

# JERSEY MUSIC SERVICE

Supporting, Nurturing & Developing Musical Talent



## WINTER SPECTACULAR

We had a brilliantly festive Winter Spectacular with concerts taking place over two days in the Concert Hall at Highlands College and The Assembly Room at St Helier's Town Hall



With special thanks to Highlands College, St Helier Town Hall and photographer Paul Wright

### SPRING TERM EVENTS

**From Monday 8th January**  
Ensemble & Choir Rehearsals Commence

**Friday 19th January**  
PwC Young Musician of the Year Competition Heats

**Saturday 20th January**  
PwC Junior Musician of the Year Competitions

**Saturday 3rd March**  
PwC Jersey Young Musician of the Year Final  
Jersey Opera House 7.00pm

**Saturday 24th March**  
Gala Concert - A Night at the Movies  
Fort Regent 7.00pm

# MUSIC IN THE CURRICULUM

## GROUVILLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Grouville School Orchestra performed their first winter concert at the end of last month. The orchestra played two pieces "Grouville School Blues" and "Silent Night in Grouville". The latter provided a festive atmosphere and featured a cornet solo, there were also duets and trios performed in the concert and a clarinet solo "Shhh" was accompanied by finger clicking from the musicians and the audience. Head teacher Mrs. Turner commented, "They were brilliant! I was so proud! And all the parents loved it; they all spoke so positively about our orchestra."

The orchestra is conducted by Mr Jones and assisted by Miss Woodsford. It provides a stepping stone to the JMS ensembles and is a great confidence booster for the children. We are so pleased with their achievement this term! The concert was a delightful way to showcase what the children have been learning and Mr. Jones has promised some exciting new repertoire in the New Year!

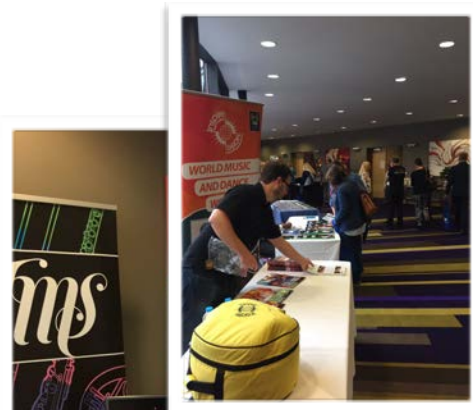
Music teachers from both the primary and secondary sector have formed a working party to plan the **Jersey Music Assessment Framework** which will be piloted in 2018.

The new **Primary Music Co-ordinators Training Programme** was launched this term, the course consists of three sessions held during the academic year. Ten primary school colleagues are currently undertaking the training and have learnt about what to expect in the role of a music coordinator, leading music in their schools and how to assist other classroom teachers who are not confident about teaching music in school. The next session will take place on the 14th March 2018 and will focus on planning and assessment.

A meeting for all primary music co-ordinators was held on the 22nd November, topics discussed included the introduction of the highly acclaimed "Sing Up" programme in schools, performing and copyright licenses, Jersey Sings!, the JMS Music Conference 2018 and the Peace Day Choir initiative.

## JERSEY MUSIC SERVICE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

We held our annual Music Education Conference on Thursday 28th September at the Radisson Hotel. The conference featured local and national speakers and exhibitors and catered for primary, secondary and instrumental teachers. The programme featured practical workshops, panel discussions and presentations from keynote speakers. Amongst the demonstrations was how to use the drums in the classroom, how to play the pBuzz and how a little bit of singing goes a long way! Exhibitors included Sing Up, Inspire-works, Progressive School of Music, Jersey Academy of Music, Music First, Warwick Music Group, OCR and Rockschool.



### Schools drum the sounds of carnival!

Children and teachers got in the latin groove at the end of term with a STOMP-style music lesson from Ollie Tunmer, the Founder and Director of the Beat Goes On and former cast member of the hit show 'STOMP' and its sister show 'The Lost & Found Orchestra'. Ollie delivered samba drumming workshops at St John's, St Saviour's and d'Auvergne schools on the 12th December, his visit was organised to give students a fun and exciting session while focusing on rhythm and pulse. Ollie also delivered a special twilight session for teachers at the end of the day at d'Auvergne School.





