

Newham Philharmonic: the new orchestra for young Londoners

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This November Newham Music has launched an exciting new orchestra for young Londoners: Newham Philharmonic. The mission of the orchestra is to give young people from Newham and across the capital and further-afield the opportunity to perform together in a high quality orchestra at famous venues across London as well as community venues across Newham, under the guidance of a professional conductor.

The idea for Newham Philharmonic came from Newham Music's CEO Tom Kerstens who has been so inspired by the talent in east London. Newham Philharmonic is a direct response to that inspiration as it will be an aspirational orchestra, based in east London drawing on talent from Newham, across the capital and further-afield. Tom Kerstens had this to say:

"We are delighted to launch Newham Philharmonic, the new orchestra for young Londoners. As the city moves eastwards, we want to draw on the capital's talented young musicians to come and create a brand new orchestra from scratch with us that is based in our beloved east London."

Matthew Scott Rogers, one of the most accomplished young British conductors of his generation, will lead Newham Philharmonic for its debut in April 2016 at the Barbican Centre and Lister School with a performance of *Symphony No. 1 in C minor* by Johannes Brahms.

Newham Philharmonic are currently recruiting orchestra members who are aged 16 – 25 and play an orchestral instrument such as Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, French horn, Trumpet, Trombone or Timpani to grade 8 standard or above to be part of this exciting new project which has big ambitions for the future.

If you are interested please visit www.newham-music.org.uk/our-projects/newham-philharmonic or email newham.philharmonic@newham-music.org.uk for more information. Deadline for applications is **18 December 2015**.

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