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| **ORCHESTRA NAME** | National Youth Orchestra of Canada (NYO Canada) |
| **CATEGORY e.g. orchestra, ensemble, theatre, dance, vocal, world music** | Orchestra |
| **INTRO (not compulsory) – Quote, publication, date** | One of the most innovative and skilled youth orchestras in the world. |
| **BIOGRAPHY** | NYO Canada has emerged as one of the most innovative and skilled youth orchestras in the world. Created in 1960 by noted conductor Walter Susskind, the Orchestra provides one of the most unique forums in the world for the best and brightest artists in Canada aged 16 to 28 to bridge to professional careers.  Today, a third of Canadian professional orchestral musicians are NYO alumni, close to 4,000 alumni worldwide, and these players can be found among the most gifted artists in many international orchestras around the world.  Over its 58 years, the NYO has evolved into a completely tuition-free internationally recognized incubator for young orchestral musicians and is now one of the most elite performance training institutes in the world. The philosophy is that students talented enough to win a place should be able to participate regardless of their financial circumstances. Each year, more than 500 compete to win one of just 100 places. Once accepted, they gather on the campus of Wilfred Laurier University for a 5-week intensive under the leadership of top faculty from around the world and under the baton of a world-leading conductor. Following the grueling training period, they embark on a professional-level national and international tour, performing for discerning audiences in some of the world’s most magnificent venues.  Performing with NYO is a chance for some of the world’s most gifted players to reach for their dreams. The goal is to provide musicians with the best possible gateway to a professional career in music, sharing with friends around the world the great classical music tradition they have come to love, and preparing to carry forward the humanizing impact of the arts to communities throughout their own country and around the world. |
| **REVIEWS (not compulsory) – Quote, publication, date** |  |
| **SOCIAL MEDIA (only if available) – hyperlinks** | Facebook: @NYOCONJC  Instagram: @nyo\_can  Twitter: @NYO\_CAN |
| **LIVE TWITTER FEED- do you want your live twitter feed to be shown on your page, please send twitter handle e.g @harrisonparrot Y/N** | NO |
| **VIDEO FILES – (only if available)**  **original file: title of piece, copyright, file location**  **youtube video: link** | Keep the Death & Transfiguration video already on the page. |
| **LINKS & DOWNLOADS – Title of link, hyperlink** |  |
| **PHOTOS – Location, copyright, please indicate headshot photo. Please note that we need photos of minimum 1Mb in size** |  |
| **LOGO- used for thumbnail rollover must be high res** |  |