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Music Leads the Way!



Illustrations by Lindie Kukuk

A celebration of music and song performed by children
and young people from across Berkshire

Monday 11 March 2019 Royal Albert Hall

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WELCOME

Welcome to the world-famous Royal Albert Hall this evening and to the Berkshire Music Hub's spectacular gala concert 'Music Leads the Way!'. Tonight, we showcase the wealth of wonderful musical talent that can be found in schools, music centres, choirs and ensembles across Berkshire and we have been eagerly looking forward to sharing our excitement with you.

We have a very special evening ahead as this concert truly demonstrates that Music really does Lead the Way here in Berkshire. We are fortunate to have a large number of very musical schools both at primary and secondary level and we are proud that so many of them are able to participate in this joyous occasion.

Our talented teachers, colleagues and professional musical partners have been preparing tonight's concert for well over a year – their leadership and inspiration sets the standard for our musical achievements and lights a musical path for children to follow. We also have the most incredible team working both with the performers and behind the scenes. This event is possible because of their commitment, dedication and passion for music.

To our enthusiastic young performers, this event is really for you. You are the ones who have put in all the time to practise and learn your parts so enjoy the moment when you perform on this world-famous stage. To our parents and friends – your support is simply wonderful. The miles you drive to lessons and rehearsals, the hours you wait, the practice sessions you encourage and the patience you show transporting child and instruments around the county – none of this could happen without you.

Being involved in making music together as a community is one of the most fulfilling and rewarding things we can ever do. We showcase this tonight and whether as teacher, student, parent, partner or friend, participating in such an event as this, creates a memory to last a lifetime. Together, we provide this wonderful opportunity for our young musicians, so let us take this moment to thank you all for what we will achieve tonight.

In this musical feast, you will enjoy seeing children and young musicians of all ages and abilities working alongside each other and with professional musicians to deliver stunning performances. The excitement has been building for months as pieces have been rehearsed, firstly in schools, then together in areas and finally, the big massed dress rehearsal on Saturday where you may have been treated to little soundbites as you delivered or collected your young performer.

At last we are here and we welcome schools from across the county to form massed choirs to demonstrate for us the joy of singing together. They share the stage with the Berkshire County Youth Choirs and Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra who will entertain us, together and separately, and who will demonstrate the incredible quality of Berkshire's county youth ensembles. Being able to inspire our younger musicians is a real pleasure for our most senior choristers and instrumentalists who all started their musical journeys in school choirs and groups many years ago. What a wonderful journey to be had and I know our youngest performers tonight will be aspiring to be part of one of these fantastic groups in the years to come.

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Berkshire Maestros leads the Berkshire Music Hub and the purpose of the Hub is to deliver the government's National Plan for Music Education. To do that, we work in close partnership with many other musical organisations across the country. One of our core roles is to ensure we provide children and young people with opportunities to play and sing together and provide access to large scale, high quality musical experiences working with professional musicians and venues.

It has been a privilege to be part of a unique collaboration with our professional partner, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, enabling 95 pupils from three Berkshire Special Schools to compose a new piece of music based on Copland's *Hoe Down*.

Tonight, we have students from Kennel Lane, The Avenue and Brookfields Special Schools performing their original creation side by side with BYSO. It has been such a pleasure for our young performers to work alongside a professional orchestra such as the RPO and we are grateful for their ongoing support and inspirational leadership.

We have prepared a very exciting programme for you tonight. We celebrate music from Britain and America, including as previously mentioned, Copland's *Hoe Down*, one of the most well-loved works from the BBC's innovative Ten Pieces initiative. We have the fantastic cantata, *Rats!*, by Nigel Hess demonstrating how music can lead the way – in a quite different fashion - and the wonderful *Feel the Spirit* by John Rutter amongst many other musical highlights. Especially exciting is the *Further Experiments with Mice* (note the theme.....?) by Johnny Dankworth, a wonderful orchestral pastiche which has inspired some rather exciting 'mousical' surprises along the way!

As Berkshire Maestros is an independent children's charity, putting on an event such as this presents a series of challenges, not least of which is financial. I must specifically thank all of our partners, donors and sponsors for the generous support that enabled so many children to participate. You will note our grateful thanks and a full list of our supporters elsewhere in this programme.

In the end, this evening is a tribute to musical collaboration, ongoing partnerships and our mutual desire to work together to provide wonderful musical opportunities for our children and young people. I think you will agree that tonight's celebration fulfils our musical vision in the most rewarding way. It is about our musical community and we delight in the wealth of music that is taking place in every corner of Berkshire. The stage is ready, the children are in fine voice, instruments are tuned, time to enjoy the performance. Here, tonight, and in the months and years to come, Music Leads the Way.

I hope you all have a fantastic evening. Sit back, relax and enjoy!

Lynne Ellis

Chief Executive Officer



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PROGRAMME

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Jonathan Burnett

Beauty and the Beast Overture

Alan Menken

Further Experiments with Mice

Johnny Dankworth

Narrator: Andrew Peach

RPO Resound Creative Project

**Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra &
students from Brookfields School (West Berkshire),
The Avenue School (Reading) and Kennel Lane School (Bracknell Forest)**

Leader: Paul Griffiths

Stampede - Theme and Variations on Hoe Down

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Jonathan Burnett

Hoe Down from Rodeo

Aaron Copland

Berkshire Young Voices and Berkshire Children's Choir

St George's School, Windsor

Conductor: Christopher Hann Accompanist: Andrew McKenna

Bass Guitar: Sean Law Percussion: Dae Hyun Lee

A Little Jazz Mass

Bob Chilcott

Kyrie

Gloria

Sanctus

Agnus Dei

Berkshire Primary Schools

Conductor: Peter Hunt Orchestrator: Andrew McKenna

RATS!

Nigel Hess



INTERVAL

Berkshire Youth Choir

Conductor: Christopher Hann Accompanist: Andrew McKenna

Music, Lead the Way!

Laura Farnell

Music Down in My Soul

Moses Hogan

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Jonathan Burnett

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

Soloist: Ewan Millar

Bond Medley

Barry/Bart/Hamlisch/Norman

Arr. Roy Moore

**Berkshire Secondary Schools with Berkshire Youth Choir, Berkshire Young Voices
and Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra**

Conductor: Christopher Hann

Feel the Spirit

John Rutter

Soloist: Rebecca Lodge Birkebaek

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

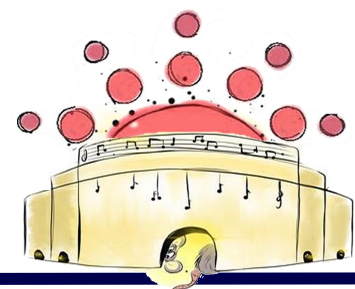
Steal Away

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

Deep River

When the Saints Go Marching In



STAMPEDE!

Stampede! is the world premiere of a new composition arising from the *Hoe Down* project delivered by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Berkshire Maestros with The Avenue, Brookfields and Kennel Lane special schools. In January 2019, a team from the RPO visited participating schools to deliver weekly creative music workshops with pupils. Each school received an initial introductory concert featuring an RPO trio performing an arrangement of *Hoe Down* followed by a series of small-group creative workshops supporting pupils to devise original extensions and responses to the piece. Each project culminated in a celebratory in-school performance, allowing participating pupils to perform their new works alongside the RPO team to their peers, friends, staff and invited guests.

