

# CMA Friday Centre Autumn 2023



## Rehearsals at Oasis Academy Shirley Park, Fridays 6 – 8.30pm

September 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 8\*

**\*December 8<sup>th</sup> is the concert date.** Rehearsals from 5.30pm. Concert at 8pm

Please note, there will be no rehearsals on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or November 3<sup>rd</sup>, avoiding various two-week half terms for some schools.

### CMA Friday Centre Schedule

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| 5-6pm  | Optional Chamber Music Ensembles (see below)  |
| 6pm    | Register in the foyer for Croydon Youth Winds (CYW) or Croydon Youth Strings (CYS)  |
| 7.25pm | After break, students switch to either Croydon Youth Concert Orchestra (CYCO) or Croydon Youth Orchestra (CYO). Ensure you know which as they sometimes perform separately! |
| 8.30pm | Collect students from the side doors to the Visitor Car Park  |

**Attendance:** We expect students to attend rehearsals every week and to perform in all concerts. The standard of the ensembles and performances suffers when this doesn't happen. Please could parents/carers [email the CMA office](#) in advance if a student needs to miss a session.

### NEW! Chamber Music, 5-6pm

For students who would like to form their own chamber music ensembles. You will rehearse yourselves, with light-touch coaching from CMA staff who will float between groups. Groups may wish to perform in the end of term concert. We have a limited number of rooms in the school at this time so this will be a first come first serve extension to our current Friday centre offer. Emails requests from Parent/Carer addresses only please, to comply with our safeguarding policy. Only turn up at 5pm if your group has been approved!

### NEW! CMA Centres Website-Noticeboard

**Click here for updates** [News and Events — Croydon Music & Arts \(croydonmusicandarts.co.uk\)](#)

*Too many emails? Missed an email? Forgotten to pass on details to your child?*

Don't fret! From now on, all important CMA Centre updates, CMA events, and links signposting students to external opportunities, will be posted on our News & Events page. Look now to find dates for the year (downloadable) and information, tour proposal letter, and October half term Composition Workshop.

### NEW! Composition Workshop – October Half term (23, 24 Oct.)

Aimed at students working towards GCSE, A level, or equivalent, Music exams. Recording session on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to capture completed pieces. One piece will be selected for the Fairfield Halls performance on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. For further information and application form, [follow this link](#)

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## Key Future Dates

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| <b>4<sup>th</sup> December (morning)</b>  | <b>CSMA Festive Celebration Concert at Fairfield Halls</b><br>Some members of CYO will be invited to perform in the staff orchestra for this fun concert.   |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>8 <sup>th</sup> March<br>9 <sup>th</sup> March<br>10 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>Peter Stark Weekend <u>for Youth Orchestra only</u></b><br>Oasis Academy rehearsal extended to 9pm finish<br>1-4pm & 5-8pm @ Trinity School<br>10am – 1pm, pizza lunch then 3pm concert @ Trinity School |
| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>   | <b>Concert Orchestra</b> (plus invited CYO players)<br>2-5pm rehearsal & 7pm concert @Fairfield Halls<br>In collaboration with Young Croydon Composers and Drum the Bass                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | Rehearsals and <b>Showcase @ Fairfield Halls</b>  |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July<br><b>18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>  | Tour rehearsals in the morning<br><b>Germany Tour</b>   |

## Germany tour to Bonn and the Rhine-Mosel region, July 2024

Please see separate letter with proposed itinerary and costs. [Expression of interest form](#)

Kind regards,  
Jon Regan, CMA Friday Centre