

ESYO Project - 2024 REGULATIONS

The **EUROPEAN SPIRIT OF YOUTH ORCHESTRA (ESYO)** offers a high-level pre-professional training to selected young musicians (aged 13 – 23) from all European countries and other non-European countries.

The ESYO Project aims to give our musicians the opportunity to gain experience with symphonic repertoire as a member of a unique international symphony orchestra and contributes to a better personal and artistic growth.

The annual course is made up of several training periods which include intensive orchestra rehearsals, masterclasses, chamber music workshop and concert appearances around Europe led by our international acclaimed faculty, by ESYO Artistic Director and Principal Conductor **Igor Coretti Kureš** assisted by the conductor **Nenad Petković**.

Composition of the Full Orchestra (up to 63 members)

10 First violins

8 Second violins

6 Violas

6 Cellos

4 Double basses

3 Flutes (1 with compulsory piccolo)

3 Oboes (1 with compulsory English horn)

2 Clarinets

1 Alto-saxophone

2 Bassoons

4 French horns

4 Trumpets

3 Trombones

1 Tuba

1 Timpani

4 Percussions

1 Harp

Selection Procedure

There are two possible selection procedures:

- **ONLINE Auditions** – The applicants upload a recording of a short performance on YouTube and submit us the URL link to the performance.
- **LIVE Auditions** – The applicants are offered to perform in person their audition repertoire at several partner institutions around Europe. The updated LIVE Audition Locations and Dates can be found under the Auditions section on our website.

Candidates are asked to perform a short program (two, in the character contrasting pieces) of their own choice (max. 5-7 min.) and will be selected both based on their performances as well as of their team-working capabilities. **The final decision will be made by the Artistic Director in agreement with the ESYO faculty members.**

Selections are open each year, from the beginning of February until the end of May. If necessary, the Artistic

Director may decide to extend the auditioning period. The selected musicians will be invited to form the European Spirit of Youth Orchestra. By accepting the invitation, they must consider their participation in the proposed ESYO activities as a **compulsory commitment**.

Training Periods

The training periods with intensive rehearsals take place in the residences of ESYO, mostly during the school holidays, one or two times a year.

In **2024** (draft): from 21st July to 11th August 2024 (Summer tour) and, from 26th October to 3rd November 2024 (Autumn tour, that will be confirmed in September 2024). The attendance in the Autumn tour, as well as in other ESYO extra events, is subject by the decision of the Artistic Director, who can confirm or not the participation of any member of the orchestra in the above mentioned ESYO activity. Regarding ESYO orchestra's accommodation, during the mentioned tours, all arrangements made with student dormitories, youth hostels, hotels, and other kind of accommodation places, as well as, with restaurants, are supervised by the Artistic Director and by the Advisory Board of **SGME Cultural association in Trieste**.

Participation Fees, Scholarships & Attendance

Each participant enjoys a partial scholarship (boarding and lodging costs are partially covered by the participant), this is why the participation in the orchestra course is **considered compulsory** and nonetheless dependent on the payment of the annual **Application fee** and of a **Participation fee**, which must be paid within the start of each orchestra workshop.

The students admitted to the annual program (training courses) are required to participate in all planned activities (rehearsals, concerts, special events and excursions). The absence shall only be justified due to illness, accompanied by a medical certificate. The not justified absences will have as consequence the reimbursement of the annual scholarship amounting to 3.000,00 Euro.

At the end of each training course, the participants will receive a certificate of attendance and merit.

Organization of Rehearsals

Each training period includes intensive sectional rehearsals in the first week, followed by rehearsals of the full orchestra, which might be combined with chamber music practice.

Timetable of an Average Day

WAKE-UP TIME at 7:30 am

BREAKFAST at 8:00 am

Time - INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE - from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

SECTION or TUTTI REHEARSALS from 9:30 am to 12.30 am

LUNCH at 1:00 pm

Time for INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE - from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

SECTION or TUTTI REHEARSALS from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

DINNER at 7:30 pm

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES and ORGANISED FREE TIME from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm

or (*if necessary*) SECTION- or TUTTI- REHEARSALS from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm

SILENCE from 11:00 pm to 7:30 am

Tutelage

During the training period (from the moment of ARRIVAL to the moment of DEPARTURE) the participants of the course are under the responsibility of the organiser of the mentioned training periods and under the tutelage of the orchestra tutors.

General Rules of Behavior

- During the training periods, participants are not allowed to use mobile phones. Exceptions are allowed, exclusively between 8.00 pm and 11.00 pm.
- During the training period, participants are forbidden to leave the training location without the orchestra tutors' consent.
- **At ESYO, smoking, the consumption of alcoholic beverages and any kind of drugs is strictly forbidden.**
- Each participant is responsible for the assigned musical scores (*originals or copies*).
- The organisers shall not be responsible for the damage or loss of musical instruments, of personal music stands and personal belongings (digital devices as *mobile phones, etc.*). Upon explicit request by the musicians' parents, the orchestra tutors may keep their money in a safe.

Participants infringing on the above-mentioned rules of behaviour shall incur in disciplinary measures and may therefore be expelled from the course altogether with compulsory reimbursement of the Scholarship amounting 3.000,00 Euro.

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For more information visit our website **www.esyo.eu**, or contact us via **segreteria@esyo.eu**