Following these in-school projects, composer and leader Paul Griffiths orchestrated the rhythms, melodies, harmonies and ideas generated during the various group workshops into one cohesive piece, to be supported by Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra. Inspired by Copland's original piece, you will hear a range of melodies and rhythms evoking the sounds of the open plains, cowboys, and the bustling cities of America's rural west, intermixed with quotations from the original piece. The piece was entitled *Stampede!* by Erin from The Avenue School, in reference to the recurring sound of cattle stomping featured in the piece.

Stampede! is performed tonight by representatives from each school, six members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, composer Paul Griffiths and Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jonathan Burnett.

This project was generously supported by Youth Music, The William Wates Foundation, St James's Place Foundation, Boshier-Hinton Foundation, Berkshire Maestros and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

To find out more about the work Berkshire Maestros does with special needs' schools, email schools@berkshiremaestros.org.uk



RPO/RESOUND PROJECT LEADER



Paul Griffiths

Paul Griffiths is an internationally renowned music educationalist, project leader, composer and performer. A guitarist with musical roots in jazz, rock and funk, Paul's work is underpinned by a commitment to providing high quality musical access to all and a profound understanding of the impact that creative arts work can have upon individuals and communities.

He has thirty years' experience of working in music, cross-arts and trans-cultural projects in the UK, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. These projects have been conducted in conservatoires and music schools, arts centres and concert halls, primary and secondary schools, special needs' schools, prisons and a multitude of diverse community settings. He also works extensively in the field of training and professional development for musicians, artists, workshop leaders and teachers.



The Avenue School

Daniel Dollinger-Belcher
Erik Donabidowicz
Grace Dowling
David Druce
Amir Iraj
CJ Morgan
Samuel Patston
Sharliyah Pembroke-Voyce
Thomas Pike
Sebastian Sowden
Ali Zadi

Brookfields School

Daniel Carne
Jessica Hill
Ryan Jassi
Freya Lee
Amelia Nyssen
Shaun Shibu
Sophie Wills

Kennel Lane School

Molly Bird
Jamie Champion
Liam Cluer
Naomi Diaz
Daniel Flannigan
Ethan Harris
Madison Higson
Laura-Rose Jones
Ellie Lamport
Amber Latter
Fiza Qureshi
Luke Smith
Belle Wallis
Ellie Walters

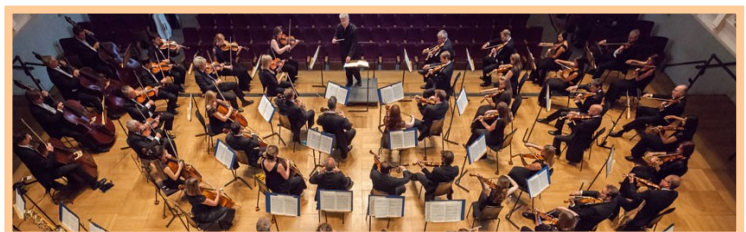
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Paul Griffiths, workshop leader
Siân McInally, violin
Naomi Watts, cello
Jo Marsh, flute
Gareth Humphreys, bassoon
Toby Street, trumpet
Gerald Kirby, percussion

Berkshire Maestros

Alastair Smith
Emma Exton

THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



The **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO)** was founded in 1946 with the aim of bringing world-class music to communities around the UK and abroad. In addition to delivering more than 190 mainstream concerts per year, **RPO Resound**, the Orchestra's award-winning community and education programme, uses the transformative power of music to reach the communities the Orchestra serves, providing inspiring musical experiences in a range of settings from prisons to primary schools and beyond. Each project is bespoke and delivered in collaboration with our partners to meet the needs of specific participant groups and achieve artistic, social and personal aims, including improving participants' aspirations, abilities and life chances.

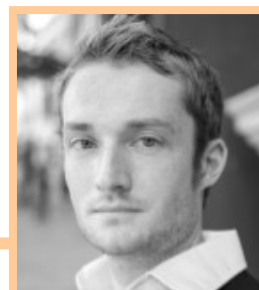
With over 25 years' experience delivering innovative community and education projects, RPO Resound works to gain a wider impact through music outside the traditional concert hall format.



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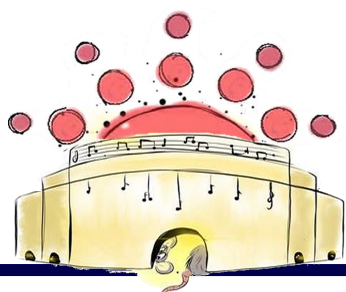
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

BERKSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH CHOIRS



Christopher Hann

Christopher is in great demand as a conductor, vocal animateur, singer and teacher. He has a particular passion for Music Education and works extensively with young people from across the country. He is currently The Artistic Director of Berkshire County Youth Choirs, Director of Choral Music at Wilson's Grammar School, an ensemble tutor at The Royal Academy of Music and an assistant Conductor for The National Youth Choir of Great Britain. He has also worked as chorus master for The International Youth Choir. Christopher also works extensively with amateur and professional ensembles and is currently Musical Director of Reading Phoenix Choir, Harpenden Music Makers, and Artistic Director of his own professional vocal ensemble Dieci Voices (www.diecivoices.com). In addition to his conducting and teaching work Christopher also regularly as a professional consort singer performing with a number of professional ensembles including Polyphony, The Eric Whitacre Singers, Platinum Consort, Philharmonia Voices, Cappella Nova and London Voices.



MUSICAL DIRECTOR

BERKSHIRE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Jonathan Burnett

Jonathan obtained a BA degree in violin performance from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and went on to win two major scholarships to continue to study with Prof. Dona Lee Croft.

As a performer, Jonathan has been a member of some of the UK's most prestigious orchestras including the BBC Welsh Orchestra and Welsh National Orchestra. He has a passion for contemporary music and has played with many chamber ensembles which pioneer new music. These collaborations include Michael Nyman, Graham Fitkin, Alun Hoddinot and Charlie Barber.

Jonathan's teaching career started while studying in Wales and has remained close to his heart. Throughout his career he has contributed to and promoted the teaching of music to children and young people and continues to work with numerous educational establishments.

In his current role as Head of Strings at Berkshire Maestros, Jonathan leads a growing and vibrant department. He is in demand as a lecturer in violin pedagogy at home and abroad and consults for many schools and music conservatoires.

In his role as a conductor, Jonathan currently leads a number of ensembles including Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Jonathan's teaching and performing commitments have taken him to the Middle East, South Africa, Australia and South America - where he continues his project to develop string and orchestral opportunities for students and teachers. He is also a founder member of RE ECHO - an Anglo-Chinese enterprise which engages Chinese students in musical activities in the UK.



CONDUCTOR



Peter Hunt

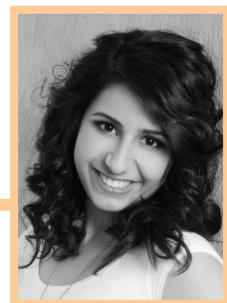
Peter is one of the UK's most experienced choral trainers and conductors, having worked with a wide variety of singers and choral groups for over thirty years.

He is now working as a freelance conductor, teacher and choir trainer, building an independent career after leaving Berkshire Maestros in August 2015, where he was Deputy Head.

Peter is the author of the highly acclaimed *Voiceworks* series of singing books, published by Oxford University Press, which has made a significant contribution to the revival of singing in schools and the development of confidence in singing leaders and conductors.

