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PRESS RELEASE

National Youth Orchestra of Wales
7.30 pm, 06 August 2009

Conductor: Owain Arwel Hughes
Repertoire: Hughes; Prelude for Orchestra
Tchaikovsky; Swan Lake Ballet Suite (selected movements)
Mahler; Symphony No.1

The National Youth Orchestra of Wales will perform in Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Thursday 6th August, 7.30pm.

The National Youth Orchestra of Wales returns to Aberystwyth this summer with a programme of magnificent music: Mahler's epic *Symphony No. 1*, music from Tchaikovsky's much-loved *Swan Lake Ballet Suite* and, in celebration of the composer's centenary year, the Orchestra performs Arwel Hughes' *Prelude for Orchestra* – a piece aptly dedicated to the Youth of Wales.

NYOW has the distinction of being the first national youth orchestra in the world. It combines traditional expectations with a contemporary outlook and develops a first-class training experience into performances that are full of energy and passion.

"These young Welsh players possess dedication, technical superiority and attention to detail" **Berliner Morgenpost**

In recent years the NYOW has won rave reviews for its professionalism and quality of musicianship. This summer the NYOW, under the baton of conductor, Owain Arwel-Hughes CBE, aims to enhance its already impressive reputation by entertaining audiences in venues throughout the UK. Concert-goers cannot fail to be impressed by some of Wales' most gifted young musicians, who demonstrate a maturity and confidence well beyond their years.

"Utterly inspired performance" **Evening Herald**

The NYOW is for young people up to 21 years, from Wales. The minimum standard for all instruments (except harp) is Grade VIII. The Orchestra was the training ground for Velvet Underground's John Cale, leading Welsh composer Karl Jenkins and Bond violinist, Eos Chater.

Tickets for this performance are £10 (£8) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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