



Pendle
Young Musicians'
Bursary

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EMILY CRICHTON - OBOE



Age – 21

Where do you study? Currently in my final year at Magdalen College, Oxford

What is your hometown? Failsworth

Favourite performer and why? Rixon Thomas – his Cor Anglais playing is divine

Favourite composer and why? I'm torn between about 10, but solely for The Swan of Tuonela – Sibelius

Do you play any more musical instruments? A bit of clarinet and saxophone, and approximately grade 1 at French horn (the neighbours love me I'm sure!)

What do you like to do in your spare time? Usually my spare time is full of rehearsals, but recently a spare moment is either spent sleeping, or attempting famous orchestral solos on the French horn with no skill whatsoever and sending the clips to my friends to guess the tune

The song/piece that means the most to you – Mahler 1 will always have a special place in my heart as it was the first full symphony I had ever played, and on principal oboe

Can you share one quote or saying you love? One quote I love, taken wildly out of context is in the memoirs of the late Harry Ellis Dickson – "All first oboists are gangsters. They are tough, irascible, double-reed roosters, feared by colleagues and conductors.

What cheers you up? My cat Bugzy, or an unexpected extension on an essay deadline!

What is your weirdest "quirk"? Definitely playing the oboe

The film you can watch time and time again? Monty Python and the Holy Grail