THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Puxi, Shanghai



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RE: AUDITIONS FOR THE NORD ANGLIA GLOBAL ORCHESTRA – NEW YORK SUMMER SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Nord Anglia Education is delighted to announce that they are bringing together the finest young musicians and singers from across the Nord Anglia family of schools in their first ever Global Orchestra performing in New York this summer!

Whether you have the voice of an angel or play like a concert pianist, we invite students of all ages to showcase their talents and audition for the ensemble. The Global Orchestra will comprise a choir, soloists and instrumental ensembles who will join together in New York this June for an exclusive week long residential programme, culminating in a public performance to celebrate their musical accomplishments. Students will participate in inspiring workshops and practice sessions guided by experts, watch performances by elite artists and be immersed in the city's arts culture to nurture their talent. Students will also develop their creativity, confidence and collaboration skills as they work with and learn from each other.

We are looking for musical ambassadors from our school to participate in a music summer school in New York City. In order to be eligible for this event, students should be:

- available to attend the full summer school at our Nord Anglia School in New York (25 June 1July 2015, tentative dates, to be confirmed).
- instrumentalists, pianists or vocalists of a high standard
- confident to travel to New York as ambassadors for their school
- responsible members of their school community, playing an active role in the music department
- able to collaborate with other students and adults as well as respond and adapt to feedback
- respectful of the different people they meet and the environments they encounter
- able to demonstrate their commitment to the event through meeting deadlines and fulfilling rehearsal requirements
- enrolled in a Nord Anglia Education school for the 2015-16 academic year (except eligible students currently in Y13)
- Students currently in Years 4 13

Auditions for both primary and secondary students will take place in our 31 schools around the world in March. If you would like to audition to be part of this exciting experience then please return the reply slip below by **Monday 9 March**. An audition panel from the music department will then audition all the applicants on **Friday 13 March** from which they will select five successful candidates. Audition pieces should be no longer than 3 minutes long. The parents of the five successful candidates will be informed on the same day, and the judges' decision will be final. The top five performers from each school will submit a recorded audition to a global judging panel who will select three young musicians from each school to join a 93 student international ensemble. The final three musical ambassadors will be announced on **Monday 20 April**.

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This exciting opportunity **is being fully funded by Nord Anglia Education** as part of their commitment to helping students develop the skills and talents they need to be the best they can be.

If you have any further questions regarding the audition process, please feel free to email c-rakowski@bisspuxi.com.

Kind regards,

Miss Rakowski Head of Primary Music

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