



Newsletter Autumn 2014

NorfolkMusic

• Learn to play • Start to sing • Perform to the world

Music lessons for children, adults and all the family

Tel 01603 303345 Email music.service@norfolk.gov.uk

www.norfolk.gov.uk/musicservice



Norfolk County Council

Supported using public funding by



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Hello and welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.

High Schools' Choir Festival

More than 300 students from City of Norwich School, Flegg High School, Hethersett Old Hall School, Notre Dame High School, Wymondham College, Thetford Grammar School, Thorpe St Andrew High School and the Norwich School performed in the annual Norfolk High Schools' Choir Festival Concert at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich on Thursday 6 November 2014. Conducted by Andrew Morley, the programme included Fauré's Requiem op 48, Walton Crown Imperial and Zadok the Priest. Ian Cooper, Assistant Head of Norfolk County Council's Music Service, which organises the event, said: "The festival has been running for a number of years and the pupils really enjoy it."



"It's not something that all of the schools can do on their own and having the orchestral accompaniment gives them a unique opportunity to come together and sing together in a large scale concert at St Andrew's Hall."

Norfolk County Youth Orchestra Concert at West Road Cambridge with Irena Josifoska



NCYO's first concert of the season was at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge and we were delighted to be joined by the talented young Serbian Cellist 'Irena Josifoska' (whom we met during the Triorca project) to play the Elgar cello concerto as part of an all English programme. The next NCYO concert will be on Friday 10 April 2015 at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

Norfolk Centre for Young Musicians

NCYM had another busy term with over 25 weekly ensemble sessions ranging from junior groups to string quartets, the Norfolk Intermediate Youth Orchestra, Guildhall workshops and a visiting composer in residence. On Saturday 15 November we were delighted to welcome five 2nd year Guildhall students to NCYM. The quintet performed a concert to NCYM students which was not just entertaining, but also demonstrated a very high level of musical, ensemble and technical playing. After the concert the quintet worked with some NCYM ensembles. For further information or an application form for NCYM please contact the Music Service.

The **West Norfolk String Ensemble** gave a wonderful end of year concert at St. Mary's Church, Gayton Thorpe on the last Thursday of summer term. The young string players, aged between six and ten, played a varied programme including pieces with an influence of reggae, samba and rock 'n' roll, alongside some more traditional choices. After a delightful concert the players and audience then shared refreshments together in the village playground adjacent to the church, enjoying rural Norfolk at its very best. Many thanks must be extended to St. Mary's for their hospitality and especially to Sarah Kerkham for providing all the refreshments.

Young Norfolk Arts Festival

Three Music Service ensembles gave outstanding performances as part of the Young Norfolk Arts Festival 2014. The Norfolk Symphonic, Norfolk Schools Wind Band and Flegg High School Wind Bands were at Norwich Citadel. The Norfolk County Strings played at the Puppet Theatre and the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra played to a packed house at the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn. Along with our instrumental performances an exciting evening of modern song and dance was held at Epic Studios with choirs and dance troupes from City Academy, Ormiston Victory Academy and Flegg High School accompanied by the A Team: the Music Service's very own staff band.



Bassoon Day



Another very successful Bassoon Day was held at St Francis of Assisi School on October 12th. The players, whose ages ranged from 10 to 18, had the opportunity to play with other bassoonists (which, as the bassoon is not a very common instrument, was a 'first' for some) in music ranging from the Mediaeval period to the 20th Century. One parent commented, at the afternoon concert, that he had no idea of the range and versatility of the instrument, nor the tonal qualities that can be produced by a band of bassoons. The tutors, David Cott and Tom Corin demonstrated on several rare and historical instruments which the students were then invited to try out and the opportunity was also taken to observe at first hand, and take inspiration from, the work of the bassoon section in the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra as they rehearsed in the main hall.

It was particularly pleasing to witness how the students have developed their playing skills, confidence and musicianship, year on year, since the first inception of Bassoon Days.

Exams

In the summer term 2013/14 we had 65 applicants for ABRSM exams 11 gained a distinction and 36 a merit. For Trinity College exams we had 41 applicants, 9 gained a distinction and 16 a merit. For Rockschoo we had 30 applicants. In the autumn term 2014/15 we had 31 applicants for ABRSM, 3 for Trinity College and 18 for Rockschoo exams.

Badke Quartet with St Martha's Catholic Primary School

Pupils from St Martha's Catholic Primary School took part in workshops with members of the Badke Quartet and joined them on stage during their performance at The Guildhall. Some of the pupils comments after the workshops and concert were:

It was very special to take part in it, I was very lucky

I want to do more of this

It was fun, entertaining and amazing

It was the best ever music



Forthcoming Events:

26 January 2015, Using iPads In Primary Music Lessons, Norwich Professional Development Centre

30 January 2015, World Voice UK second training session, Lionwood Space for Sports and Arts

3 February 2015, INSET training in delivering & planning for curriculum music for East Region, St. Mary's School, Gorleston

10 February 2015, Norfolk Music Hub Meetings, Norwich Professional Development Centre

11 February 2015, Norfolk Music Hub Meetings, Suffield Park Infant & Nursery School

24 February 2015, Norfolk Music Hub Meetings, Runcton Holme C of E Primary

25 February 2015, Norfolk Music Hub Meetings, SeaChange Arts, NR30 2LZ

26 February 2015, Norfolk Music Hub Meetings, The Thetford Academy

8 March 2015, Norfolk County Music Festival 90th Birthday Celebration Concert, St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

17/18 March 2015, CAMSA Concerts, St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

20 March 2015, Fiddlesticks Workshop, Lionwood Infant School, Norwich

23/24/25 March 2015, ABRSM Exams, The King of Hearts, Norwich

26 March 2015, Norfolk Classic Strings Workshop, Lionwood Infant School, Norwich

30 March - 3 April 2015, Trinity College Exams, The DNJ Centre, Norwich

24 April 2015, Norfolk Classic Strings Workshop, Lionwood Infant School, Norwich

26 April 2015, Fiddlesticks/Classic Strings Workshop and Concert, St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

If your school would like to feature in the next issue please contact:

Norfolk Music Service, Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, Norwich NR7 9QL, 01603 303346

<http://norfolkmusicshub.org.uk> <https://www.facebook.com/NorfolkMusicService> @NMHub