In 2016 he established an adult Singing for Wellbeing group in Banbury, funded by the NHS Social Prescribing Scheme, to support improvements in health and wellbeing outcomes with less dependency on medicines. He also continues to conduct the Chipping Norton Choral Society and celebrates twenty years with them this year.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR BERKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Katie Minien

Katie graduated in 2013 with a first class honours degree in Musical Performance from Brunel University. Highlights of her university career include; composing and directing her own opera; solo performances in the university's Howell Theatre, and conducting the Brunel University Gospel Choir during her final year.

After graduating Katie managed a number of projects for the sound design company Iconik Sonik. They composed and performed at the WAM (Weather, Art and Music) Festival and the Calling the Tune Festival. Katie has worked with Spitalfields Music and assisted with a number of community projects including the choral work *Crowd Out* written by David Lang. Its London premiere in June 2014 was performed by over 1000 voices and was directed by conductor Simon Halsey.

Katie is currently a peripatetic voice, Early Years and curriculum teacher for Berkshire Maestros. She is the choral director for Newbury Young Singers, Newbury Youth Choir and The Bartholomew Singers. Katie undertook and completed her teacher training at the University of Reading, graduating with a distinction. Katie was thrilled when she was offered the opportunity to direct Berkshire Children's Choir and is very excited about the way the choir is developing! She has recently expanded her role by taking on the position of Singing Development Co-ordinator.

NARRATOR



Andrew Peach

Andrew presents the morning show on BBC Radio Berkshire and network radio programmes such as PM on BBC Radio 4 and Newshour on BBC World Service.

'Peachy' as he is affectionately known, lives in Peppard with his wife and two children. He marked 25 years on BBC Radio on 10 October 2017 with a message of congratulations from Prime Minister Theresa May. He has been nominated for 15 Radio Academy Awards including Speech Broadcaster of the Year in 2010 and Best Speech Breakfast Presenter in 2018. The judges said "*he is empathetic and probing and formulates questions that are short, to the point and perfectly timed.*"

Interviews which have made headlines have included a tearful Reading FC Captain the morning after the club was relegated from the Premier League in 2008, the Archbishop of Canterbury criticising government welfare reforms in 2010 and the Henley Town Councillor who blamed flooding on the legalisation of gay marriage in 2014.

He has hosted BBC coverage of five general elections and five royal weddings.

Andrew studied Modern History at St Edmund Hall, Oxford and is patron of two charities: Thames Hospice in Windsor and Sportsable in Maidenhead. He enjoys walking in the countryside and playing the piano.

ACCOMPANIST



Andrew McKenna

Andrew hails from Toronto, with degrees from University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario, and an Associateship in Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto).

He has accompanied the Berkshire Youth Choir and Berkshire Young Voices since 2005, and maintains a busy schedule of work as a composer/orchestrator.

Film work includes *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Judy (2019)*, *The LEGO Story* (YouTube release), *Roger Waters: The Wall*, *Jane Eyre*, *The Debt*, *"W"*, *Goal!*, *The Prince and Me*, *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers and Return of the King*, *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*, and *Racing Stripes*.



SOLOIST

GABRIEL'S OBOE



Ewan Millar

Ewan is seventeen years old and attends Reading School. He has been learning oboe for eight years with Nicky Fairbairn at Berkshire Maestros and passed grade 8 with Distinction when he was 10 and two diplomas with Distinction since.

Ewan is principal oboe with Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Wind Ensemble of Great Britain and was formerly principal oboe of the National Children's Orchestra, where he was awarded a Leverhulme Scholarship four years running. He has also won a number of prestigious, national competitions. These awards have led to a series of solo recitals, including at the Royal College of Music, Norden Farm and Reading University and consultation lessons with Jonathan Small, principal oboe with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Melanie Ragge at the Royal Academy of Music.

Ewan has undertaken a number of solo engagements recently, including performing Strauss' Oboe Concerto with Windsor and Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra, which included the following review:

"His ability to cast extremely long musical phrases from what resources of breath I know not, was matched by his empathy always for the orchestral context and with WMSO's cunning support this was a fantastic partnership."

Ewan will be performing Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto with Camerata as part of the Windsor Festival at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on March 23 and the UK premiere of Navarro's *Legacy* Concerto with Reading Symphony Orchestra in June.

Ewan also sings and plays piano and jazz piano. He participates in many ensembles and choirs every week, including being tenor section leader in Berkshire Youth Choir.



SOLOIST

FEEL THE SPIRIT



Rebecca Lodge Birkebaek

Rebecca is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, where she studied singing and piano. During her time at the RAM, she received many prizes, including the Lloyds Bank Scholarship for postgraduate study, which enabled her to complete her studies on the Opera Course. Her career over the last 25 years has seen her perform in many different venues and styles, from the recital platform to the operatic stage, and she has also appeared as a soloist several times for the BBC Symphony Orchestra, most notably in the role of Anaide in Opera Rara's production of Leoncavallo's 'Zaza' at the Barbican.

As a former member of the BBC Singers, the United Kingdom's only full-time, professional chamber choir, she broadcasts extensively on BBC Radio 3 and BBC television. Her many solos for the group included Strauss' Deutsche Motette, Rachmaninov Vespers, Durufle Requiem (all broadcast live on Radio 3) and Scarlatti's Stabat Mater at the Proms. Recordings include settings by Peter Child of Rilke's poetry in collaboration with the ensemble Lontano, and a newly discovered mass by Vaughan Williams. Rebecca has been a permanent member of the Royal Opera House Chorus since 2017.

Rebecca has a great passion for music education, encouraging and inspiring people of all ages and abilities to improve their singing through choral workshops for the BBC Performing Groups, the Kings' Singers, Berkshire Maestros and many other groups.

She is delighted to be joining Berkshire Maestros at their celebration concert this evening and wishes them every success for the future!

ILLUSTRATOR

Lindie Kukuk

Lindie Kukuk is a freelance illustrator who runs her own business, Paint Pot Designs, based in Oxfordshire. She specialises in digital art with a focus on fun and imaginative drawings and has kindly contributed the illustrations for this programme and other publicity.

Lindie also teaches art, technology and English in a local secondary school.

Lindie is a former Berkshire Maestros student and says of her time there;

"I studied with Maestros throughout my secondary school years and enjoyed many fantastic opportunities to play alongside very talented musicians. The concert band I was in always challenged me to play flute at my very best level and eventually it enabled me to take this skill and become part of the British Airways Orchestra."

Lindie's first picture book is due for release next month (April 2019) through Tiny Tree Publishers.

PROGRAMME NOTES

Beauty and the Beast Overture – Alan Menken

Alan Menken is an American composer best known for his work as a pianist, musical theatre and film composer.

Notable works have included *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*, the scores for which have won him two Academy Awards.

Menken wrote the music for the original *Beauty and the Beast* (1991) as well as for the 2017 remake which included new material from Menken in collaboration with lyricist Tim Rice (*The Lion King*, *Evita*).

Walt Disney attempted to adapt the French fairy tale of *Beauty and the Beast* (*La Belle et le Bête*) into a film in the 1930s and 1950s before the success of the 1991 film. Whilst rescuing her father, Belle is taken prisoner by the Beast in his castle. She fights through the fear of the captivity and befriends many enchanted household items and eventually, her captor. The Beast was turned from a prince into a monster for shunning a disguised enchantress and Belle gets to know this hidden side of him. He can only be freed if he can find true love. Could this be Belle? Can she find love and happiness with the Beast and be rid of the arrogant hunter, Gaston, forever?

