

# Welcome!



This leaflet tells you about the experience we can offer 16-21 year-old guitarists

It's pretty much unique in the UK!

Read more inside

## Meet our musical director

Derek Hasted MA(Cantab), DipABRSM

- Classical guitarist with 25 years' experience of coaching adults.
- Member of EGTA, the European Guitar Teachers' Association
- Member of ISM, the Incorporated Society of musicians
- Reviewer for Classical Guitar Magazine
- Composer/arranger of over 300 ensembles, 70 professionally published.
- Author of 3 Internet websites about ensemble and orchestral guitar
- Organiser of dozens of Concerts for local charities



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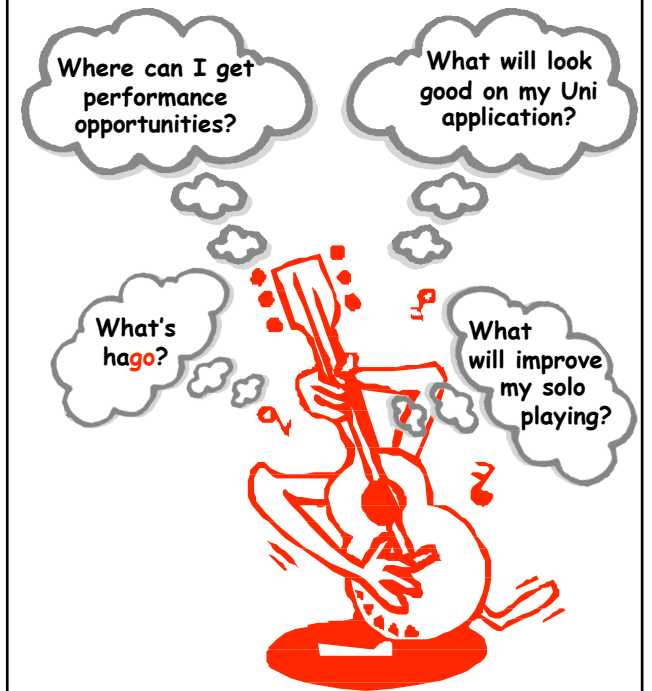
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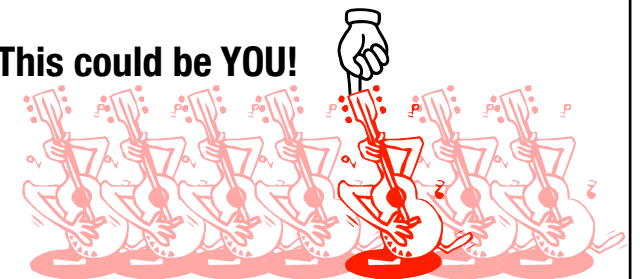


## Hampshire Guitar Orchestra

offer an exciting opportunity for

# 16-21 year-old guitarists

### This could be YOU!



# hago

A unique experience for talented young guitarists  
Read more inside!



## 16-21 years? Read on!

### Why sit in your bedroom playing?

If you were a bassoon player, you'd join an orchestra. If you were a viola player, you'd join an orchestra. Now guitarists like you can join a GUITAR orchestra!

### What's a Guitar Orchestra?

**hago**, the Hampshire Guitar Orchestra, play 4 sizes of guitar, from the tiny alto to the huge contra. It gives us a vast pitch range like a string ensemble or brass band. At the heart of **hago** are conventional classical guitars.

### What does a Guitar Orchestra do?

We play concerts. A dozen a year. It's the reason we exist and the force that drives our rehearsals and our massively varied repertoire - from Baroque to Rock via Classical, Dixie and many other styles.

### What's on offer?

Be part of the **hago** team! We give talented young guitarists the chance to come on stage with us and play to audiences from 50 to 1250 in size. Our players, from Grade 4 to Diploma level, will show you the *real* world of guitar - playing to audiences, entertaining crowds, working up applause - and all in a strong team so there's no nerves, no pressure, just a massive sense of achievement.

### How does it work?

We offer 6-month placements to two 16-21 year-olds at any one time. Fees are half price (£35 for 6 months) and there's nothing else to pay for - the music is free!

We'd expect you to attend most rehearsals and at least half of the concerts we're playing. At the end of the 6 months, if you're still as keen as ever, you can become a full **hago** member (or do another 6-month placement if we have a spare seat).

## Some questions answered

### What would you gain?

Ensemble experience! Your aural skills will blossom. Your volume, tone and neck knowledge will improve too. You'd also get to try our other sizes of guitar - a unique opportunity if ever there was one!

If you're going to College or Uni, your application will stand out with eye-catching music "work experience"! If you're about to start full-time work, you'll enjoy the confidence & team-working skills **hago** brings.

### What about your other guitar studies?

Our performance opportunities and ensemble experience won't eat into your solo guitar study time - we'll give you straightforward lines so that you can get our pieces up & running quickly and confidently.

### What about your other guitar pieces?

It will really help - check with your tutor if you don't believe us. We'll show you how to find the music behind the notes and how to shape and present it.

### Where are the rehearsals?

We meet at Lovedean Village Hall, Lovedean Lane - close to the A3M. With players from Hampshire & Surrey, we try to car-share wherever possible and we might be able to offer you a lift part or all of the way.

Rehearsals are 7:25 till 10:10 on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month.

#### The inevitable small print

**hago** was established in 1999.

Our Musical Director & several players have Enhanced CRB (Police Checks).

**hago** is registered with HMRC as a business, and has Public Liability Insurance for its concerts.

Oh, and we won the 6th Guitar Orchestra Competition of Great Britain, so we're OK musically too!

## What do I do next?

### Visit [www.hago.org.uk](http://www.hago.org.uk)

See what we've been doing since we started, in 1999. You can hear soundclips, look at past events and read our many FAQ and tips pages

### Come to a concert

We want you to see us in action! Come and see us after the concert and say Hello...

### And then...

If you are interested in our Youth Scheme, email [derek@hago.org.uk](mailto:derek@hago.org.uk) or ring Derek on 023 9247 9200. Chat over what's involved and we'll take it from there!

