

Autumn Newsletter

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Welcome to the first termly newsletter from the Community Music Service in Barking and Dagenham. In these termly bulletins we hope to let you know about upcoming events, share some of our successes and highlight our previous work. If you would like to participate in any of the events please email us at cmsoffice@lbbd.gov.uk.

Upcoming Events for Schools

Vocal CPD Session

This is the first in a series of free CPD sessions across the year aimed at developing singing in schools.

Marsh Green school have very kindly agreed to host and deliver a session to share their **'Top tips to becoming a singing school!'**

The session is aimed at all staff, teachers, TA's and music coordinators who either wish to get started on their school singing journey, or for schools with well-established choirs and whole school singing. The event will take place at **Marsh Green Primary School on Monday 20th November 3.45-5.00 pm.**

Let us know if you would like to take part by emailing cmsoffice@lbbd.gov.uk

School Christmas Concerts

Each year, staff from the CMS come together to create a travelling orchestra visiting schools and settings to perform interactive concerts for pupils and staff.

The concerts will take place from Tuesday 12th December to Wednesday 20th December lasting 45 minutes for the cost of £250.

These concerts book up very quickly. For more information, please email Maree Knight maree.knight@lbbd.gov.uk

Conductive Music

Our partners from [Conductive Music](#) will be delivering **music technology workshops** in schools next term, bringing music, sciences and technology together in exciting hands-on sessions for children in years 1 to year 8.

Please contact Jo Milne for more information jo.milne@lbbd.gov.uk

For Pupils

Ensemble taster sessions

This term we are hosting two mixed ensemble taster sessions for all Primary School pupils who have completed their first year of whole class instrumental lessons last year and who have chosen to continue learning their instrument this year. The sessions will be held at Sydney Russell Secondary school from 4.15-5.30 on:

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 21st November

For more information, please email cmsoffice@lbbd.gov.uk

End of term Ensemble Concert

The CMS ensembles concert will be held at Sydney Russell Secondary school on Monday 27th November from 5.00-6.00. Entrance is £4 per adult (children are free) on the door.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact cmsoffice@lbbd.gov.uk

CMS news

In October the Arts Council England bid for East London music funding was submitted. The joint East London Music Alliance (ELMA) bid comprises 7 East London music services: Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Tower Hamlets, Redbridge, Newham & Waltham Forest. Should the bid be successful further collaboration will come into operation across the ELMA region from September 2024.

Our new Business Manager

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new business manager Lizzie Kitto.

Lizzie originally qualified as a Secondary School Teacher and later became a safeguarding specialist with LBBB. When she is not working with us, she is a trained dancer and often still performs. Lizzie is keen to widen participation in the arts in our borough and build new opportunities for music to flourish in LBBB.

CMS Performances

- At [London Symphony Orchestra \(LSO\) St Lukes](#), a performance was held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the building's repurposing. A CMS alumni Rejus Yakas (Violin) performed in a LSO commissioned string chamber work Dream City with LSO players in a ten piece ensemble by Ayanna Witter-Johnson.
- Rejus Jakas also performed at the Leaders Reception held at the Roundhouse in Dagenham, the Mayor of Barking & Dagenham presented awards including the freedom of the borough to long serving council officers. Rejus performed during the reception with David Silkoff accompanying.
- The Thames Reach Youth Orchestra (TRY) course took place during the half term. Pupils from Thurrock Music Service and the CMS met at the Purfleet Royal Opera House Production Park. The pupils studied a range of repertoire including Juba Dance by Florence Price, In the Hall of the Mountain King – Mussorgsky, Sprite - Masson Bates, Jean de Flotette – Petit , Band of Brothers Theme - Kamen also Shake it Off - Swift & A Thousand Years – Hodges.

A concert was given which was attended by parents and carers at the end of the course. The course included staff from both music services. CMS staff were Massimo Roman (Woodwind), Dan Way (Brass), Michael Whittaker (Strings) & Temi Olowolagba (Strings).



Our Standard Offer

As always, we will continue to provide:

WCET

Our in-school Primary teaching programme to ensure that every child has the opportunity to play an instrument. If you would like more information on the programme, it can be found at [Learn with us | Barking and Dagenham Music Hub](#)

This year we are delivering whole class music lessons to 107 classes in 28 schools.

Charanga

This online resource helps us support our teachers and provide resources to students from our partner [Charanga https://charanga.com](https://charanga.com)

Peri

We offer small group and 1:1 tuition for children who choose to continue to learn their instruments [Learn with us | Barking and Dagenham Music Hub](#)

Ensembles

We offer 4 ensembles to help children who are new and those who are more experienced, to gain valuable experience in playing with others and to make new friends.

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After School Clubs in schools

We offer schools the opportunity to use our experienced staff to run their after-school music clubs. For more information, please contact jo.milne@lbbd.gov.uk

A termly recital evening

We hold termly recital evenings to provide an opportunity for pupils who are preparing for exams to perform in public.

Exam entries

We offer internal exams and can also enter pupils for the national ABRSM examinations each term when the pupils reach the required standard.