Gabriel's Oboe – Ennio Morricone

Gabriel's Oboe is the main theme from the 1986 film *The Mission* starring Robert de Niro, Jeremy Irons, Cherie Lunghie and Liam Neeson amongst many others. The film is based on historical events surrounding the Treaty of Madrid in 1750. *The Mission* tells the story of Jesuit missionaries from Spain working in South America to protect an isolated tribe who are in danger of being taken over by pro-slavery Portugal.

The theme, *Gabriel's Oboe*, is featured when protagonist, Father Gabriel, begins playing his oboe near to a waterfall in the hope of meeting, and befriending, the natives in the tribe. The tribesmen are confused by the sound of the oboe and, having followed Father Gabriel for some time, announce themselves to him and the chief of the tribe breaks the instrument. This, however, opens up communication between the missionaries and the tribe and helps them to form their relationship.

Morricone was born in Rome in 1928 and is believed to be one of the most acclaimed composers of his time. The soundtrack to *The Mission* was written by Ennio Morricone and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Score and earned Morricone the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Score. Aside from *The Mission*, Morricone has composed the music for other notable films such as *Kill Bill*, *Django Unchained* and *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*.

Bond Medley – various, arr. Roy Moore

Created by author Ian Fleming, James Bond first came into existence in *Casino Royale* penned in 1953 as a British Secret Service agent. Since the death of Ian Fleming, the character has been written into novels by eight other authors.

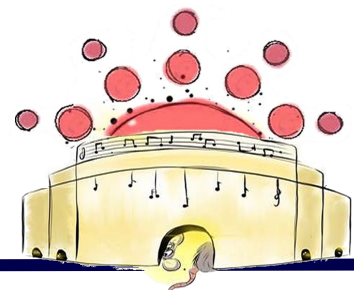
James Bond, agent 007, has been played by many an actor across the film adaptations of Fleming's novels such as Roger Moore, Sean Connery, Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig. The first film adaptation came with *Dr. No* in 1962 with the most recent being *Spectre* released in 2015. The films were estimated, in 2015, to be worth \$19.9 billion making it one of the highest grossing film franchises of all time.

The soundtracks to the films are also iconic with seven songs achieving Academy Award nomination, winning twice. There are many musical contributors to the soundtracks of the *James Bond* films including composers such as Monty Norman (*Dr. No*), David Arnold (*Die Another Day*, *Casino Royale*) and John Barry (*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, *Thunderball*, *A View to a Kill* etc.) and musicians such as Paul McCartney, Sheena Easton, Adele and many, many more.

Feel the Spirit - John Rutter

The great heritage of the African-American spiritual has fired the imagination of composers, performers, and audiences for more than 100 years. Each generation has produced interpretations of many kinds, yet, curiously, few composers have combined the resources of soloist, choir, and orchestra. John Rutter was inspired by the vocal artistry of Melanie Marshall to build a set of spirituals crafted to her personal style, partnered by choir, with the orchestra to supply a further dimension of colour and emotional depth. The work reflects the full range of the moods associated with the genre, from the despair of *Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child* to the ebullience of *When The Saints Go Marching In*. The texture and style of the music varies similarly: the familiar and widely-interpreted *Steal Away* here has an almost liturgical sound, complementing the hymn-like harmonies of *Deep River* and contrasting with the Broadway style of *Feel The Spirit*.

Notes by Louise Luegner, "Feel The Spirit" CD liner notes, both © Collegium Records





BERKSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH CHOIRS

Berkshire County Youth Choirs bring together young singers from across the county to enjoy singing whilst learning interesting repertoire and developing important techniques. They perform in several concerts a year, some in high profile venues and some in partnership with other musical organisations. The county choirs are selective and entry is by audition only, but the emphasis is upon finding singers with potential who love making music with others.

Berkshire Children's Choir is for children in years 4-6, **Berkshire Young Voices** is for learners in years 7-9 and **Berkshire Youth Choir** is for students in years 10-13.

Berkshire Youth Choir

Berkshire Youth Choir is regarded as one of the finest Youth Choirs in the Country. It is proud of its consistent high standards of attainment and industry recognition. The choir provides opportunities for talented young people, in schools years 10–13, to develop their skills and to experience being part of a professionally run choir. The choir attracts members from across Berkshire and surrounding counties. They perform a wide ranging repertoire from 16th Century to the modern day, from Victoria and Mozart to Pentatonix and Coldplay! The choir undertakes regular tours and has performed in many renowned venues including London's Wigmore Hall, The Royal Albert Hall, St George's Chapel Windsor, Cologne Cathedral, Salamanca Cathedral, Beijing Concert Hall and Shanghai Oriental Arts Center.

Berkshire Young Voices

Part of the Academy@Maestros scheme, Berkshire Young Voices is the county training choir and is equivalent to the Advanced level of our Academy. This is an auditioned group open to boys and girls in school years 7-9 who love singing, show positive potential and are looking to receive a high standard of choral training.

Just as in Berkshire Children's Choir, the emphasis in rehearsals and performances is on the enjoyment of singing, as well as improving singing technique and establishing good choral practice in preparation for joining Berkshire Youth Choir in the future. The repertoire covered is wide-ranging, from choral classics by composers such as Tallis, Mozart and Rutter to arrangements of gospel numbers, songs from musicals and pop songs.

Berkshire Children's Choir

Berkshire Children's Choir, the most junior choir of the Berkshire County Youth Choirs set up, is a recently established choir specifically for younger children in school years 4–6 and is equivalent to the Intermediate level of our Academy.

The emphasis in rehearsals and performances is on the enjoyment of singing, as well as improving singing technique and establishing good choral practice. The repertoire covered is wide-ranging, from choral classics to arrangements of songs from musicals and modern pop songs. It is a selective choir and children will have to audition to join; we are most looking for potential and a love of singing rather than an already refined singing voice.

BERKSHIRE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra is the culmination of a student's orchestral training in Berkshire. It comprises over one hundred of the most advanced and experienced young orchestral musicians within Berkshire from both state and independent sector schools.

The orchestra rehearses for three short courses throughout the year. This intensive level of playing together enables students to prepare challenging repertoire and understand the level of playing and commitment required for life beyond the youth orchestra, at national level and subsequently at university or conservatoire. Repertoire is drawn from mainstream large symphonic works from 19th century composers to those from the present day.

Being a member of BYSO gives students the opportunity to work in partnership with other organisations and soloists performing for many different audiences.

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra Auditions for 2019-20 Season



We have a hugely exciting year ahead in 2019-20 including intensive work with professional conductors, a residential course and another overseas tour.

Auditions for the 2019-20 season will be held during weeks beginning 29 April and 6 May 2019. If you feel you have what it takes, get in touch to arrange an audition. We would be delighted to hear from you.

To register your interest, email:
county@berkshiremaestros.org.uk



To audition for BYSO, students should be working at or above the following standards:

Woodwind: Grade 7
Brass: Grade 7
Percussion: Grade 6
Strings: Grade 7

Berkshire County Youth Choirs Auditions for 2019-20 Season



Berkshire County Youth Choirs perform in several concerts each year, including in high profile venues and often in partnership with other musical organisations such as the BBC, Royal Albert Hall, Windsor Festival and Classic FM.

There are currently three Berkshire County Youth Choirs:

- Berkshire Children's Choir for children in school years 4-6
- Berkshire Young Voices for young people in school years 7-9
- Berkshire Youth Choir for students in school years 10-13

Auditions will commence on 18 May 2019 for places in the academic year 2019-20. Emphasis is upon finding singers who love singing and making music with others.