# JERSEY SINGS!

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHARITY MUSIC IN ACTION, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE PRESENTING JERSEY SINGS! 2018

Fort Regent will once again be transformed into a mini arena on the 26th & 27th June with up to 1,400 singing stars from 28 schools presenting a great selection of medleys, ballads and of course the Jersey Sings! anthem 'Power In Me'.

Conducted by David Lawrence, the awesome choir will be supported by the fantastic 7-piece Jersey Sings! rock band and include showcase performances from international stars Tom Billington and Ebony Buckle.

## WHOLE CLASS ENSEMBLE TEACHING

Our Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) projects are in popular demand. The projects are delivered to an entire class of children and include a variety of techniques, games and vocal exercises to introduce and develop an understanding of pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics and ensemble skills whilst learning an instrument together. The children have one hour weekly sessions with their class and class teacher and take their instrument home to practice between sessions.

This term we have been delivering projects at Victoria College Prep (violin), Mont Nicolle (clarinet), St Saviour's (pBone) and Springfield (trumpet).

"Great initiative to get everyone to try the violin. It teaches them so much about music in general"

VCP Parent

"I enjoyed it very much. I love plucking and bowing and all the other techniques! I love playing the violin - it's my favourite instrument and a very big thank you!"

Student at VCP



"The violin lessons were amazing because we got to dance while playing."

Student at VCP

Violin

"Fantastic progress in such a short time. Thank you - a real credit to JMS"

VCP Parent

Following on from our WCET projects we provide continuation projects and clubs to our students in order for them to receive sessions in smaller groups to determine whether they would like to continue. We've been to meet Kayleigh, Aeryn and Kate at Plat Douet who learnt the clarinet during the Summer term and have continued learning this term with Mrs Arnett.



"I like playing the clarinet because I find it calming and relaxing. Each day I practise, I feel more confident. It has been nice to learn the clarinet alongside some of my friends."

Clarinet

"If I had never done the Whole Class Project, I would not have known what a clarinet looked like or sounded like. I'm now working towards my grade 1 exam and am going to start playing in Training Wind Band in January."

"I love playing the clarinet because of the different tunes I get to play and it makes me feel really talented. I've improved so much since I did the Whole Class Project"

pBone

Trumpet

## A FIRST FOR JERSEY MUSIC SERVICE

The very first **brass band** at Jersey Music Service formed this term. The ensemble has been created to provide an opportunity for our brass players to perform as part of a brass band and explore the wide range of repertoire available for the ensemble. The band held their first performance at Jersey Library on the 12th December providing festive music to those visiting the library where the band also had the opportunity to visit the fantastic facilities in the Eagle Lab. Thank you to the Jersey Library for inviting us to perform!

JMS Brass Band: Dylan Arnett - Ruairi Boxall - Harrison Caldeira - Gabriel Carter - Merrion Carter - Edward Clark - Scarlett Crick - Harry Davy - Joshua Dolan - William Foey - Pascal Font - Maxwell Harman - Samuel Jackson - Luke Kempster - Kyla Le Plongeon - Sophie Mutton - Alexander Neasham - Edward Nichols - Grace Noblet - Jacob Pearse - Ryan Peel Kimberley Saunders - Matthew Stocke - Xavier Vardon - Ella Waddington - Abaigael Walshe - Summer Watkins - Annabel Woolley



**les cors jèrriais** consists exclusively of french horn players in Jersey, run in collaboration between Jersey Music Service and the Jersey Academy of Music. The ensemble formed in 2015 with the aim to promote the French horn in a fun and unique way. In this time the number of horn players in the island has tripled and proudly in 2017, les cors jèrriais has over 50 members. Performances to date have included Mont Orgueil Castle, the Royal Square, St Aubin's Harbour, the ramparts at Fort Regent, Hamptonne Country Life Museum and Greve de Lecq Barracks. LCJ are always looking for unique places to perform and are setting their sights on Guernsey and St Malo for performances in 2018.

