

IAYO Youth Orchestra Achievement Awards 2017

The aim of the awards is to acknowledge particular achievements by IAYO member Youth Orchestras during the calendar year 2017 which have contributed significantly to the development of these orchestras.

Awards Categories

Development of the Youth Orchestra: This award recognises the efforts of member orchestras in promoting the growth and development of their orchestras through any number of means such as drives to recruit and retain members, increasing the range and balance of instruments in the orchestra, developing new ways of funding the orchestra, including access programmes etc.

Special Achievement Award: This award is intended for innovative achievement that benefits a single youth orchestra, or the entire community of youth orchestras. Artistic projects or youth orchestra tours that are in some way imaginative or different, or represent a great achievement for a particular orchestra will be considered here.

Each award carries a prize fund of €500. IAYO reserves the right to make a joint or split award in the case where we wish to acknowledge two orchestras for their activities. In such a case, each orchestra will receive €250.

Applications are not required to be for a specific category and judges have the option to choose which category an application fits in to. All achievements will be considered in light of the age and level of development of a particular orchestra.

Conditions of Entry

- Applicants must be IAYO members and must have paid their membership fee for 2017 - 2018.
- Projects must have been in operation or completed in 2017.
- The application should be typed. Additional materials may be submitted.
- Member orchestras that have been presented with an IAYO Achievement Award at Festivals between 2015 to 2017 inclusive are not eligible to apply.
- Applications may be made either online or posted directly to the office by Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Application Details

Please include the following information.

- Name of IAYO Member Orchestra:
- Address
- E-Mail Address
- Name of contact person for entry
- Date of Foundation of Orchestra
- Number of Players in Orchestra
- Title of Project
- Project Description (One A4 page is sufficient but you may submit more if you wish).
- Supporting materials are optional but helpful in assessing an application.
- Please read the guidelines on file formats and submission of supporting materials below.

Submission of Entries

All entries should be sent to the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras by post or email at:

Civic Trust House
50 Pope's Quay
Cork

info@iayo.ie

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 10th January 2018. All applications and supporting materials must have been received at the IAYO office by that time.

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact Bertie or Allin at the IAYO office on 021 421 5185 / info@iayo.ie.

Achievement Awards 2017 Guidelines

Give your project a title

Make sure that you have answered the following questions

- How did the idea for this project originate?
- What was the objective of the project?
- How long did it take to carry through the project?
- What were the main problems you encountered?
- When was it completed?

Describe as fully as you can

- How far did you succeed in achieving your objective?
- What will be the long-term benefits to your orchestra from the successful completion of this project?

Some examples of suitable projects are:

- A project to develop some part of your youth orchestra or organisation e.g. a recruitment drive for new players or volunteers, or ways in which involvement in the orchestra by players and volunteers is increased or enhanced.
- A project to develop the balance of the orchestra, develop a new section or develop the ability to engage with new / more difficult or different types of repertoire.
- Joint Ventures with other groups, at home and abroad.
- Performances of a particular work or works.
- Fund-raising initiatives that help grow the orchestra in the long term.
- Participation in a particular event.
- Establishing a new resource for your orchestra, e.g., library, newsletter, website
- Commissioning a new work for your orchestra.
- Residencies with artists / composers.

This list is not exhaustive. If you feel your project or development forms a landmark for your orchestra and that you deserve recognition, then contact the office to see if it is eligible.

File Formats and Submission of Supporting Materials

- Your application form must be in the form of a document: pdf, doc, docx or odt.
- Supporting materials such as DVDs, CDs and photographs can be submitted by post.
- Photos and Press Clippings can also be submitted digitally by email.
- Links to Youtube video or digital copies of media (mp3, mp4) etc can be submitted by email.
- Please Note! Video and audio files should not be included in other files (i.e. PowerPoint)
- No individual email submitted to IAYO should have attachment greater than 10MB. You may send several emails if your total attachments are greater than this.
- Please do not submit email attachments greater than 10Mb.
- Supporting materials must arrive at the IAYO office by the application closing deadline.