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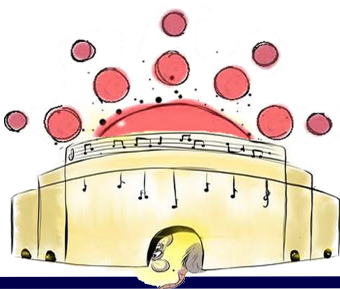
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Berkshire Children's Choir

Emma MacEwen
Emily Dryden
Joel Perera
Cara Gjoka
Kyle Watson
Florence Ambaum
Louie Bass
Alice Mackenzie
Johan Giaever-Enger
Amy Tram
Abigail Foster
Rita Santana
George Mee
William Luff
Madeleine Adams
Calvin Hoh
Akshaya Yeddula
Rachel Maynard
Claudia Lloyd
Philippa Needs
David Edward-Lowry
Amelia Foote
Bethia Miller
Emily Abbott
Theo Howe
Sarah-Jane Butler
Lucy Clayton
Jessna Jery
Daisy Davidson
Helena Stevenson

Berkshire Young Voices

Jessica Needs
Grace Arnold
Imogen Ambaum
Ella Clark
Natalia Stevenson
Kyra Bovell
Benjy Bass
Mahi Kuppasad
Megan Blackband
Daniel Wilson
Gabriella Tait
Thomas Adams
Abigail Wallis
Emilia McKinney
Edward Rea
Samuel Cooper
Isaac Giaever-Enger
Emilie Cassar
Anna Cochran
Katherine Harrison
Freya Griffiths
Alexander Dryden
Ella Skipsey
Chiana Mooten-Reeves
Diya Sohi
Lara Sowande
Naomi Haldane
Rachana Duraivelan
Lily Bartlett
Anna Couzens
Nathan Grime
Ruby Holmes
Ingeborg Richardson
Amy Showell
Rachel Major
Harry Luff
Lauren Spooner
Harvey Sweeten
Owen Creswell
Harriet Ranson
Charlotte Menon
Holly Mackinnon
Juliette McCabe
Emma Youden
Lara Casula
Ruby Hewitt
Isabella Gomez
Abigail Reece
Evie Prosser
Anoushka Shah
Anna Gambrell
Alice Owen
Wyatt Ip



Berkshire Youth Choir

Abigail Brooks
Isabel Jackson
Alice Kincade
Emily Green
Rosie Wallis
Annabel Wigg
Francesca Richards
Elena Luscombe
Claire Philp
Philippa Varcoe
Jessica West
Lauren Price
Molly Bromage
Cait Cromartie
Isobel Hodgson
Nancy Bedford
Isabella Myers
Laura Ogden
Charlotte Kutz
Juliette Ashman
Emma Vaughan
Charlotte Gornall
Annabel Jenkinson
Millie McDougall
Julia Valentine
Evelyn Singleton

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Alexine Seraphin
Rosana Ercilla
Olivia Virgo
Lucy Pither
Laura Rudman
Imogen McAra
Ellen Jarrett
Azucena Zaldua
Letitia Zhao
Charley Hart-Davies
Amy Wright
Jet Walker
Meredith Gavin
Laura Martin
Helena Zhao
Eva Giaever-Enger
Eilidh Quinn
Kesha Patel
Philippa Forbes
Ella Demblon
Rosie Bennett
Anneli Giaever-Enger
Rania Bouzekraoui
Lloyd Singleton
Matthew Fowler
Luke Diprose
Joshua Chapman

Andres Jimenez
Adam Greenhow
Alex Stone
Beau Thomas
Daniel Jenkin
Ewan Millar
Benjamin Shaw
Nikita Astafiev
Daniil Astafiev
William Knight
Oliver Maynard
Robert Alexander
Jamie Alexander
Ben Lawrence
Patrick Sharman
Marcus Watson
Charlie Maynard
Christopher Menon
Elliot Laver
Harry Jones
Edwin Hughes
Jacob Merchant
Ricardo Fernandes



PERFORMERS

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra

Violin 1 **Maya Fear - Orchestral leader**

Jee-Hwan Ahn
Benedict Bradley
Brendan Chooi
Stephen Chooi
Alexander Crotaz
Lucy Gan
Evie Gibbard
David Glover
Chiara Imbalzano Hilton
Ametz Parcell Arregi
Yukina Partington
Astrid Petersen-Lentze
Willow Pitt
Jackie Rao
Dominique Rodgers
Lukas Seier
Yifan Shi
Benjamin Slade
Tara Spencer
Andrew Stewart

Violin 2 **Rebekah Shaw - Principal**

Imogen Ambaum
Alice Carroll
Justin Crotaz
Elliot Crouch
Liam Engall
Ysobel Fear
Katherine Harwin
Tianyin Hu
Elizabeth Ireland
Emma Janssen
Edward Lattimer
Joseph May
Jessica Needs
Edward Owen
Ananya Prasanna
Ava Reineke
Gina Wilson
Estrella Yau

Viola

Hannah Pollard - Principal

Shruthi Barathan
Elisabeth Cullen
Saidee Ip
Emily McQuillan
Nicola Oakley
Eunice Phillips
Phineas Wyatt

'Cello

Mae Reineke - Principal

Thomas Adams
Rachel Blackman
Cole Bowers
Bethany Cook
Martha Croggon
Genevieve Fieldhouse
Jack Haynes
Louisa Masters
Aamina Morbi
Ellen Payne
Olivia Virgo
Thomas Wilson

Double Bass **Charlotte Gray - Principal**

Yijia Cui
Freya Garside
Rohan Haripaul
Rachel Major





Flute	Michi Aneez Sophie Hallam Ellen Knight Anna Van Der Zwaluw	Trumpet	Henry Langer Rhiannon Moore Molly Skeil Sam Williamson
Oboe	William Graham Abbey Hardy Freya Malhi Ewan Millar	Trombone	Joel Beazley Lewis Martin Ruiliang Qin Ben Qureshi George Skeil
Clarinet	Edwin Hughes Michael Li James Riley Roxanne Sherratt	Tuba	Luke Haldane
Saxophone	Julian Brandon	Orchestral Percussion	Arjan Channa Joe Garcia-Sierra Rhys Llewellyn-Price Nathan May William Rawstron
Bassoon	Aidan Campbell Eva Giaever-Enger Eira Jones Sophie Perera Conrad Spencer	Drum Kit	Kai Cooper
French Horn	Anna Baker Alice Knight Matthew Prior John Spence Francis Tyler	Harp	Jemima Small
		Piano	Henry Bishop

