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Moray school pupils make music

Moray Council's Moray Music Centre will once again be holding its Moray Schools Youth Orchestra course and concert early next month.

And once again the centre has been fortunate enough to secure the services of leading conductor Nigel Boddice for the entire week.

Two orchestras will be involved – the Moray Schools Youth Orchestra and the MSYO training orchestra – comprising 80 pupils from schools across Moray.

The weeklong course, from July 4 to 8, will take place at Elgin Academy each day from 10am to 3.45pm and will culminate with a concert at Elgin Academy Hall on Friday, July 8 at 7.30pm, with Nigel Boddice conducting.

He spent 20 years as principal trumpet with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and has played and conducted all over the world.

The concert programme for which the pupils will spend the week rehearsing will feature works by William Walton, Arthur Sullivan, Gabriel Faure, Georges Bizet, Edward German and Henry Wood among others.

Tickets will be available at the door from 6.45pm at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.

As in previous years, the music centre is fortunate to have an anonymous patron who has again donated £750 to help support the young musicians.

Moray Council area stretches from Tomintoul in the south to the shores of the Moray Firth, from Keith in the east to Forres in the west. The council and its 4,500 employees respond to the needs of 92,500 residents in this beautiful part of Scotland, which nestles between Aberdeenshire and the Highlands.

Famous for its colony of dolphins, fabulous beaches and more malt whisky distilleries than any where else in Scotland, Moray is a thriving area and a great place to live.

Headquartered in Elgin, the administrative capital of Moray.

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