

# Musica Kirklees News



## Autumn 2018



### **New Culture Festival for Kirklees**

'Our Biennale' is a new arts and culture festival, running throughout the autumn, with children and young people in Kirklees. The Festival which has been put together through EvoKe (Kirklees Cultural Education Partnership) is being supported by Musica Kirklees. To round the Festival off on Tuesday, November 20 our senior/intermediate guitarists and

Musica Youth Orchestra will be involved in two spectacular free\* concerts, featuring internationally acclaimed guitarist, Craig Ogden.

#### **Darkness and Light, Huddersfield Town Hall (5.45-6.30pm)\***

Performances of commissioned works by Callum Dewar and Musica Kirklees teacher, Eleanor Cully. Musica Youth Orchestra and guitarists from four Musica Kirklees centres and ukulele groups from local schools will be joined on stage by Craig Ogden.

#### **Biennale Finale, Huddersfield Town Hall (7.00-8.00pm)\***

A celebration of the work created throughout the Biennale, featuring dance, music and performance. The concert will include a solo performance from Craig Ogden.

*\*both concerts are free, but donations on the door are welcome*

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## **Royal Albert Hall Invitation for Musica Youth Jazz**

Musica Youth Jazz (MYJ) will be performing centre stage at one of the world's top music venues on November 5.

Having performed at the regional Music for Youth (MfY) festival and then the national festival in Birmingham, MYJ has now been invited to attend the prestigious MfY Schools' Proms in London's Royal Albert Hall.

Thom Meredith, Principal, Musica Kirklees said: "It is a tremendous honour to be asked to represent our area and one which, having heard MYJ on stage in Birmingham, I believe they thoroughly deserve - congratulations to all the students and staff involved."

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Thom Meredith  
*Principal*

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We kicked off the new term exploring some brilliant musical opportunities with primary schoolchildren throughout Kirklees.

Our teaching staff visited 58 schools as part of our Learn to Play initiative. Children were given the chance to listen to, and play, a whole range of instruments.

To the schools that hosted us over the three days - a big thank you, and to every young person who decided to continue their musical journey through instrumental or vocal lessons - good luck, you are learning a skill that will bring you so much enjoyment throughout your life.

**Welcome to** new members of our teaching staff: Mr Henry Bateman will be teaching guitar and ukulele and will also be working at Musica Holme Valley. Miss Fran Mead and Miss Abi Young will be covering Mrs Esme Barber's teaching as she goes on maternity leave this month. Mrs Sara Zbos joins us as Centre Co-ordinator for Musica Colne Valley.

**At the end of last term we said goodbye to** Mr Phil Garlick (brass), Mr Josh Haslam (guitar) and Mr David Dransfield (Centre Co-ordinator, Musica Colne Valley), we wish them all well.



### **Farewell Mr Garlick**

Hundreds of young people have Brass teacher, Phil Garlick to thank for their passion, (and in some cases careers) for music. Now, after almost 40 years with Musica Kirklees (and Kirklees Music School before that) Mr Garlick has retired. He has held various posts within the organisation including Area Manager and Lead Teacher for Brass. Much of his teaching has been in the Holme Valley and for many years he led ensembles at the music centre. He will be missed by colleagues and students, we wish him well in his retirement.

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## **A Tour to Remember**

At the end of last term, Musica Mirfield Senior Wind Band and Swing Band spent five days on tour in the beautiful Tournai area of Belgium. They performed at concerts in Ypres, next to the Flanders Field Museum, in a wonderfully majestic church in Ghent and enjoyed a standing ovation at their final concert in Wavre Town Hall. Area Manager, Nicola Bell, who led the party, added: "A fantastic tour with great musical abilities displayed, new friendships made and memories of laughter and music to last a lifetime!"



**Musica Colne Valley Senior Guitars** performed at the TUC annual congress at the Manchester Central Convention Centre earlier this month. They were invited to play on the back of their fantastic performance at the regional Music for Youth Festival. The guitarists played in the main hall with their performance being streamed around the conference centre as well as a live feed over the internet.

# Would you like to join Musica Youth Orchestra?

If you are age 21 or under, play tuba, bassoon, oboe at around grade 6/7 standard, or any orchestral string instrument (grade 5+) and are interested in playing in the Musica Youth Orchestra, please get in touch; we have places available. Please email for details: [gill.mcdowell@musicakirkees.org](mailto:gill.mcdowell@musicakirkees.org)

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## Kirklees Concert Season



There are plenty of treats planned for the latest Kirklees Concert Season at Huddersfield Town Hall, with special offer tickets for some concerts for under 17s (£1) and ages 17-29 (£4).

Full details and tickets available from

[www.kirkleestownhalls.co.uk](http://www.kirkleestownhalls.co.uk) and 01484 225755. Highlights include:

Carl Davis CBE will be conducting his own score to the silent aviation epic film *Wings* on October 18.

