

Information for Applicants

The orchestra

Samyo is the National Indian Music Youth Orchestra, open to the brightest young musicians of any background. While we often see groups of only 3 or 4 performers on stage, Samyo presents up to twenty young musicians playing together in one of the most enthralling spectacles of the British arts scene. With members recruited nationally, the orchestra is a prestigious, and a fast track to artistic recognition.

The music

Presenting specially commissioned and arranged pieces of music, Samyo's unique blend of traditional and contemporary melodies captivated audiences on its debut tour in 2002. Richly layered and melodious, Samyo's repertoire covers traditional North and South Indian music styles, but also exciting pieces influenced by world music. Under accomplished and inspiring leadership by a conductor, resident and visiting tutors, and through specialist compositions and training, Samyo is fast gaining a reputation as an innovative and imaginative artistic creation, and the perfect environment to develop your talent.

The story so far...

Samyo was created in 2002 with partnership programme with the National Foundation for Youth Music. Founded and managed by national charity Milapfest, Samyo made waves across the country in 2002, and with invitations coming in from venues all over the country, it is now one of only nine orchestras to benefit from the National Youth Music Organisations' fund administered by Youth Music.



Samyo was created to provide an opportunity to the many talented musicians in our country to showcase their talents nationally. Samyo provides a platform for young musicians to perform to wide ranging audiences, gaining the exposure that can take them to new levels of achievement. As an orchestra, Samyo is fast becoming a spectacular musical phenomenon.



Why should you join Samyo?

- Inspirational training sessions focusing on individual skills, accompaniment, ensemble playing and improvisation.
- Learn about Hindustani, Carnatic, Percussion and World music styles through our concerts, collaborations and training.
- Work with top musical directors and composers of international repute.

Major Benefits:

- Training from World-class teachers
- Performance opportunities at mainstream venues like Queen Elizabeth Hall
- Opportunity to apply for Milapfest Fellowship Awards for Music
- The chance to become an Orchestra Leader, with training and opportunities for composition, solos and targeted training.

Who should apply?

- Musicians between the ages of 10 and 18
- UK residents
- Musicians trained in the Carnatic or Hindustani musical traditions

If you are a Carnatic musician, you normally should have achieved, or be close to achieving your Arangetram. Hindustani musicians should roughly be at the equivalent of Grade 5 in Sangeet examinations. These are guidelines only, however, and musicians developing an equivalent level of experience through performances or other achievements will also be eligible.

Your commitment to us

- 12 month commitment for all training sessions, rehearsals and concerts.
- Attendance at the Music India International Summer School a week long residential musical course.
- Attendance during all workshops and rehearsal sessions.
- Annual membership review
- **All Samyo activities are provided for FREE, and you can apply for reimbursement on your expenses for travel, apart from:**
Music India one week summer school - £210

Samyo membership

Membership of Samyo gives you a host of other benefits, including the opportunity to attend other concerts of interest, limited complementary tickets for your family to attend Samyo performances and a place on the Summer Retreat.

Don't forget – you'll also benefit from being a member of a National Youth Orchestra!

How do you apply?

Application to join Samyo is simple & straightforward. All you have to do is complete the attached form and return it by Friday 24th June 2011. Please provide as much information as you can, and feel free to attach additional information if you wish. Don't forget to get the form signed by your parent/guardian and your teacher too.

The application process

- Step 1 – Fill in an application form, and return it no later than 24th June 2011.
- Step 2 – Interview process for successful applicants on 1st or 2nd July 2011 in London.
- Step 3 – Sign up for Music India - the International Summer School

Music India 2011 Dates

Date	Activity
23 rd – 31 st July 2011	Music India (Liverpool)

Notes for guidance

- Your application form determines whether you are invited to auditions. Samyo membership is awarded by audition.
- You will be assessed on **potential** and **not just on current achievements**.
- Applications should be supported by your music teacher or tutor, so we require their signature too.

With your application, please also enclose the following:

- Please send us an audio sample of your music – of between 6 and 8 minutes length.

Send your completed applications to:

**Alok Nayak, Director of Development, Milapfest, Liverpool Hope University
Creative Campus, 17 Shaw Street, Liverpool L6 1HP, Tel: 0151 291 3949**

Or e-mail us in case of any queries at samyo@milapfest.com

Samyo is managed by Milapfest and funded by national charity Youth Music. It is one of nine National Youth Music Organisations in the UK.