

Ethnic Contemporary Classical Orchestras

Cultural diversity and social development through
excellence in ensemble playing

ECCO



Opportunities to join this exceptional music group
Information and application form 2018/19



About the ECCO Project

Established by Musiko Musika in 2009, and based at the Lyric Hammersmith the ECCO (Ethnic Contemporary Classical Orchestras), is a project to create youth music ensembles that reflect the diversity and musical interests of the young players and their families. Rooted in, but not constrained by tradition, the ECCO project is based on the concept of a classical orchestra but reaches far beyond it in terms of instrumentation, repertoire and approach. The ensemble currently incorporates violin, viola, cello, Kala U Bass, guitar, trumpet, sikus (panpipes), keyboard, tambora costeña, tambora Dominicana, bombo leguero, bombo criollo, cajón, guiro, chajchas, claves, campana, maracas Cubanas, mirdungam, tañador, Native Instruments' Maschine and Yamaha drum pads. The parents and families of the young musicians are also directly involved in the project, singing and playing in the ensemble alongside their children, and having a key role in connecting the project culturally to the diverse communities of the families.

ECCO (Saturdays 10.15 - 12.15)

8 - 18 year olds with existing instrumental skills (application for membership by audition)
We rehearse and perform a repertoire of music that encompasses Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Performing regularly at the Lyric and elsewhere this is an exciting and dynamic group of experienced young musicians.

If you would like to audition to join the ECCO please complete the attached application form

ECCO Electric Band (Saturdays 13.15 - 15.00)

12 - 18 year olds

The ECCO Electric Band is an advanced creative ensemble for existing members of the ECCO project. The young players work as a collective to develop new music and arrangements inspired by world music.

Please note that the ECCO Electric Band is only open to existing members of the ECCO

ECCO First Steps for Strings (Saturdays 13.30 - 14.30)

7 - 12 year olds, beginners welcome

The ECCO First Steps for Strings is an introduction for beginners to learning the violin and cello and playing music in an orchestra based on the ECCO model. This is a one-year course from September 2018. Instruments can be loaned if required.

Places are limited: to apply to join please complete the application form on the next page. Children and parents/ carers must attend an induction meeting before starting the course.

The ECCO is based at the Lyric Hammersmith. For further information about the ECCO project, our auditions and applications procedure and criteria please email info@musikomusika.org



About Musiko Musika

Musiko Musika exists in order to create opportunities for people of all cultures to express themselves through music and work together, developing talent and improving individual life chances, and supporting cohesion in the communities in which we live, celebrating and nurturing a contemporary understanding of English musical and cultural heritage and traditions of solidarity within our community.

We are an artist-led music education and cultural organisation, jointly directed by the musicians Mauricio Venegas-Astorga and Rachel Pantin, and funded by Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation. We have a base for our work at the Lyric Hammersmith.

The ECCO project takes place at the Lyric Hammersmith on Saturdays during term time:

ECCO 10.15 - 12.15 (ages 8 to 18)

ECCO Electric Band 13.15 - 15.00 (ages 12 to 18)

ECCO First Steps for Strings 13.30 - 14.30 (ages 7 to 12)

With the generous support of our funders the ECCO project is provided at a subsidised cost of £4 per session (September 2018).

Bursaries are also available.

Information on auditions and the application form are inside this leaflet

To take part you must be a Lyric Young Company member. For more information on Lyric Young Company membership please visit

www.lyric.co.uk or call 020 8741 6850

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ECCO Project Application Form



1) Details of child/ young person applying

Full name _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Age ____

Name of parent/ carer _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Contact phone number _____

Contact email address _____

2) About your musical interests and skills

Tell us about any musical skills you already have or instruments you are learning

Why are you interested in joining the ECCO project?

I would like to audition to join the ECCO ☐

(8 to 18 year olds with existing instrumental skills)

or

I would like to apply to join the ECCO First Steps for Strings ☐

(7 to 12 year olds, beginners welcome)

Parent/ carer signature _____ Date _____

Email this completed application form to info@musikomusika.org