

THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN

FOURTEENTH COURSE

at

GLENGONNAR CAMP, ABINGTON, LANARKSHIRE.  
(Telephone Number: Abington 220)

from  
Thursday evening, August 21st, 1952, to Monday morning, September 1st 1952.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

You are due to arrive at Abington on Thursday evening, August 21st in time for supper at 7 p.m. It will be very much appreciated if you could arrange NOT to arrive at the Camp before 5 p.m. (if coming by car) and not later than 6.30 p.m. if coming by bus or train. There will be reserved compartments on the 10.20 a.m. escort train from Euston for all London members and those travelling through London.

THE ESCORT TRAIN.

This will leave London (Euston) at 10.20 a.m., arriving at CREWE at 1.22 p.m., at CARLISLE at 4.33 p.m., and at Abington at 6.20 p.m. Those from the Midlands and North who pass through these stations are advised to join it.

DO NOT WORRY WHEN BRITISH RAILWAYS INFORM YOU (when you look up your trains) THAT IT DOES NOT STOP AT ABINGTON. IT WILL. This London-Glasgow express is being specially stopped at the village of Abington. It is very good of British Railways to grant this favour to the National Youth Orchestra. It is very important that the train does not stop for more than two minutes. Please will you organise yourselves so that you are ready in the corridors, with an unloading party in the van, so that you leave the train with all your belongings in record speed. (You were splendid last year).

Your Housemaster, Mr. Sturley, and Housemistresses, Miss Howgill and Miss Starmer, will be travelling with you. Please look out for new members and make them feel at home.

The train will be exceptionally crowded: you are advised to bring your own lunch and tea and not rely on the Restaurant Car.

The National Youth Orchestra's reputation is in your hands on a journey such as this. Everyone knows what you represent from the Reserved Compartment labels, and your badges. May I remind you that singing, noisiness and blocking the corridors are all bad manners. **PLAYING YOUR INSTRUMENT IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.**

BADGES (This does not apply to new members).

Will all those to whom badges have been awarded please wear them when travelling to Abington.

GRANTS

Will all members requiring grants to cover the cost of the Course please apply ON OR AFTER JULY 21st to their Local Education Authority. A model letter is enclosed so that you may know how to word your application. By July 21st we shall have notified your Local Education Authority that you will be applying for grant aid.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are not sure to whom you should apply for a grant, please inform the Secretary immediately.

## CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS

Please study the enclosed voucher, and complete it where necessary. Keep it with great care; present it to your Railway Station Booking Office, and in return you will get the cheap ticket. You are advised to warn your booking office or get your ticket (correctly dated) at least a week in advance, as some delay may be caused, especially to those who live in remote country districts. It would be greatly appreciated if you would read the enclosed form carefully and ACCURATELY. It is very important to us to know when and from where you will arrive and return.

## FEEES PAID BY CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER, OR POSTAL ORDERS.

Please make out your cheque, Money Order or Postal Order to:  
THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA  
And not to Miss Railton or Miss Scholefield, or the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

## THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OFFICE.

This office will be closed after August 19th. From then on all communications and telegrams should go to Abington.

## LUGGAGE.

You are required to bring the following absolute necessities (in ONE suitcase, and NO parcels):

- Your instrument
  - Your music (with all marks completely erased)
  - Music stand (labelled both top and bottom, if separable)
  - Ration Book - NOT Emergency Card.
  - Towels, soap, washing things, hairbrush, etc.
  - Pyjamas or nightdress.
  - Warm dressing-gown and bedroom slippers.
  - Suitable day wear. (It can be very cold and damp at the Camp. Bring extra warm cardigans in case. Very strong waterproof walking shoes are essential).
  - Warm coat. (Very tidy, please).
  - Mackintosh. (Essential).
  - Gym shoes. Shoe-cleaning materials.
  - 1 packet of stamped postcards. 2 tie-on lables. 2 sticky labels.
  - 2 pencils and india rubber.
  - Manuscript book. Note book.
  - A Postal Order for 2/6. (Not money or stamps; it will be collected on the first evening).
- Sport: There is very little free time, but you may bring tennis raquet and own balls; fishing tackle; cricket bat and own ball. SWIMMING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

## DRESS FOR THE CONCERT.

- GIRLS: Navy skirt.  
2 white, long-sleeved blouses (NOT frilly or decorative)  
Black or navy shoes.
- BOYS: Navy suit (if impossible, then any dark suit. Perhaps you have a navy blazer. Grey will not do.)  
2 white collars. Navy or black plain ties.  
Black shoes.

Please have a haircut immediately before coming to the Course. This is especially important, as you cannot get one during the Course, and you must set a really high standard in appearance as well as in music at the Edinburgh International Festival.