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Berkshire Maestros to host music education conference in Reading on 24th June 2016

Berkshire Maestros is delighted to be hosting the Berkshire Music Hub Conference 2016 *The Young Musician* in Reading on 24th June 09:00-15:30. Together with Hub partners Oxfordshire County Music Service and the University of Reading, this conference will bring together music teachers from across Berkshire and beyond to hear keynote speakers, network and make music.

The conference offers a variety of workshops and talks for differing levels of education, covering Early Years and all key stages.

Lynne Ellis, Berkshire Maestros CEO, commented:

“The conference is a wonderful opportunity for music teachers to spend quality time together, learning and sharing good practice about music education and how it will impact children’s musical progress.”

The key note speech will be on *Developing the Child as a Musician* and will be delivered by Dr Martin Fautley, Director of Research in the School of Education at Birmingham City University, who is a renowned music education specialist. He is widely known for his work in researching musical assessment and impact of pupil progress. He is the author of eight books, including *Assessment in Music Education* published by Oxford University Press. He has written and published numerous journal articles, book chapters and academic research papers on a range of aspects of teaching and learning and is co-editor of the British Journal of Music Education.

Other key speakers will be conductor and education specialist Jonathan James from Bristol Pre-Conservatoire, composer Lin Marsh, and Early Years specialists Margareta Burrell and Sue Nicholls.

Jonathan Cox, Senior Manager at Oxfordshire County Music Services, said:

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"I am looking forward to this exciting conference. It is a chance for music educators to access high quality INSET and an excellent networking opportunity. I am really happy to recommend this high quality conference offered by our partners Berkshire Maestros and look forward to seeing you there".

For full details about the conference and to book a place, please go to

<http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/conference.html> or e-mail conference

administrator Dawn Garside dawngarside@berkshiremaestros.org.uk with any questions.



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Notes to Editors

Berkshire Maestros

- Berkshire Maestros is a charitable trust providing music education opportunities to children and young people in Berkshire. Established in 1982 as the Berkshire Young Musicians Trust, it rebranded as Berkshire Maestros in 2006 and is the provider of music tuition in schools and music centres for Bracknell Forest, Reading, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, West Berkshire and Wokingham Unitary Authorities.
- We run hundreds of bands, choirs and orchestras to allow children to build on their lesson experience. These take place at our music centres based in Bracknell, Wokingham, Newbury, Reading and Windsor
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