

Musica Colne Valley News



Autumn 2018

PART OF KIRKLEES MUSIC SCHOOL

Welcome back

This term promises to be a busy one, with many exciting performances to look forward to. Thank you to all the performers for the fantastic concerts at the end of summer term; Intermediate Wind Band made their annual visit to the Berry Brow Carnival, the Big Band played at the Ravensknowle Children's Gala and also joined forces with Musica Youth Strings to perform on a beautiful summer's day in Greenhead Park. Obviously we cannot forget the event that was 'The Summer Fest', it was all going so well until the heavens opened. Thank you again for all your help in getting the equipment inside – it was a fantastic team effort and really highlighted to me the community spirit around the place.

A big thank you needs to go to Mr Dave Dransfield who stepped down from his role as Centre Co-ordinator after 14 years in the post. Welcome to Mrs Sara Zbos who has now taken over the role.

Signing in

Could I please remind everyone about signing in and out at our centre. It is important for health, safety and safeguarding purposes that we know who is in the building.

Guitars at the Manchester Central Convention Centre

Summary of the day by Oliver Smith:

On September 10, Colne Valley Senior Guitars went to perform at the TUC Congress. The day started out at 7am when we caught the train from Huddersfield Train Station to go to Manchester Oxford Road. A half hour later, we arrived in Manchester and proceeded to walk the rest of the way to the Manchester Central Convention Complex where the TUC Congress was being held.

When we got there, we were met by a Music for Youth representative who gave us lanyards, so we could go backstage and into the main convention hall. We unpacked our guitars ready for the 8.40am session that we had been asked to play in. We went into the convention hall, a big room filled with rows of desks and chairs with pieces of paper scattered about. We were shown to our stage where we sat down and practised before being briefed. We were told that we would be filmed and streamed throughout the complex and onto the TUC website where people would be tuning in to watch the day's events unfold. A couple of minutes later, we were given the green light to perform. We started out with Chelsea Jazz which went smoothly as important people started to filter in through the doors. Then we played Partial Eclipse, followed by Viva Jujuy and Pica Pica.

After those, we performed Milonga, Palladio and Bare Necessities. We were then told to finish off and exit off stage so that the Congress could start. The group then went for a quick sit down and coffee until we started the walk to the Museum of Science and Industry. There,

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we were given time to walk around and see all of the interesting exhibits before we went to get lunch. We went to get something to eat at the cafe inside of MOSI where by far the food of choice from the CVSSG was the panini that was offered.

After our brief excursion from the MCCC, we returned and prepared to perform our second set of songs from 1.40 to 2.10pm. Just before we performed, the stage manager came up to our group and asked the dreaded question: can you smile more for the cameras please? This is the scariest question for a guitarist to face because of how hard it is to both smile and play at the same time. With this request in mind, we set out to play. We started again with Chelsea Jazz, Partial Eclipse, Viva Jujuy and Pica Pica. Then, we played Granada and Bare Necessities.

We gathered up our things and got ready to go. Fortunately, we got to keep our lanyards as a souvenir from the event and we were told that we would get an edited copy of our performance. We returned to the station and after 45 minutes we were back in Huddersfield. All in all, it was good day all round and we were thrilled to have been chosen to perform at the 150th TUC Congress. Here are some quotes from some of the members of the Senior Guitars:

Morgan: "I had lots of fun, I'm glad that we got chosen to go and luckily I didn't miss much at school!"

Elendu: "I enjoyed this experience, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity!"

Emily: "It was really good I thought."

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 Colne Valley Senior Guitars 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.*

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Dates for Calendar

These are the events in the diary so far for this term. There are a few more still to be confirmed, I will let you know as soon as they are finalised.

October 13	Big Band - Marsden Jazz Festival
November 20	Senior Guitars – Our Biennale
December 14	All groups - Christmas Concert

Congratulations

Well done to all those who passed their music practical exams last term and also to those students who took their GCSE's, 'A' Levels and BTEC qualifications.

Keep in Touch

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