



Update for schools – March 2015

Music Hub Annual Conference Friday 26 June

Once again we are delighted that Hub partners the University of Reading will be hosting this year's Berkshire Music Hub conference. The event brings together those responsible for music education in their schools with other music teachers and key experts. Highlights will include the launch of the BBC Ten Pieces Secondary Music initiative; Charanga in your school – exploring the potential of a digital partner; Music 2020 – the role of the subject leader; the launch of the new Artsmark programme; Arts Award in your school and of course so much more. Great news, charges have been frozen at last year's level and ... there will be enough food for everyone.

CPD from Inspire Works

We are leading a CPD session at the Windsor Firestation Arts Centre on 2 June (see: <http://www.inspire-works.co.uk/cpd-tour-dates-2015/>) If any school is interested in booking a place then please do so via the weblink.

Primary Schools Concert – a message from Melanie Fryer

I am delighted to invite schools to bring Key Stage 2 students to attend a free interactive concert at the Royal Festival Hall from the BBC Concert Orchestra focusing on the Ten Pieces as part of our nationwide initiative. To find out more about Ten Pieces please visit www.bbc.co.uk/tenpieces.

To download a booking form and further details of the free concert please go to the 'schools' tab on the Maestros website. The deadline for bookings is Wednesday 1 April 2015.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you on 13 May.

Melanie Fryer | Learning Manager | BBC Proms and London Performing Groups

Forthcoming events for primary and secondary school music leaders

Wokingham primary music subject leaders will be meeting at Addington School on Wednesday 20 May at 4pm. Wokingham Secondary will meet same day at Bulmershe at 3.30pm; West Berkshire secondary music teachers meet at St Barts on Tuesday 9 June at 2pm. The next Royal Borough secondary music subject leaders meeting takes place at Charters School, Wednesday 24 June at 2pm.

Berkshire Maestros Contemporary Department – Music Production Course

The next course in our exciting contemporary department calendar is coming up soon, 15 – 17 April 2015 @ Kennet School, Thatcham!

The music production course offers students the chance to enhance their skills in production, learning how to record and produce a live band recording session.

This course is a great supplement for anyone interested in music technology and a fantastic chance to take away a CD of their own work.

Spaces are going fast so please visit our website www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk to find out more and sign up!

Watch this space for more courses coming your way very soon...

Berkshire Young Voices

Is your child an outstanding singer? Have you thought about auditioning for our gifted and talented choir: Berkshire Young Voices? Do check out the video of their rehearsal for their concert at Kings College Cambridge together with the Berkshire Youth Choir on You Tube (can be accessed from the front page of our website). For further details about auditions please contact amywhitaker@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Advance notice

We have been offered a date for Royal Albert Hall 2016. The bad news first, it is Sunday 1 May – yes the bank holiday weekend. The good news, we have accepted (it was the only date available) and it does mean that families can have a relaxing day out in London. It is a secondary focused event featuring highlights from Handel's Messiah. We are working hard to book a date for 2017 for a primary concert as yet untitled. Secondary music departments, please register your initial interest before **2 April** by emailing philiplitchfield@berkshiremaestros.org.uk If you can indicate likely numbers of boys and of girls that would participate. If we have too many wanting to take part we will draw school names out of a hat to be fair to all. We will take account in allocating places of numbers on roll as previously requested.

Big Play Days 2015

Following on from the success of the Big Play Days we are launching a campaign to involve all children and young people who learn to play a musical instrument in ensembles both in and out of schools. The evidence is very clear, the more they play the better they become and the better your exam results will be! Any young person joining a Music Hub ensemble next term will get their membership at the greatly reduced price of just £20 for the term (this does not apply to auditioned county groups).

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