

## Unique university orchestra network

ENUO (European Network of University Orchestras) was created by Uppsala University in autumn 2011 by Director Musices Stefan Karpe, with the aim of bringing members of Europe's university orchestras together to exchange information and create opportunities for musical tours and inter-cultural exchange. The intention is to extend the idea of European citizenship by broadening the scope of university music and encouraging students to play together with students from other European countries. By doing so there will be an exchange of culture and ideas as students share a creative experience and learn from each other. Already there are 93 orchestras in the network from 16 countries in the European Union.

“University students within the European Community come from various cultures and speak many different languages but when students from a broad range of cultures play their musical instruments together – as in a symphony orchestra – they communicate with each other through one common language called music.”

*Stefan Karpe*

Director Musices Royal Academic Orchestra, Uppsala University, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012

The network will facilitate contact between orchestras and between members of those orchestras so they can exchange information and tips as well as help each other with touring and sheet music. It will also be easier for orchestras to initiate musical collaborations within the network. In addition, individual members of the orchestras will benefit through the network. They can join the project orchestra and other activities of ENUO to make music with students on other study programmes, universities and countries. They are also encouraged to study abroad and join an orchestra in one of the universities in the network. ENUO should function as a social network. Most of these aims will be achieved with the help of the ENUO website [www.enuo.eu](http://www.enuo.eu) which will be launched on the 22nd February 2012.

“There has long been a need for a common platform for European university orchestras. The network will help to highlight the opportunities for exchange students to keep playing in an orchestra and to share experiences and knowledge among the orchestras.”

*Kasper Teglgaard Koch*

Chairman of SymfUni - University of Copenhagen Symphony Orchestra, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012

“The Manchester University Music Society's orchestras are joining the ENUO because we think it is a fantastic opportunity to broaden our music-making experiences. Whether organising local events or international tours, we hope that ENUO can support us and we look forward to helping other member orchestras in their own endeavours. We hope that ENUO will become a strong, robust network that strengthens music making in universities across Europe.”

*Seb Huckle*

President of the Manchester University Music Society, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012