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

It's pretty much unique in the UK!

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Meet our musical director

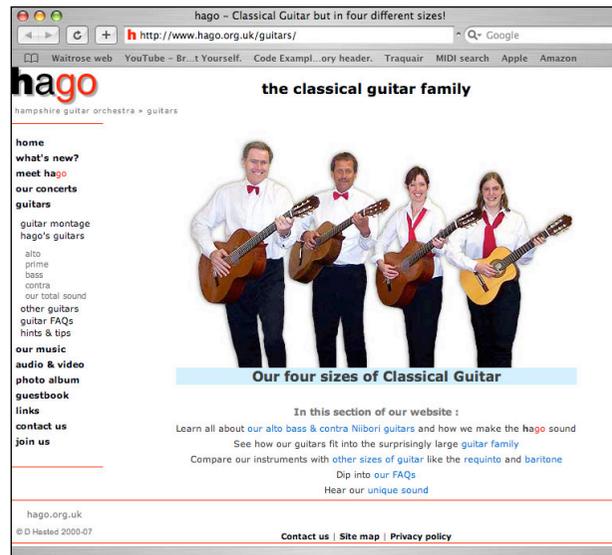
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- Classical guitarist with 25 years' experience of coaching adults.
- Member of EGTA, the European Guitar Teachers' Association
- Member of ISM, the Incorporated Society of musicians
- Reviewer for Classical Guitar Magazine
- Composer/arranger of over 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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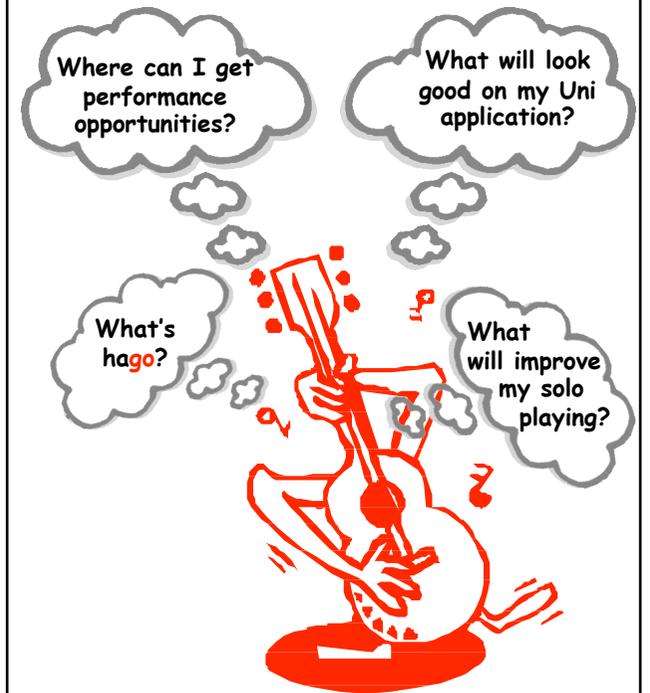
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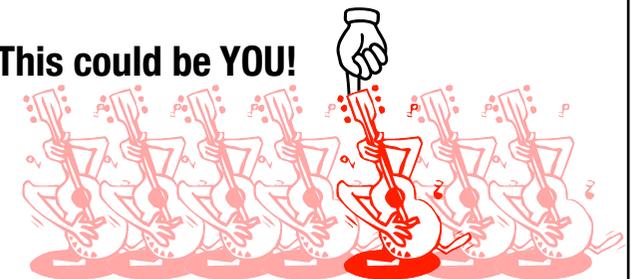


Hampshire Guitar Orchestra

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!

Some questions answered

What do I do next?

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).

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!

Visit 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 or ring Derek on 023 9247 9200. Chat over what's involved and we'll take it from there!