World premiere alert! November 22, Will Todd's *Songs of Love and Battle* has its first performance, followed by Górecki's Symphony No. 3.

Experience the Orchestra of Opera North and introduce your little ones to live music played alongside their favourite characters with 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Highway Rat' on December 13 (special offer tickets not available for this concert).

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## Live Music Week

During the last week of the school term (December 17 - 21) many of our teachers will be visiting schools to give interactive music performances. There will be minimal disruption to the teaching timetable and the week-long programme will not prevent the correct number of lessons being delivered over the academic year. Your child's teacher will let you know via the Music Dairy if lessons will be affected.

## The Armed Man Charity Concert

7pm, October 13,  
Halifax Minster

Musica Youth Orchestra will be joining forces with Overgate Hospice Choir next month to perform the acclaimed turn of the century work, *The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace* by Karl Jenkins.

All proceeds will go towards the running of Overgate Hospice. Tickets (£12) are available from: [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) and 01422 373252.

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## Musica Batley Folk Collective

New for Autumn 2018, the Musica Batley Folk Collective is open to singers and instrumentalists of all ages and will explore folk and traditional music from around the British Isles. The group meet at Musica Batley, Batley Grammar School, Thursdays at 6.45 - 7.30pm.

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In the event of **bad weather**, please go to our website [www.musicakirkees.org](http://www.musicakirkees.org) where we'll let you know if any services are affected.

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## Christmas Holidays

The Musica Kirklees Office will close on December 21 and re-open on January 2.

# Concerts, Performances and Events

Please check [www.musicakirklees.org](http://www.musicakirklees.org) and centre newsletters for updates and more information

- Oct 5** Time tbc, MM Swing Band and Heckmondwike Grammar Swing Band Concert, St Paul's Church, Birkenshaw
- Oct 13** Marsden Jazz Festival, Bandstand in the Park:  
10.30 - 11.30am, MHV Big Band  
11.30am - 12.30pm, MS Big Band  
12.30pm - 1.15pm, Musica Soul Band  
2.15 - 3.00pm, MM Swing Band  
3.00 - 3.45pm, MS Swing Band
- Time tbc, Shelley Charity Ball, MS Big Band, Shelley Village Hall
- 7.00 - 10.00pm, The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace, Halifax Minster
- Nov 5** MYJ at the Music for Youth Schools' Prom, Royal Albert Hall
- Nov 10** 10.00am, WWI Peace and Remembrance Concert, MHV and MYB, Holmfirth High School  
10.45am, Remembrance Commemoration, MS Big Band and Shelley Singers, Shelley New Hall
- Nov 12** 7.00 - 8.30pm, MB and Batley Grammar School Soloist Evening, Batley Grammar School
- Nov 17** MS Open Morning, Shelley College
- Nov 20** 5.45 - 6.30pm, Darkness and Light, Huddersfield Town Hall  
7.00 - 8.00pm, Biennale Finale, Huddersfield Town Hall
- Dec 1** Time tbc, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Christmas Fayre, MM Senior Wind Band, Shepley Marina
- Dec 12** 7.00 - 9.30pm, Rock Concert, Musica Batley & Musica Rock School, The Parish Venue, Huddersfield
- Dec 15** 7.15 - 9.30pm, Marsh Ladies Choir Christmas Concert, MHV Big Band, Central Methodist Church, Brighouse

## Christmas Concerts - Centres and Central Ensembles

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| <b>Musica Batley</b>       | Dec 6, 7.00 - 9.15pm, Dewsbury Town Hall                   |
| <b>Musica Colne Valley</b> | Dec 14, 7.00pm, Colne Valley High School                   |
| <b>Musica Holme Valley</b> | Dec 15, am, two concerts at Holmfirth High School          |
| <b>Musica Mirfield</b>     | Dec 7, 7.00pm, Dewsbury Town Hall                          |
| <b>Musica Shelley</b>      | Dec 10, 7pm, Huddersfield Town Hall                        |
| <b>MYJ</b>                 | Dec 8, 7pm, with MS Adult Swing Band, Denby Dale Pie Hall  |
| <b>MYO</b>                 | Dec 16, 2.30pm, St Paul's Hall, University of Huddersfield |

**If you need to cancel.....**

**Lessons will automatically continue unless you email or write to the Musica Kirklees Office.**

Email - [enquiries@musicakirklees.org](mailto:enquiries@musicakirklees.org)

Address - 9 Beast Market, Huddersfield, HD1 1QF

If wish to cancel your child's lessons from Christmas 2018, and in order **not** to incur a 35% notice fee, we must receive written notice of your intention to cancel no later than **Thursday, November 1, 2018.**