



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

Welcome to our newsletter, in this issue we are very excited to share details of our upcoming events and information!

SCHOOL NETWORK MEETING 22ND NOVEMBER 4PM - 5PM

Join us on line to discuss how the National Plan for Music Education can be implemented in your school and across the county. We will also be sharing our approach to selecting Hub lead schools in each unitary authority. A unique opportunity to collaborate across key stages and diverse backgrounds, ensuring that every child in Berkshire has access to the highest quality music education. Book your space [here](#)



SUPPORTING SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS ROYAL OPERA HOUSE CPD SESSION

This will be a **free** CPD event in partnership with the Royal Opera House. If you would like to embrace new approaches in your school productions, or you are looking to start a new school production then the Royal Opera House are coming to assist you. No previous music or drama experience is needed to take part, making this CPD ideal for KS1 and KS2 classroom teachers as well as music and/or drama leads. The Royal Opera House will be using the music from Hansel and Gretel that we performed at our Junior Music Festivals last year as a platform for this CPD event.

The session will be full of games, songs and creativity! Tea and coffee will be provided but please do bring your own lunch. Please note we need a minimum of 15 schools to sign up to run this CPD event. Thursday 16th November 2023 9am - 3pm at Berkshire Music Trust Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Reading RG30 4EZ Book [Here](#)

GETTING MORE FROM CHARANGA CPD SESSION

This session is **free** Suitable for schools already familiar with the Schemes. Covers how to set up student groups and give pupils access, looks in more detail at the music technology and composition options, with the opportunity to have a go in the session. There will be a focus on SEND provision and accessibility. Tuesday 28th November 2023 4.00pm-5.30pm at Berkshire Music Trust Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Reading RG30 4EZ Book [Here](#)



UNLEASH THE MAGIC OF MENDELSSOHN'S A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM!

Academy of St Martin is thrilled to announce the launch of their exciting new online resources for schools: Inside the Music: A Midsummer Night's Dream. Inspired by their enchanting 2021 film A London Dream these free resources centre around Felix Mendelssohn's masterpiece and unlock its musical and cross-curricular potential for Key Stage 2. The resources are designed to be seamlessly integrated into school learning plans, allowing teachers to successfully engage their students in the world of music. Each resource fosters musical learning, encourages creative exploration, and ignites the imagination. Sign up [here](#)

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA RELAXED PERFORMANCE MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023

Featuring 25 musicians performing a range of music in ways you've never imagined, this event is specially designed for people who may find traditional concerts challenging to attend, including adults and children with learning disabilities, movement disorders, sensory impairments, autistic spectrum disorder, dementia and other neurological conditions, or those with young children or babies.

More details can be found [here](#)



Each year, we are asked by the DfE, through the Arts Council to complete a data return showing the impact of the funding that we receive to support music education across Berkshire. Part of that data return is to gather information from schools on the ensemble activity they run.

Please find the very short form to complete <https://forms.office.com/e/dTPL6SMN26>, all respondents will be entered into a draw to win a free 1 hour workshop for their school from one of our experienced teachers if completed by Friday 20th October.

ORCHESTRAS FOR ALL - MODULO PROGRAMME

Last chance to apply for Modulo Programme! The Modulo Programme has been specially designed to assist music leaders to set up an inclusive 'Modulo' ensemble within their school or local community. The main aim of the Modulo programme is to create an environment where young people from any background can thrive and enjoy making music with others, regardless of what instrument they play, their previous experience or ability.

Full details are [here](#)

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OPEN REHEARSAL 9TH NOVEMBER

"Open Rehearsals" with the RPO enable participants to hear a professional orchestra live without any barriers – barriers can range from the cost of a ticket, to the formal environment of a concert hall full of experienced classical music audiences, to the length of a concert.

Your students can experience the Orchestra in the live rehearsal process, for a defined period of time – usually 30 minutes for early years/KS1 pupils up to 1.5 hrs for older pupils. This experience is completely FREE OF CHARGE to your students!

The programme will include:

1. BRAHMS Symphony No. 2
2. RACHMANINOV Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
3. WAGNER Lohengrin: Prelude to Act I

To book a place for your school, please email wendyharvey@berksmusictrust.org.uk



National Singing Symposium™

THE NATIONAL SINGING SYMPOSIUM

The National Singing Symposium (formerly the Singing Strategy Symposium) returns this year in a new format, with a 1.5 day event in the beautiful surroundings of Snape Maltings, in partnership with BrittenPears Arts.

To read more and book your space click [here](#)

MUSIC FOR ALL'S FUNDING ROUND 3 IS NOW OPEN TO APPLICANTS!

Music For All are able to offer financial grants to projects and individuals which include those with mental health challenges and/or affected by loneliness/isolation, young people aged 11-16 as well as the David Hughes Piano award for the third year running. They are delighted to launch the new Harris Foundation Schools Progression Award which will be supporting schools, groups, ensembles, orchestras or music production facilities to purchase complementary instruments, studio equipment and increasing instrument stocks. In partnership with Black Lives in Music, they are also launching a unique category for diverse community based groups from the Global Majority. There will also be instruments awarded in this round of funding including electric guitars and new Ukulele + Keyboard Award bundle.

Click [here](#) for further information

We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading.

Feel free to get in touch with us and give us a follow on social media!

