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Hello and welcome to our Summer Newsletter.

Conference

26 February 2014 saw the first Music Service conference, which took place at The Space in Norwich. Over 100 delegates from 48 Norfolk schools attended the day, which began with a keynote speech from HMI for Music Robin Hammerton. The afternoon session involved some exciting workshops with primary school music specialist Sue Nicholls, Charles McDougall from Voces8 and Cherry Forbes from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

CASMA



515 children from 17 Primary / Junior schools took part in this year's CASMA choir concert at St Andrew's Hall, performing to capacity audiences over three evenings in March.

The massed choirs were conducted by Andrew Weeks from the Norwich School on the first evening and John Stephens on remaining 2 evenings. This year's theme was songs from WW1, plus a range of other material.

The audience we also treated to performances from Yaxham Ukles, Norfolk Guitar Ensemble, NCYM String Quartet, NCYM Chamber Wind, NCYM Chamber Choir and the Hobart High and Notre Dame High Percussion Ensembles.

OAE Opposites Project

A KS1 project run by Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment with Docking CE Primary School, Gayton CEVC Primary School, Greyfriars Primary School and Whitefriars Church of England Primary School. Each school received a day's workshop working on "The Opposites Song", written especially for the project by composer James Redwood. The children learnt and sang about musical opposites - long/short; loud/quiet; fast/slow; high/low. As one child was deaf, everyone learnt to sign the song too. The schools paired up on 12 February, and gave a performance, singing with a 10 piece ensemble from the OAE.

CASMA KS1

As part of this year's CASMA concerts 160 KS1 children took part in an afternoon concert at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich.



Barnham Broom CEVA Primary School, Lingwood Primary School, St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, Mousehold Infant & Nursery School and Thurton Primary School enjoyed an afternoon with conductor, John Stephens, singing animal themed songs together and for each other.



Music Mix

Following the success of Music Mix 2010 and 2012, the BBC Concert Orchestra (BBC CO) was back in Norfolk to present their free concerts at the Hippodrome in Great Yarmouth and Kings Lynn Corn Exchange. Over two days the orchestra reached over 2,000 students. Music Mix featured the full forces of the BBC CO performing a wide range of orchestral music including works by Mozart, Prokofiev, Strauss and John Adams alongside the theme music from BBC TV's *Wild Arabia*. The orchestra were be joined by a specialist film crew who broadcast the concert live on a big screen in the hall, enabling students to get up close to the orchestra as they perform.



BBC Concert Orchestra at MusicMix 2014 © BBC / Credit: Pete Huggins

To join up with the BBC's World War One Centenary season, the BBC CO and Orchestras Live teamed up with Writer's Centre Norwich to run schools workshops with local poet Tom Warner. Over four sessions last autumn, Tom worked with pupils from Wymondham College and Langley School. Using poetry written by the students at the workshops, he created the words for a song composed by BBC Concert Orchestra Associate Composer Guy Barker. *Sixty Yards Over No Man's Land* was performed by school choirs from Alderman Peel High School, Flegg High School and Thetford Academy.

Norfolk County Music Festival



The 89th Norfolk County Music Festival saw involvement from the following Music Service and School ensembles: Dereham Training Strings, Norfolk Schools Training Wind Band, Norfolk Schools Wind Band, Norfolk County Symphonic Wind Band, Taverham Youth Band, Hobart High School Percussion Ensemble, Hellesdon High Rhythimatics, Notre Dame Percussion Ensemble, City of Norwich School Percussion Ensemble, Open Academy Percussion Ensemble, Norwich School Stickers percussion ensemble, Norwich High School Percussion Ensemble, Norfolk Schools' Big Band and Norfolk Students' Jazz Orchestra. The achievement of each ensemble was publically recognised and applauded, with several outstanding adjudications being awarded in each class entered.

Forthcoming Events:

- 10 May 2014, Aylsham Community Ensemble Concert, St Faith's Centre
- 10 May 2014, Norfolk Schools' Brass Band Concert, Market Place, Wymondham
- 11 May 2014, Symphonic Wind Band at Langley Daffodil Day, Langley School
- 24 May 2014, Norfolk Students' Jazz Orchestra Concert at Aylsham Festival, Aylsham Town Hall
- 27 May 2014, Combined Wind Band Residential, Belsey Bridge
- 7 June 2014, Guitar Workshop, Poringland Primary School
- 7 June 2014, Lower Strings Workshop, St Francis of Assisi School
- 8 June 2014, Aylsham Community Ensemble Concert, Cawston Junior School Fayre
- 23 June 2014, Wind Bands Proms on the Pitch, St Francis of Assisi School
- 28 June 2014, National Youth Jazz Orchestra Workshop, St Francis of Assisi School
- 28 June 2014, NSJO Concert with NYJO at Young Norfolk Arts Festival, Norwich Playhouse
- 28 June 2014, Norfolk County Intermediate Youth Orchestra Concert, Great Yarmouth Minster

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