJO started. It's good to look back and see the progression in players over time.

Some players reference videos as part of their CV as it demonstrates their skill and the commitment they make in being a member of NYJO. A picture (and video) is



'worth a thousand words' and our clips show everyone how active and talented NYJO players are.

**Tony Kofi** - Ben has 'taken delivery' of a score from our patron Tony Kofi. This is a challenging self-composition arranged for the BBC Big Band originally. Now NYJO1 are going to rehearse and perform this, adding it to our repertoire. Tony is being paid (by the Miles Ahead Programme funding that NYJO benefits from this year) to rehearse NYJO1 at a special Workshop on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November. The times will be approximately 12:00 - 2:30 at College Street in Nottingham (near the Playhouse). Please NYJO1 players reserve the date in your diaries.

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**BBC Young Musician Jazz Award 2014** - Oct 18<sup>th</sup> final date for entry. We were contacted by Stuart Laws from the BBC Young Musician Jazz Award. He says, "It's a new award launched this year that will run alongside the classical competition and we're keen to hear the best jazz musicians too.

The competition is open to any young jazz instrumentalists who will be aged 18 or under on 1st January 2014 and resident in the UK, and applications are being welcomed now until the deadline of 18th October." The link where you can download the application form is:



http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00bb3wt/features/jazz-award-2014

**Edinburgh 2014?** Phil will be asking NYJO1 players at this week's rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> Oct) about interest in touring to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2014. It seems a long way away but the deadline for booking accommodation of the quality we enjoyed this year is imminent. Hence, we need to ask you now.

JazzSteps Season - Free Entry for NYJO players The new season of gigs at JazzSteps, at the newly refurbished Bonington Arnold, starts with a gig on 10<sup>th</sup> October - see all gigs at <a href="http://www.jazzsteps.co.uk/diary.php">http://www.jazzsteps.co.uk/diary.php</a>

JazzSteps are very supportive of jazz education and have a policy of providing free entry to NYJO players since listening to live professional players is part of a rounded jazz education. You simply email them ahead of a gig at <a href="mailto:info@jazzsteps.co.uk">info@jazzsteps.co.uk</a> and a ticket will be available on the door. Gigs start at 8:00pm with two sets of around one hour each. Some NYJO players come for just the first set in order to leave around 9:00pm, as it's school next day! Bring your parents along too for a great entertaining night out.

For information, JazzSteps were behind the Jazz in the Libraries gigs that NYJO has performed in twice. The Friends of NYJO Committee Chair, Carl Billson, is the Education Representative at JazzSteps.

Tron Video Link features NYJO Artist Chris Rutterford emailed NYJO to let us know that they

feature in a video of his artistic endeavours at Edinburgh. Chris worked 14 hours per day over a month to complete a massive mural in the Tron Kirk on the Royal Mile. He said he greatly enjoyed the occasions when NYJO were performing. NYJO appear briefly a couple of times in the video and then on the credits. Well done Chris!



Watch his video at

http://vimeo.com/m/75420163

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