

Realising Ambitions

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Sean Gibbs - Trumpet

Sean Gibbs from Edinburgh now aged 17 has been playing the trumpet and flugelhorn for the past five years. He has been participating in The National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland (NYJOS) since 2009 and is currently studying at The City of Edinburgh Music School.

Sean has been playing the trumpet since the age of 12. A few months after deciding to take up trumpet lessons at school, he overheard one of his dad's records and instantly fell in love with jazz. He began to transcribe things he liked and it all grew from there.

The NYJOS Summer Course 2009 gave Sean jazz training at the highest standard and allowed him to perform at high profile concerts at the Perth Concert Hall and at his hometown at Edinburgh. It afforded him the opportunity to work with the NYJOS Co-Directors Malcolm Edmonstone and Andrew Bain, who are both highly respected jazz practitioners and also enjoy professorships at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

He stated that, "Working with Malcolm Edmonstone and Andrew Bain who are fantastic teachers, have really motivated me to improve my playing." Sean also plays for the Tommy Smith Youth Jazz Orchestra.

In 2010, Sean was invited to be part of NYJOS Collective, which comprises of the most experienced and talented players from The National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland. During the 2010 NYJOS tour, Sean played at St George's in Bristol and Band on the Wall at Manchester.

Sean feels extremely privileged to be able to play with incredible guest soloists and other great young musicians. He particularly enjoyed playing each other's compositions and found it very rewarding to have his piece played by a band of such high calibre.

Sean thinks that thanks to NYJOS, it has affected his life dramatically and says, "It has given me the opportunity to follow something I am truly passionate about and enjoy, and has led me to meeting loads of great people."

Sean appreciates the opportunities NYJOS has given him. He is very happy that he has met some great friends who are into the same music as him. Being in NYJOS Collective which performs to a very high standard encourages him to work even harder on developing as a musician.

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