## PERFORMANCE PLATFORM

We were treated to some wonderful performances on Saturday 18th November during our Performance Platform. Congratulations to Emily Bell - Daniel Bors - Harvey Butler - Gabriel Carter - Merrion Carter - Alaric Corbyn - Melora Corbyn - Ashton Cox - Erica Faria - Josephine Grace - Cassie Graham - Iman Hamid - Nikita Handel - Erin Hardman - Isabel Jacques - Maya Lumbard - Marysa Robinson - Lucy Ronayne - Ankita Sharma - Eve Simpkin - Sophia Smith - Xavier Vardon - Zara Wilkins - Jenny Wu - Charlie Yau and a special thanks to Charlotte Cooper (Head of Music at Haute Vallée) for providing such constructive feedback at the end of the evening and to Louise Risby for accompanying.

## Teachers

Mrs Julia Arnett - Woodwind

Miss Veronika Benhakak - Strings

Mr Luke Brown - Brass

Mr Jon Caws - Percussion

Mr Brent Connan - Guitar & Percussion

Dr Graham Cox - Brass

Mr Jesse Day - Guitar

Miss Grace Garnier - Keyboard

Mrs Katherine Grant - Woodwind

Miss Jean Hall - Woodwind

Mr Jack Helm - Guitar

Mr Allan Jones - Brass

Miss Naomi Koester - Woodwind & Keyboard

Mrs Sarah Le Feuvre - Woodwind

Mrs Sarah Le Fondre - Woodwind

Mr Martin Marsay - Strings

Mrs Gina McLinton - Woodwind

Mrs Katy Parker - Strings

Miss Julie Robinson - Strings

Miss Natasha Ronayne - Brass

Mr Jason Smith - Percussion

Mrs Victoria Stock - Brass

Mr Jason Wood - Piano

Miss Pat Woodsford - Strings

# FRIENDS OF JERSEY YOUTH MUSIC

The Friends of Jersey Youth Music are a charitable fundraising association with the aim of supporting the Jersey Music Service in its efforts to teach, promote and encourage young musicians.

There is no membership fee for the Friends and "PRESTO" the Friends of Jersey Youth Music card is free to all, granting access to a range of discounts on goods and services including Photographer Paul Wright - Broken Wind - Normans Musical Instruments - Cosmetic Dental Group - Lab-6 and Amaizin Adventure Park amongst others. To get your PRESTO card just email fojym@outlook.com

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MEMBERS CARD



**Hoodies & T-Shirts** An order form was included in an email sent out at the beginning of December - we will be placing the first order on Friday 5th January and further orders will be made throughout 2018.

**The Committee** - if you would like to be more involved in supporting musicians of JMS, we'd love you to join our committee and share ideas about how we can best support students and parents. The committee meets once a term and raises funds throughout the year. You can join the committee without having a specific role or you could become our next Vice Chairman or Secretary - both vacant positions. As well as being able to create some memorable moments for JMS students, committee members are also entitled to complimentary concert tickets to all ensemble concerts. If you would like more information on what being a committee member involves, please get in touch!

## NOTICES

### Lesson Amendments

Please request any changes prior to Thursday 15th February to take effect from the Summer term. This may be the cancellation of instrument hire, an amendment to lessons or the cancellation of tuition. Notification can be sent by email to [jms@music.sch.je](mailto:jms@music.sch.je)

**JMS ENSEMBLE & CHOIR REHEARSALS** commence from Monday 8th January. Rehearsals will conclude with the Gala Concert - A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES on Saturday 24th March at 7.00PM. A full rehearsal will take place from 4.15pm on Friday 23rd March involving all musicians.

### MUSIC RECYCLING

If you have any music books at home that are not being used, we would be delighted to receive any donations - if you have any queries, please contact Julia Arnett ([j.arnett@music.sch.je](mailto:j.arnett@music.sch.je))

If you would like to include something in our next newsletter please contact Victoria Stock ([v.stock@music.sch.je](mailto:v.stock@music.sch.je))