

Spring Term Newsletter 2014

Cornwall Music Education Hub

Welcome to the Spring 2014 edition of the Cornwall Music Education Hub newsletter. This termly newsletter will provide you with an update of recent hub activity and events and let you know forthcoming plans. As ever we would like to thank our partners and supporting organisations for their ongoing support.

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Recent events & projects

Workshops:

November -

- Kandinsky Piano Trio – with Truro 3 Arts and Truro College
- November - Taster day at Children's University graduation ceremony at Falmouth University. Dozens of children had the opportunity to try out a range of different instruments.

December -

- Cornwall Youth Brass Band Christmas workshop.
- Masterclass with Owen Farr, Principal Tenor Horn of the Cory Band, part of Christmas residential.

Ofsted's recent report

Music in Schools: What Hubs must do

This report, published in November 2013, looked at the quality of music education of schools and the role of Hubs in supporting this. The key finding of this report was that there are still too many schools where the quality of music education is weak and that Hubs need to do more to improve this situation. The full report can be found at

www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/music-schools-what-hubs-must-do

Key recommendations listed in the report:

- Hubs have a mandate to challenge and support all schools with the quality of their music curriculum and should champion quality music education;
- Hubs must support school senior leaders in reviewing and planning music teaching in their schools;
- Schools should engage with their Hubs for support and advice around improving the quality of music education in their classrooms.

Ofsted have stated that their Inspectors are being made aware of the report and are being encouraged to discuss schools' engagement with their local Hub as part of the inspection.

In response to this report, the Arts Council have asked all Hubs to produce a plan of how they will plan to engage with the schools in their area. We will be working on this plan over the next few weeks and we will then send out information to schools.

Recent Training / CPD

September

- CMEH conference at Falmouth University

November

- Roland Music Tech Day at Treviglas School
- Count me in - CYMAZ Music Musical Inclusion conference

January

- Vocal Training – level 1 first session
- String Babies
- Music Technology Surgery with a focus on Apps - CYMAZ Music session at Bodmin.

Coming up... Hub led or supported projects

February 2014

- 1st - Come and Sing Saturday (am - St Austell, and pm - Truro).
- 22nd - Disklavier composition project performance at Falmouth University.
- 23rd - South West Jazz Sax Day at Wells Cathedral School.

March 2014

- 7th - South West Peninsula Music Conference 2014 at Buckfast Abbey
- 7th - 9th - Decoda, chamber ensemble from New York, will be running workshops with schools and also presenting a family concert.
- 17th - 18th - Hubtravaganza. A 2 night musical spectacular at the Hall for Cornwall with performances by hundreds of children and young people, from string quartets and choirs to DJ's and steel bands.
- 17th - 19th - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra school workshops across the county - 3 of the orchestra's ensembles will be touring the county to work with clusters of schools.

April 2014

- 6th - 8th - Cornwall Youth Wind Orchestra (CYWO) Easter residential at Truro High School.
- 9th - CYWO rehearsal and Evening Concert at Carnglaze Caverns.
- 8th - 10th - Cornwall Youth Orchestra (CYO) Easter residential at Truro High School.
- 11th - CYO rehearsal and Evening Concert
- 12th - CYO rehearsal and Evening Concert at Truro Cathedral.
- 18th - 21st - Cornwall Youth Brass Band (CYBB) Easter course. Guest Conductor will be Ian Porthouse.
- 21st - CYBB Easter course Gala Concert
- 26th - Taiko drumming workshop at the Porthleven Food Festival.

May 2014

Andy Baker, Community Musician with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, will be working with schools in Looe on a 'Story Republic' composition project in conjunction with KEAP.

June - July 2014

During 2014 and 2015 a very special music project is coming to the South West. Communities in Torbay, Cornwall and Plymouth will join with the Philharmonia Orchestra to present iOrchestra - a huge programme that combines the latest digital technology with live performance in a multi-faceted exploration of music. iOrchestra lets you experience first-hand the incredible soundworld of an orchestra through a wide range of interactive projects, workshops, school and community groups work, online resources, performances and volunteering opportunities. The MusicLab touring truck will be visiting areas around Cornwall on the dates below:

- 9th - 14th June at Penzance
- 16th - 21st June at Liskeard
- 23rd - 28th June at Heartlands in Pool
- 30th June - 5th July at Bodmin
- 7th - 12th July at St Austell

Schools and community organisations in the area of each of these installations will be invited to bring groups to the MusicLab. At other times, the truck will be accessible to the general public.

The Re-Rite main installation will be located on Lemon Quay in Truro from 30th June - 14th July. There will be a free family concert by the Philharmonia on Sunday 13th July 2014.

More information about iOrchestra can be found at www.iorchestra.co.uk

www.cornwallmusiceducationhub.org

Vocal Update

- New Girls Choir now up and running. Performed as part of CoCreate at Royal Albert Hall
- Children's Choirs
- Boys choirs continuing
- Vocal training programme twilights, 2 levels
- Rudling voices - a programme being led by CYMAZ Music to support young singers across the South West, giving chances to create and perform new vocal work.

Recent Performances

November

- Cornwall Youth Orchestra and Cornwall Cambiata perform at Royal Albert Hall.
- Cornwall Massed Ensemble perform at the Schools Proms at Royal Albert Hall.
- Britten's Friday Afternoon project at Bodmin College.

