

PRESS RELEASE

Launch of Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra's latest CD *Third Edition*

Thursday, 8 December 2011@ 7.30pm, Pillar Room, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin 1

On Thursday, 8 December 2011, the Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra will launch their latest CD, *Third Edition*. This event will take place at 7.30pm in the Pillar Room of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin 1.



The Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra is a very accomplished and highly acclaimed youth orchestra comprising twenty-one advanced music students from the Young European Strings School of Music, based in Dublin. Their Musical Director is Ronald Masin.

Third Edition was recorded on their return from a busy and successful tour to Budapest in late October 2011, where the students gave three evening concerts and a series of workshops to string teachers, demonstrating the teaching methods used at Young European Strings School of Music.

Third Edition includes recordings of the following:

Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus - Divertimento in D major, KV 136

Grieg, Edvard - Two pieces from "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1" Death of Åse and Anitra's Dance

Mahler, Gustav - Adagietto from Symphony No. 5 in C sharp minor

Deane, Raymond - Five Piece Suite (*World premiere recording*)
Beaver dance; April's rain; ...out like a lamb; Cat's-cradle song and Swallow chase

Tchaïkovsky, Pyotr Ilyich - Souvenir de Florence in D major, Op. 70

Strauss, Johann (Sohn) and Strauss, Josef - Pizzicato Polka.

More about the Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra (YESCO)

YESCO is a string orchestra consisting of advanced students from the Young European Strings School of Music, ranging in age from 13 to 18 years. Under the baton of their Musical Director, Ronald Masin, the orchestra has attained a high level of achievement and a uniquely distinctive sound.

Orchestra members have spent a considerable part of their childhood and early teens making music together, and have developed a distinctive ensemble playing of their own, an extensive repertoire of chamber music for string orchestra, which they play by memory, and a style and presence on stage which belies both their age and the fact that they are still second-level students.

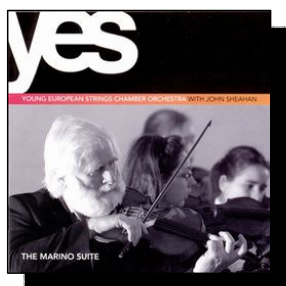
Some of their achievements in recent years include:

- First prize in the 'Orchestra' category at the prestigious international competition Jugend & Musik in Wein, in July 2009
- 2006 Achievement Award from the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras
- First Prize in orchestra competitions at Feis Ceoil 2010 and 2011.

Members of the Chamber Orchestra have toured in Finland, Spain, Budapest, Italy, and Belgium and more recently, Budapest, to high acclaim. They have performed in prestigious venues, such as the Brussels Conservatoire. YES Chamber Orchestra is often invited to perform at other platforms for young musicians and official events.

Irish contemporary composers are regularly commissioned by Young European Strings School of Music to write works to complement the existing string orchestra repertoire.

This latest CD is the third recording by the YESCO. Their earlier recordings were in 2003, *Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra* and in 2007, *The Marino Suite, Young European Strings with John Sheehan*.



Feedback on YESCO?

A comment of the international Jury panel in Vienna 2009:

"Perfect string sound...very impressive performance...excellent musical education" (Rainer Bischof).

And here at home:

"YES Chamber Orchestra were simply phenomenal!" (Ailin Gray, Director, Irish Association of Youth Orchestras)

"Listening to the first CD released by the Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra, you would not believe that players are twenty young people. Technically on a very high level, this recording

represents an engagement and a musical intensity often missing on recordings by professional musicians. From the recording one can hear the joy of making music which one hopes that this young people will keep until the end of their lives.” (Gerhard Markson, former principal conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland).

Where you can hear and see YESCO?

On YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/yescoireland

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/yesmusicschool

On our Web site:

<http://www.young europeanstrings.com/wiki/yes.php?n=Orchestras.ChamberOrchestra>

On our two CDs: Young European Strings Chamber Orchestra 2003 and The Marino Suite, Young European Strings with John Sheehan available from YES: Tel: 353-1-4905263 or email: yes@iol.ie

Or come along to one of our Saturday morning rehearsals 10.30am to 12.45pm at Zion Parish Hall, Zion Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6.

President Michael D. Higgins and the Young European Strings School of Music



Micheal D. Higgins was the first Minister for Culture to be appointed in Ireland in 1993. It was when he was Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, from 1993 to 1997, that Mr. Higgins first met Maria Kelemen and Ronald Masin during the visit of the then President of Hungary, Mr. Goncz. Ronald Masin shared his vision to build a musical instrument bank of high quality string instruments that could be loaned to talented young musicians for a period of time during their studies. In his role as Minister, Michael D Higgins supported the formation of MIFI (Musical Instrument Fund for Ireland). MIFI <http://www.mifi.ie/home.html> is still going strong today and holds a biannual competition for students to access these instruments. The CD entitled "Third Edition" which is being launched today contains the sounds of several of these instruments.

Michael D Higgins invited YES Chamber Orchestra to play at the launch of his Presidential campaign at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin and at the Inauguration Reception in Dublin Castle on the 11 November 2011.

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