

Northumbrian Ranters

“The Northumbrian Ranters provides a fantastic opportunity to play music from the culture in which I am steeped and meet like-minded people who play to a fantastic standard” – student Peter Sloan

Do you play fiddle, Northumbrian pipes, cello, harp, accordion, concertina, flute, guitar or keyboard?

If so, we would like to invite you to join the Northumbrian Ranters - a fun and challenging traditional ensemble.

The Northumbrian Ranters is made up of talented young traditional musicians from across Northumberland. Their aim is to promote and raise the profile of traditional music both in the county and further afield.

Instruments: Grade 4 (or equivalent) on fiddle and cello, grade 5 (or equivalent) on flute. Applicants for harp, accordion, concertina, guitar, keyboard and Northumbrian pipes, (G chanter), are expected to play to an intermediate standard.

Entry: Existing members have automatic entry, new applicants will have to be available to attend an audition during the week commencing 29th June.

About: The Northumbrian Ranters was formed in 2006 and has an average membership of 40 students from across the whole of Northumberland. They have represented the county at venues in England, Scotland and America and continue to be a very popular ensemble.

Alongside instrumental performances, students sing and demonstrate traditional Northumbrian clog dancing. The Ranters fulfil a very important role in keeping our traditional musical heritage alive, especially with the younger generation

Musical Director: Richard Johnstone

Rehearsals: Rehearsals take place once a month at Morpeth Methodist Church, from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. As part of their membership of the ensemble it is compulsory that students also attend a residential weekend 6th – 8th November 2015 at Ridley Hall.

Click [here](#) for a full list of rehearsal dates for 2015 - 2016

Arts Award: Members of this ensemble are able to pursue bronze and silver Arts Awards as part of this ensemble. **More information on Arts Awards is available [here](#)**

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