December

- Sax is Our Business play Christmas Carols at Tesco in St Austell.
- CYBB residential and Gala Concert.
- Truro City Guitar ensemble at Truro Cathedral.
- Triggshire Winds and Strings plus Whirlwinds Christmas concert at Wadebridge School.
- Truro Junior String Orchestra Christmas concert at Bosvigo School.
- Newquay Strings Christmas Concert at Newquay Tretherras School.
- Cornwall Boys Choir concert at St Petros Church, Bodmin.
- Penrice School Winter Concert.
- Carrick Winds and Breeze Christmas concert at Penryn College.

The inclusion work of the Hub

CYMAZ Music has been busy developing an inclusion strategy for the Hub. This includes a number of specific and targeted inclusion projects as well as strategies for tackling barriers to young people's music making on a wider scale. All children and young people have the chance to take part in music making and reach their potential with it, whether in or outside of school. CYMAZ Music is complementing Hub investment with its Musical Inclusion grant from the National Foundation for Youth Music.



Joining the Dots and breaking down barriers (AMP)

Based on the findings of the inclusion strategy research and consultation, CYMAZ Music is working with partners to target particular areas in which to pilot strategies for breaking down barriers and ensuring an inclusive music making offer.

We are developing Area Music Plans (AMP) in two areas; Redruth/Camborne/Pool and Bodmin. We are seeking partners, allies and friends to assist with this new phase of activity.

Music based Mentoring

This scheme is still open for referrals until 14th February. In this first phase, 10 young people will benefit from 10 weekly one to one music based mentoring sessions. With highly skilled music leaders, young people will set musical and personal goals to help them progress.

Short Stay Schools - The Acorn Academies

The aims of the programme:

- To ensure C&YP in short stay schools have access to a consistent high quality musical provision.
- To up-skill short stay school staff in music leadership skills.
- To ensure short stay schools are able to use their musical equipment effectively.
- To use music as a medium to improve social and personal skills as well as educational attainment.
- To embed the use of music in order to support and enhance other areas of the curriculum.

CYMAZ Music is working in 4 of the Acorn Academies (the 5th is just about to start!). Already young people in Penzance have formed a band and have performed twice. Students at Restormal Acorn Academy have been developing the use of music and technology as part of their Literacy and History projects. In Caradon and Nine Maidens, students are also demonstrating increased musical skills as well as personal and social skills.

"The music has been so great for 'J'. He was going to be home educated but the music has kept him coming here. His confidence has grown so much, a few weeks ago he wouldn't even give you eye contact." Head Teacher

"Thank you so much for what you are giving him, it's making such a difference." Parent

Music Technology for children and young people with SEN(D)

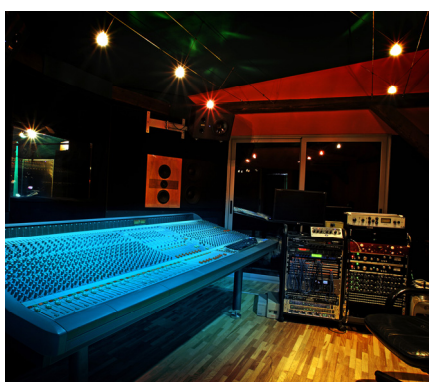
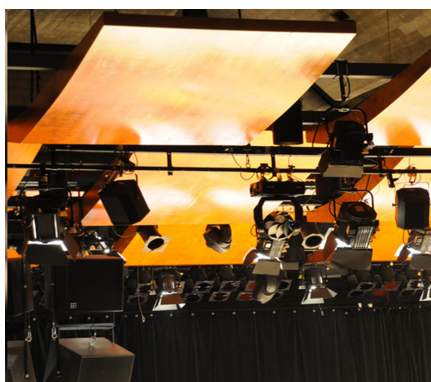
Each setting to receive a free 10 week training and support package of Music Technology sessions based on the need of the school/ARB. This will include at least two twilight training sessions with all teachers interested in developing their skills.

Schools and settings were identified. Those that took up the offer had very positive feedback.

“The feedback from the students about your music sessions has been fantastic, all of the students involved have loved every minute and one student in particular has benefitted hugely from the opportunity. I would very much like to facilitate a continuation of the project”

Learning Co-ordinator Treviglas

Some logistical barriers have driven the project to be reviewed and redefined to deliver blocks of Music Technology training for Teachers/TAs. Sessions will now take place at a central venue delivered by both CYMAZ Music and Music Cornwall music educators. Music Technology Training resources will be developed by CYMAZ Music and Cornwall Music for the Hub. CYMAZ Music has developed an Activist Role for Music Technology which is running concurrently with this project.



Music with children and young people in Care

With support from the Hub, CYMAZ Music is delivering a block of 10 week instrumental sessions. This is taking part at dBs, a partner for Cornwall Music Education Hub.

Project Aims:

- To provide Children and young people in Care with access to high quality musical opportunities
- To support the implementation of Cornwall Music Education Hub's Inclusion Strategy
- To ensure young people living in Care and those who are working with them are aware of their entitlement to musical opportunities through Cornwall Music Education Hub and its delivery and strategic partners

There are 10 to 12 young people attending and they are excited to be working towards performing at Hubtravaganza on March 17th.



“Am I really going to be using this”

dBs MUSIC



Subsidised access to music

The Hub is able to provide subsidies to some students to support their access to music:

- Students eligible for Free School Meals, Children in Care and Services Children are eligible for a subsidy up to £5.00 per lesson.
- Students/parents on Disability Living Allowance are eligible for a subsidy of up to £2.50 per lesson.
- Students learning an instrument through a provider who is registered with the Cornwall Music Education Hub receive subsidised tuition.
- Students on FSM, Children in Care and Services Children are also able to access subsidised instrument hire and membership of a CMEH ensemble.

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