PERFORMERS

'RATS' Stage Band

Violin 1	Benedict Bradley Jonathan Burnett John Earls Emma Exton Maya Fear David Glover Tianyin Hu Jackie Rao Rebekah Shaw George Skeil Benjamin Slade	Flute	Benjamin Copeman
		Oboe	Lorna Rennie
		Clarinet	Caroline Owen
		Bassoon	Catherine Millar Emma Westley
		Trumpet	James Hatton George Sandford
		Trombone	Di Prince
Violin 2	Jee-Hwan Ahn Jamie Baird Ysobel Fear Dominic Seymour Ivanka Shana Yifan Shi Tara Spencer Andrew Stewart	Bass Guitar	Sean Law
		Drum Kit	Mike Creech
		Percussion	Dae Hyun Lee
		Piano	Andrew McKenna
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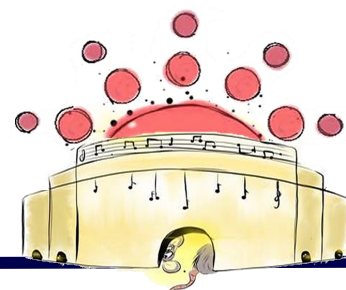
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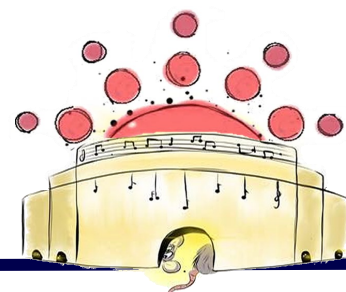
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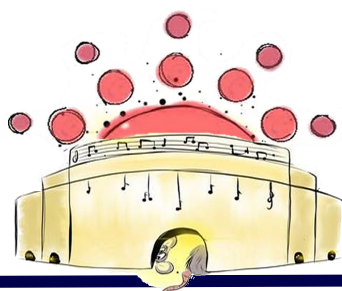
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Roxi Chance
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Karan Mahanger
Finn Dearlove
Georgie Woolford
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Catrin Hoskin
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Karina Suttie
Zainab Qasim
Anna McKeever
Emelia Anderson
Jana van Eeden
Amy Greengrass
Maisie Evans
Annabel Wigg
Beau Thomas
Nicholas Froom
Josh Roel Ferreira
Kaie Ames
Harvey Crook
Edward Taylor
Anastasia Davis
Ella Rama
Emma Fussey
Callum Barraclough
Lottie Farr

Staff:

Andrew Hoare
Irene Anderson

Churchmead School

Poppy Harrington
Chloe Buckeridge
Samuel Buckeridge
Cameron Stares
Daniela Tobonbangua
Simran Joanes
Gabriela Bivol
Zainab Haider

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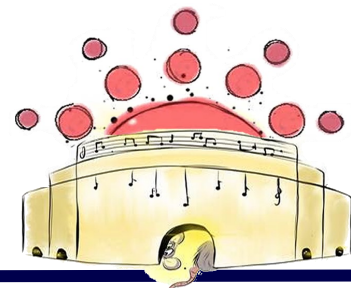
Dedworth Middle School

Sophie Butler
Kaitlyn Gibbons
Malgorzata Krefta
Charlotte Scott
Jessica Mohan
Evie Moynihan
Ikshu Kadam
Khyla Powell-Christian
Oliver Gemmill
Grace White
Cady Ackerman
Demi Hughs
Grace Ching'Ani
Elise Ross
Millie Sorby
Isabelle Longland
Taye Pearce-Shiple
Ava Richardson
Eden Crossley
Denise Shkurtaj
Beth Whitehill
Grace Wilson
Freya Burton
Darcey Lawrence
Tamara Wallace
Ramayan Kalyan

Tilda Philpott
Tirion Watkins
Ruby Lind
Mia Williams
Mason Woodbridge
Ella Mohan
Isabella Pates
Karla Zietsman
Ellie Meikle
Alice Gemmill
Elena Rembges
Mckenzie Williams
Joshua Zgorzynski
Isobel Philpott
Elena Kratsis
Sinead Denwood
Maisie Tapper
Kelsey Hughes

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Dan Moulton



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Shayna D'Silva
Polly Jackson
Ana Lenoir
Erica Carey
Hridya Rupavatharam
Jess West
Alannah Chadwick
Frances Emmanuel
Kitty Horne
Molly Murdoch
Letitia Zhao
Bidisha Ghosh
Rachana Duraivelan
Amria Heer
Imogen McAra
Esha Dongare
Anna Mae Zhao
Riya Abraham
Sashini Gangopadhyay
Arya Kalavath
Shriya Srimushnam
Emmanuella Young
Helena Zhao
Alice Owen
Palak Sharma
Sanjana Iyer
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Rachel Barnett
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Matt Kneebone
Valerie Jones
Gargi Pande
Lisa Fernandes
Pari Saxena
Ros Morgan
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Elsa Crook
Lauren Mentipty
Simran Bassi
Georgia Harding
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Aditi Dusi
Ndego Adoh
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Shruthi Arun Krithika
Maya Fear
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Ashaanya Pandey
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Carissa Allum
Amber Parker
Annabelle Gerdes
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Theo Powell
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Ethan Wilding
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Joseph Curren
Liam Burnand
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Hannah Day
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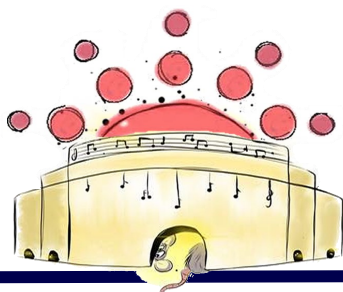
Samantha Taylor

Ranelagh School

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Amy Adams
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Caitlin Elliot
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Charlie Herd
Louis Hayes
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Sarah Coventry
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SECONDARY SCHOOL PERFORMERS

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Lara Doran
Sophie Jenner
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Maisie Lee
Sofia Hickmore
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Helena Russell
Charlotte Parker
Amelia Crouch
Maddie Greener
Alice Hutchinson
Bella Cox
Ranudi Kolugala
Alice Peters
Lili Fenwick
Roisin Oates
Daniel Price
Adam Edwards
Alistair Swain
Grace Malone
Grace Lewis
Amy Russell
Lucy Robertson
Jasmine Peake
Chloe Laird-Hurd
Amelie Ross
Ellie Upton
Erin Clark
Matilda Macaulay
Macy Eckton-Cooper
Maddie McAnally
Matilda Roots
Aayush Joshi
Holly Adams
Ayla Wilding
Aisling Henry
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Sasha Pender-Thaw
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Elena Tohux
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Abbie Holland
Maisie Clark
Rhianna Bailey
Taylor Williams
Rebecca Lane
Christopher Emberlin
Will Bloxsom
Dylan Woods
Lawrence Mullaly
James Holland
Benjamin Pointer
Henry Malone
John Hall
Andrew Wallace
Andrew Points
Michael Jarvill
Lucas Price
Amit Manna
James Lewin-Gander
Brandon Fulker

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Laura Burrows
Casey Cooper
Keshini Dawood
Madeleine Dowling
Cara Dowling
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Sophie Doyle
Ruby Eleazu
Charlotte Gornall
Nia Gosavi
Suzi Greaves
Emilie Hancock
Shrimika Haripaul
Rachel Heffer
Bethan Howells
Georgia Moniak
Sophie Palmer
Isabelle Rainbow
Hannah Ransom
Phoebe Rice
Katie Senior
Lydia Shute
Vanshika Singh
Krista Staley
Ruby Sudlow
Mia Turner
Georgia Warrington

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Connor Gradwell
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Oscar Sloane-Hase
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Isabel Coleman
Scarlett Marsh
Molly Ryan
Amelia Cherciu
Charlotte Tucker
Poppy Roberts
Arwen Carr
Daisy Buller
Katie Pratley-Smith
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Daniel Jackson
Max Fowler
Georgia Entwistle
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Francesca Parish
Elle York
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Nick Blair

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Anthoni Perry
Andrei Dipper
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Charlie Ingham
Jamie Hutchinson
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Thomas Bartoletti
Hugo Bleach
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Matthew Waddington
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Freddy Whennel
Scott Robinson
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Harriet Moss
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Sian Littlejohns
Ashleigh Waiter

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James Trust
Charlie Marsham



A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF . . .

