

Musica Batley News



PART OF KIRKLEES MUSIC SCHOOL

Autumn 2018

Welcome

Welcome back; I hope everyone had a relaxing break over summer and you are now ready for another great term of music making. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new members; I hope you enjoy your time at Musica Batley. We also say welcome back to Mrs Graham and congratulations to Mrs Isaacs whose baby girl arrived in June.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge 'well done' to everyone who performed in the Summer Concert. Every ensemble put on an exceptional performance and it was fantastic to end the term on such a high note.

Up to date information about all our events and activities can be found on our social media pages so please like us on Facebook (@musicabatley) and follow us on Twitter (@musica_batley).

Exam Results

Congratulations to all our students who passed music examinations last term and all those who took GCSE, A-level and BTEC exams.

Rehearsal Room and Time Changes

Due to changes in the set-up of departments at Batley Grammar School, all String groups and Choirs will now take place in the two classrooms on the right hand side of the corridor (two classrooms after the staircase). String groups this term have slightly altered running times: **Stringlets** will now run from **4.30-5.30pm**, String Orchestra from **5.45-6.45pm**, and **Chamber Group** will be merged with our new Folk Collective (see below).

New Group: Batley Folk Collective

Our exciting new group, the Batley Folk Collective will be launched on September 20. It will run from **6.45-7.30pm** on Thursdays and be led by Miss Tym. The group is open to **all ages, singers and all instruments**, focussing on traditional music from the British Isles and beyond. Please spread the word and help our musical community keep growing!

Mayor of Kirklees Charity Challenge Week - Great Batley Bake Off

The Mayor of Kirklees, Cllr Gwen Lowe is hosting a charity challenge week (September 17-23) to raise money for the Mayor's Chosen Charities - Kirkwood Hospice and the RSPCA. We will be supporting the event by having our very own mini bake off on September 20. Please bring along cakes and biscuits to sell on the cake stall in the tuck shop. School aged pupils can enter the Bake Off competition, to be judged by Musica Batley staff at 5.45pm - first prize a Musica Kirklees book bag (worth £10).

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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** intermediate/senior guitarists and Musica Youth Orchestra will be involved in two spectacular free* concerts, featuring internationally acclaimed guitarist, Craig Ogden.

Musica Batley Guitar Orchestra is excited to be performing at both of these concerts:

*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

*In the run up to the event, there will be two important rehearsals for all guitarists taking part. These will be on Wednesdays **October 24** and **November 14** at Netherhall Learning Campus High School, Nether Hall Avenue, Rawthorpe, Huddersfield, HD5 9PG. All guitarists will rehearse together 7.00 – 8.00pm, followed by a run through with Musica Youth Orchestra 8.15–9.00pm.*

Dates for your Diary

September 20 - Batley Folk Collective launch (6.45-7.30pm) - All instruments/singers (all ages) welcome. Please speak to Miss Tym or Mr Merry for more information.

September 20 - Great Batley Bake Off (see above)

October 4 - Thom Meredith (Principal, Musica Kirklees) will visit Musica Batley to chat informally with parents/carers, students and staff

November 12 (7.00-8.30pm) - Musica Batley and Batley Grammar School soloist evening. Please speak to Mr Merry for more information.

November 20 (5.45pm and 7.00pm) - Musica Batley Guitar Ensemble at Our Biennale (see article above)

December 6 (7.00-9.15pm) - Musica Batley Christmas Concert, Dewsbury Town Hall. Performers to arrive no later than 6.30pm in full uniform. The concert will end with a massed item involving all performers. Uniform is available from the tuck shop; please speak to Mrs Graham.

December 12 (7.00-9.30pm) - Rock School @ The Parish, Huddersfield - Musica Batley Rock School is joining Musica Rock School (Huddersfield) for their annual performance at Huddersfield's 'The Parish Venue'. Uniform is not required for this performance.

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