



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

Message from President Michael D. Higgins
National Youth Orchestra of Ireland

Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann, may I say how proud I am to be patron of the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland, an organisation which nurtures creativity among our young people, something that is very close to my heart and to the vision of my Presidency through the ‘Samhlaíocht agus An Náisiún’, ‘Imagination and the Nation’ initiative.

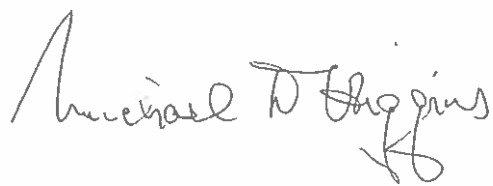
One of the longest established cultural institutions in Ireland, the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland has played an invaluable role in the cultural life of this country, supporting young orchestral musicians by providing exceptional educational and performance opportunities as well as access to great musicians.

Founded in 1970, for over five decades the NYOI has supported over 5,000 young musicians, enabling so many of our young citizens to develop and explore their musical talent in a spirit of mutual support and communal spirit.

In encouraging the widest possible engagement by young players in their formative personal and artistic experience, wherever their path in life may take them, the organisation has enabled the flourishing of a truly dynamic musical community in this country, giving evidence of the power of music to transform young lives.

As President of Ireland, may I encourage the many musicians who have benefitted from the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland over the years, as well as friends, family and anyone who has an interest in orchestral music and its future in Ireland, to support the NYOI in any possible way, to ensure that young musicians can continue to flourish in an environment that facilitates the experience of great music making.

Guím gach rath ar Cheolfhoireann Náisiúnta Óige na hÉireann. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir, agus beir beannacht.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M' and a decorative flourish at the end.

Michael D. Higgins

Uachtarán na hÉireann

President of Ireland