Music in the Community

We recognise the importance of music in everyone's life and are working hard to extend our reach across the wider community. As part of our activities, this month sees the launch of our pilot Sing-along Cafés for people living with dementia or Parkinson's. People living with these conditions can benefit greatly from music and especially from the sort of relaxed sing-along that takes them back to musical memories from their past. The Sing-along Cafés are taking place in Bracknell at the Open Learning Centre.

If you know anyone who may benefit from these activities, contact
voice@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Another of our community projects is a workplace choir based at the Corn Exchange in Newbury. The choir meets at lunchtime, once a week so that local workers can join in. The first series of rehearsals started in January and proved so popular that a second series is now underway. If you work in Newbury, why not join in?



Early Years Music

This year, with the help of the Greenham Trust, we have been able to increase our work with local family hubs to bring music and movement classes to children (nursery, reception and Years 1 & 2).

Early Years music lessons with Max Maestro and our incredible mobile music space Pantomimus, have been out and about around the county bringing music to hundreds of young children and their parents.

To find out more about how young children benefit from experiencing music and movement, contact
earlyyears@berkshiremaestros.org.uk



New Music Centre

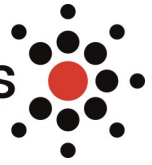
September saw the opening of our new music centre at Queen Anne's School in Caversham offering many more children the opportunity to benefit from music lessons and ensembles. The centre provides high-quality tuition in state-of-the-art facilities and is already proving to be extremely popular.

SEND Successes!

Working with the RPO, Orchestras Live and Reading Arts we facilitated a series of relaxed concerts for young people with additional needs. More than 2,500 primary students attended and a dozen young people from KS4/5 got the opportunity to help produce, script and choreograph the event with multi-media visuals.

The RPO are with us again tonight to enable young people from Berkshire special schools to take part in this concert performing their own response to Copland's *Hoe Down*.





Partnerships

In February we began working alongside the Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) on an innovative project involving 20 young percussionists who are composing music using the folk tradition of 'skimmington'. Working with MERL and other partners including EFDSS (English Folk Dance and Song Society) has enabled us to widen the opportunities for our students to participate in different art forms.



Workshops and Masterclasses

External professionals led workshops and masterclasses: e.g. Ruth Ascher Foundation, Band of the Household Cavalry, Percussion/ Mind Skills with Gillian McDonough, Craig Ogden-resident within our Guitar Academy, Reading Arts Noisy Kids, Concertini performed with Newbury students.

Exceptional ensemble workshops included 300 young woodwind players with recorder specialist Barbara Law, flute masterclasses developing techniques and exploring ethnic instruments/beatboxing with Andy Finton, clarinet workshops with Lizzie Drew (RCM) developing ensemble-coaching skills and reed-making courses for double-reed students with Howarth of London.

Concerts and Performances

This year our students have performed in more than 100 concerts including: JMF concerts at The Hexagon and The Anvil, Berkshire Youth Choir performing a choral premiere at the Royal Albert Hall to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 and the fabulous *Dixit Dominus* at Dorchester Abbey, a vibrant performance from BYSO at Reading University Great Hall and a wealth of fabulous concerts and performances from our many Music Centre ensembles including Bracknell Concert Band performing for Her Majesty The Queen at opening of The Lexicon.



Holiday Courses

In April last year, Leighton Park School played host to our Junior Orchestral Course involving 210 children. Following a theme of 'Heroes and Villains', the course proved to be a huge success. At Christmas, more than 30 children and young people joined in the Hungerford Christmas Course learning Brass, Woodwind and Percussion skills.

These holiday courses provide an excellent opportunity to learn about playing music together as part of a wider ensemble and develop the skills needed for part-playing and team working. Look out for forthcoming holiday courses on our website.



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Contemporary Music

Our contemporary music arm, Soundstage, offers lessons, experiences and opportunities to anyone interested in learning how to play in bands, become a studio engineer or composer and broaden their musical knowledge and skills by attending workshops and masterclasses.

This year our Soundstage bands have performed in three major concerts and will be performing once again in their Legends concert on 7 April 2019 at The Jazz Café, Madejski Stadium, Reading.



Strictly Musicals

Last year's Strictly Musicals course attracted children and young people from across the county, keen to take to the stage and learn musical theatre skills.

It was a fun-filled and educational week culminating in a brilliant performance in front of friends, relatives and guests at Park House School in Newbury.

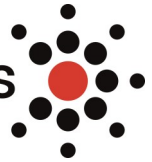


Junior Music Festivals

November saw yet another successful Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon, Reading with hundreds of children performing *RATS! The Musical* by Nigel Hess.

Last year we hosted seven Junior Music Festivals at The Hexagon and The Anvil as well as three large civic carol concerts in Bracknell and Wokingham enabling more than 3000 children to perform to capacity audiences.

The next Junior Music Festival will take place on 26 and 27 March at The Anvil in Basingstoke. Tickets are on sale now.



Choirs' Highlights

It's been a very busy year for our county choirs .

Following the beautiful *Dixit Dominus* concert at Dorchester Abbey and Berkshire Youth Choir's successful tour to Spain in the summer, the choirs went straight into rehearsals for a series of Autumn commitments.

In September Berkshire Young Voices were invited to perform at Wellington College to mark the opening of their new theatre.

October saw Berkshire Youth Choir invited to the Royal Albert Hall as the only county choir performing alongside the National Youth Choir and London Youth Choir in a new work, *The Great War Symphony* by Patrick Hawes, to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. The performance was broadcast as part of Classic FM Live. This was a huge honour for the choir.

Then in December it was the turn of Berkshire Young Voices to take part in the BBC Berkshire Carol Concert at Reading Minster.

Since then it's been full steam ahead with preparations for tonight's concert and for the Mozart Requiem at St George's Chapel, Windsor on 23 March as part of Windsor Festival.



Singing for All

September saw the appointment of two new singing co-ordinators who are working with schools and music centres across the county to help create singing opportunities for everyone.

Singing is not only great fun, it is known to improve well-being and it can be a great way to meet people and make new friends.

Choir membership is growing with lots more places available and we are hoping to see more boys become involved with our Sing Boys, Sing event coming up on 16 June 2019. Boys are encouraged to bring along an adult male family member or friend to join in and experience the fun of singing together.

Our new workplace choir at the Corn Exchange in Newbury is bringing workers out of their offices to sing in their lunch breaks.

Look out for the many opportunities to sing with Berkshire Maestros around the county.



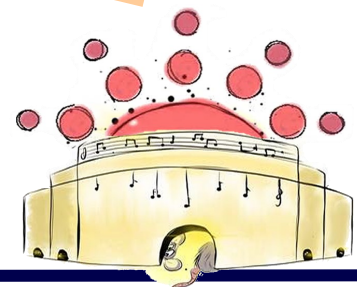
LEARNING WITH BERKSHIRE MAESTROS

About Berkshire Maestros and the Music Hub

Berkshire Maestros, one of the country's largest music services is proud to lead the Berkshire Music Education Hub partnership. As one of the leading music hubs in the country our vision is that all children and young people in Berkshire will experience an inspirational, high quality musical education. We work closely with over 98% of Berkshire schools to support music, both within the curriculum and through providing enriching and life-enhancing musical opportunities for children to sing together and perform. It is important for us as musicians and educators to strive to achieve the best possible musical provision for children and young people across the county and beyond.

