

Devon Music Service

Hitting the right notes...

SING UP COMMUNITIES

Devon Music Service is delighted to announce success in winning a substantial award from Youth Music to launch of a fantastic new two-year singing programme for all schools in the Tiverton and Honiton areas.

The project aims to establish a culture of singing in all the Local Learning Community (LLC) schools, where everyone will have the opportunity to sing. Children and young people will work together, alongside a resident author and composer, to create a song cycle for their LLC, based on local history and heritage.

It is hoped that all primary school children will eventually transfer to secondary school knowing common songs which they own.

In September 2008 a new work will be commissioned to celebrate the coming together of the two communities and a Choir will be created, consisting of Yrs 5,6 7 & 8 pupils.

Sessions will be open to all interested teachers from other schools. Parents, Governors and Head Teachers will also be encouraged to support the project by observing and participating where appropriate.

SHOUT

Devon Music Service and Dartington Plus have joined together to enable the choral theatre company 'The Shout' to lead an exciting autumn term project.

Four Devon primary schools are being offered a fantastic opportunity to work with this thrilling and energetic choral group. Initially, teachers will receive a pack with music and lyrics for Orlando Gough's songs that the children will learn, and suggestions for the children's own songs. A Shout animator will then visit each school early in the autumn term and run a workshop for all the teachers involved.

Each class will have four hour-long workshops in which to compose a three - minute song about their identity or community, and learn Orlando's songs. The workshops will lead to a whole day when all the classes come together with 'The Shout' to rehearse and perform.

NOISE LAB

Noise Lab is an innovative new Music/ICT project run by local sound artist Ben Hudson, and supported by Devon Music Service. It provides an introduction to the use of computers and software in musical composition and is an exciting way for young people to discover new ways of creating music, and to experiment with sound.

The project is set to spread throughout Devon and has a strong emphasis on being fun and inclusive for children of all musical abilities.

Noise Lab made an appearance at Mix XL 2007. Ben and students from Loddiswell Primary School collected ambient sounds from around the festival site and combined them with electronically produced sounds to create a "Westpoint Soundscape".

If you are interested in the Noise Lab project for your school, please contact Ben Hudson at hudsonface@hotmail.com, or DMS.



MIX XL

On Wednesday 28th June 2007, an incredible mix of professional musicians, community musicians, and young performers from Devon primary and secondary schools showcased their work at Westpoint, near Exeter.

The annual event, now in its third year, incorporated a huge number of individual concerts and workshops with a wide spectrum of musical styles, from rock and gospel to jazz, folk, military and classical.



Keeps Improving

This year we offered 100+ concerts, performances and workshops, with 2,985 hands on workshop places.

This was the equivalent of 2 performance spaces for every pupil and a workshop participation space for 90 percent of the attendees.

Thank You

for all your feedback, this has been very constructive with teachers voting overwhelmingly for the festival to continue

149 schools have attended Mix Music Festival over the last 3 years

47 schools have attended for 2 out of the 3 years

26 school have attended all 3 years



'The Mix' will be at Westpoint on Weds 25th June 2008

Vocal Outreach Project Extended

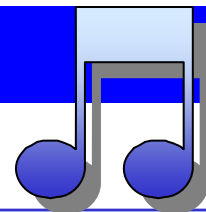
During the spring term 2007, four Exeter primary schools took part in highly successful choral singing workshops with choristers from Exeter Cathedral Choir, with a performance at Exeter Cathedral.

Following this success, 9 new schools from Exeter, Teignbridge and South Dartmoor will now be given the opportunity to participate in 2007/08. Stephen Tanner Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral School since 1987 and Director of the Girl Choristers at Exeter Cathedral will be Musical Director, and will be supported by talented singing animateurs.

As part of this collaborative programme, Rachel Smith will be conducting a new Devon County Junior Choir. The Choir is open to all Devon children, Years 3 - 8, and will meet on Saturday mornings, 9.30 - 11am in Kalendar Hall, Exeter Cathedral School, starting on 22nd September. The repertoire will be wide-ranging.

The Exeter Cathedral project is part of a nationwide outreach scheme organised by the CSA and MDS. It is a major strand of the Music Manifesto's National Singing Programme.