It is our aim to inspire music learning, create aspirational performing opportunities and bring music to all ages, abilities and backgrounds. We do this by developing effective and sustainable partnerships with teachers, professional artists and organisations, venues and schools so that all children have the chance to experience the joy that can be found in music. We want all children to engage in making music in whatever way interests them, whether singing, creating music digitally and composing their own music, performing in a group alongside like-minded instrumentalists, playing with a county or national ensemble, joining a choir or jamming with friends or in front of YouTube as self-taught musicians. Providing and facilitating a wealth of diverse and wide-ranging musical opportunities for all children and young people in Berkshire is Maestros mission and we believe that in our schools and music centres, we are able to support the aspirations and interests of every child.

We know that being involved in musical activity and learning to play an instrument benefits a child's development in all areas of their life. Children who play or sing to a high level do much better and achieve higher results in their school academic subjects but music offers so much more. Being part of the Maestros musical community will enable a child to develop self-confidence and self-esteem, improve their social skills, self-discipline and concentration as well as supporting sustained commitment and perseverance leading to a life-long love of music and a skill they can return to throughout their lives.





Get Involved -

Learn to play an instrument! Come and sing! Join a group!

Did you know that your child can join a Berkshire Maestros beginner musical group after learning their instrument for just a few weeks? With only a few notes, they can become part of their local Maestros community and make new friends. Before long, you will see the benefits of their engagement as they play in concerts, talk confidently about their music centre friends and treat you to lots of proud performances. Music enhances and enriches lives and Maestros is here to support you and your budding musician however we can. If you would like to try out an instrument at any time, you can arrange to come into your local music centre or even arrange for your child to have a go with one of the Maestros teachers at school. There are lots of details on our website of how to start learning, but the best way is to talk to one of our teachers or Music Centre Managers or even fill out an online enrolment form from www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk.

Did you know that your child could learn the guitar or drum kit? Join a singing group or play the ukulele? Play saxophone or trumpet or piano? If you're not sure, they could try out a few different instruments and then come along to a beginner ensemble and sit in for fun. I promise you they will love it! You can even come along to one of our Mini Maestros sessions which are designed for babies, toddlers and pre-school children - we hold sessions across the county and these are great for developing skills and language right from the earliest age but also provide wonderful opportunities for parents to have social time with new friends – and coffee/cake of course!

And for mums and dads – did you know you could join in too? Do you have an instrument in your attic that you played at school or did you always want to learn but never had the chance? We have lots of adults having lessons, playing in adult groups and singing in our adult choirs and we will always try to start a group if there is enough interest. If you'd like to join in, contact us and we'll help you find your inner musician. Even as CEO, I started learning a new instrument at the age of 40 and I can honestly say it has been one of the best things I have ever done.

Whatever musical interest inspires your child or your family, Maestros is here for you! Do get in touch.

Lynne Ellis

CEO Berkshire Maestros

Find our more from: www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

OUR MUSIC CENTRES

Come and Join in the Fun at our Music Centres

As any one of our students will tell you, Berkshire Maestros' music centres are buzzing, fun places to be. Every week hundreds of children and young people from around Berkshire attend music lessons, choirs and instrumental ensembles. In the process, they have fun, make new friends and develop a range of life skills including: self-confidence, communication and team working skills (oh, and they learn music too!) – all in a safe and comfortable environment.

Our centres are well-equipped and easy to get to with most having good parking facilities. Our team of highly qualified, experienced teachers provide high-quality music education covering a wide range of instruments.

Look out for our regular 'Have a Go' days and come along to try out our instruments and see which one suits you.

You can also pop into our **Choirs Open Day** on 27 April 2019 to give singing a try. We're sure you'll love it!

To find out more about what we offer contact admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk or call on 0118 901 2370.

Coming soon at our Music Centres . . .

There's something for everyone to enjoy. Come along and see our students demonstrate what they have learned!

Bracknell

24 March	Together in Music concert	Whitty Theatre, Luckley House School, RG40 3EU
25 March	Chamber Concert	South Hill Park, RG12 7PA
22 May	'Have a Go!'	Bracknell Music Centre, RG12 9DA
7 July	Garden Party Gala Concert	Ranelagh School, RG12 9DA

Caversham

28 March	Spring Concert	St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green RG4 8RA
13 July	Summer Showcase	Prospect School, RG30 4EZ

Newbury

30 March	Teddy Bears Picnic	Newbury Music Centre, RG14 6JP
30 March	Gala Concert	Newbury Music Centre, RG14 6JP
8 June	Movie Magic	Newbury Music Centre, RG14 6JP
13 July	Garden Party	St Bartholomew's School, RG14 6JP

Reading

9 July	'Have a Go!'	Reading Music Centre, RG30 4EZ
13 July	Summer Showcase	Prospect School, RG30 4EZ

Windsor

21 March	Jazz Evening	Jagz Café, Ascot, SL5 9EG
30 March	Open Morning/Have a Go!	Windsor Music Centre, SL4 5PE
24 May	Clarinet Choir Concert	Windsor Music Centre, SL4 5PE
13 July	Summer Gala Concert	Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead, SL6 1RF



Lessons

At Berkshire Maestros' music centres we offer lessons after school and at the weekends on a wide range of instruments (subject to availability). There is something to suit everyone and styles to suit all.

Our well-equipped teaching rooms provide the perfect learning environment. Lessons are fun and interactive and provide children with the skills and knowledge to become excellent musicians. Sessions are tailored to individual needs and can build up to music examinations or simply focus on the enjoyment of playing. Lessons can be taught on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. Many students prefer group learning and it also helps to reduce the cost - making lessons even more affordable.

If you are interested in lessons but do not own an instrument, it may also be possible to hire an instrument from us for as little as £22 per term (subject to availability and our usual terms and conditions of instrument hire). This can provide the opportunity to try out music lessons without having to invest in the cost of an instrument at the outset.



Ensembles

As well as lessons, our music centres provide opportunities for young musicians to join a wide variety of musical ensembles. These range from Early Years classes with Mini Maestros, through beginner bands to the most advanced ensembles in each area. Options are available for string ensembles, wind ensembles, brass bands, percussion ensembles, choirs and guitar bands as well as contemporary music workshops/ band coaching for rock and pop musicians. Classes in music theory are available to those wanting to improve their academic music knowledge.

Ensembles provide a perfect environment for young musicians to enjoy playing as part of a team, improving and enhancing many areas of their learning. Their knowledge of repertoire will be extended and they will learn more about techniques and musicality.

Ensembles also enable young musicians to come together to share a joint passion and create new lasting friendships.

Parents and Friends

A huge thank you to the Parents and Friends Associations at our music centres who work tirelessly throughout the year to help raise funds to support our activities. Their work is invaluable and we truly appreciate it. Volunteers are always needed so if you can spare a little time to help, please contact your local Music Centre Manager

Soundabout and Berkshire Maestros

invite you to the launch of a new SEND music network and virtual Soundabout training centre to support SEND schools and music practitioners working in the SEND sector in Berkshire



For staff from SEND schools, music education hubs, arts organisations, and anyone else with an interest in SEND music-making

Wednesday 3 April 2019
10am-3pm

Reading Music Centre
100 Cockney Hill
Stoneham Court
Reading
RG30 4EZ

Lunch will be provided

Programme to include:

- CPD training in Soundabout tools and techniques
- Further information about the SEND music network and virtual Soundabout Education Centre
- Speakers from Berkshire Maestros and Soundabout
- Networking opportunities

Please RSVP by Monday 25 March 2019 to Isabel Bedford: isabelbedford@soundabout.org.uk

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