DMS Key Dates 2007/08

AUTUMN TERM 2007	
Saturday 22nd September	Ensembles Recruitment / Audition day
Saturday 22nd September	Launch of Devon County Youth Choir, Kalendar Hall
September - October	Extended Vocal Outreach Project
Friday 5th October	Youth Sing
Thursday 11th – Thursday 18th October	John Pitts Recorder Workshops
Saturday 13th October	Chulmleigh Learning Community Gospel Choir perform at Exeter Cathedral
Sunday 21st – Tuesday 23rd October	Residential coaching course– DYWO & DYBB
Monday 22nd October	Clark Tracey Percussion Workshop
Monday 22nd– Wednesday 24th October Wednesday 24th– Saturday 27th October	Residential course– DYJO, DYJO2, DYCO Devon Sinfonietta residential
Thursday 25th October	Alex Norgate Beatbox Workshop at residential
Friday 23rd November	DYJO play Teignmouth Jazz Festival
Monday 26th – Friday 30th November	Shout Primary Schools Composition and Performance Project
Friday 30th November	Music Centre Christmas Concert
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th December	Ensemble Christmas Concert
SPRING TERM 2008	
19th–23rd February	Devon Sinfonietta London Tour, workshop
Week beginning 10th March	Local Learning Community Concerts
15th March	DYJO Beverley Park Concert
SUMMER TERM 2008	
15/16/17 May	Devon County Show Ensemble Performances
Wednesday 25th June	`The Mix' Devon Schools Music Festival at Westpoint
Friday 4th–Sunday 6th July	Devon Sinfonietta residential

Devon Sinfonietta

Devon Sinfonietta is a new chamber ensemble/orchestra for aspiring and talented young musicians in Devon. It is comprised of 25–30 performers (strings, woodwind, brass and percussion) who want to work together to create concert music of a high standard with a professional conductor.

The group's music is primarily "classical", but it also gives its members the opportunity to venture into associated areas of music such as contemporary, folk and Jazz.

The Spring residential will be held in London and will include rehearsals, a concert, and attending music performances and workshops with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Scott Stroman is the conductor. He is a regular conductor with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, directing their unique *Renga*, and *Future First* ensembles, plus the string ensemble *OPUS 20*.

Anne Kimber and **Pete Jones** coach the woodwinds and brass as well as managing the group. They are both outstanding and experienced professional musicians who enjoy working with young people.

Auditions for new members grade 7 or above will be held on Saturday Sept 22 in Exeter. Please speak to Anne Kimber (07850 161912) to audition.

YOUTH-SING!

A workshop and master class with Mike Brewer (Director, National Youth Choirs)

Friday Oct 5th 2007 at 7pm, Exeter School

This workshop aims to encourage and equip leaders of youth choirs and singing groups in schools to make singing exciting, fun and motivational for young people.

Mike is an inspirational presenter and this is a unique opportunity to benefit from his experience as you participate in the singing and watch him in action.

Contact: Andrew Maries, Tel: 01884 34389



East Devon Music Centre St Peter's CE Aided School , Exeter

NOW SEEKING NEW RECRUITS!

EDMC offers a variety of groups and ensembles for young Devon musicians of all levels. Playing in a group each week is a great way to develop musical skills whilst gaining experience and having fun!

For more info about EDMC, please contact DMS on 01392 386483, visit the DMS website or e-mail annekimber@yahoo.co.uk

Devon Music Service

County Ensembles

Recruitment Day 2007

The following ensembles will be recruiting:

- Devon Sinfonietta
- Devon Youth Wind Orchestra
- Devon Youth Jazz Orchestras
- Devon Youth Concert Orchestra
- Devon Youth Brass Band
- Devon Youth Djembe Ensemble

Saturday 22nd September, 10am — 4pm
St Peters CE Aided School, Exeter

♫ meet the players ♫ sit in and play with the ensembles ♫
♫ chat to the conductors and staff ♫ check out your options ♫
♫ find out about our residential coaching courses ♫

Devon county ensembles offer young musicians the chance to play great music to a high standard ... why not come along and find out more?

Please bring your instrument, music stand, and a packed lunch.

Please contact Devon Music Service for more information: 01392 386483 or email mandy.shobbrook@devon.gov.uk

**DMS wants to celebrate music-making across Devon.
What's going on in your learning community? Let us know...**

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