

Musica Holme Valley News



PART OF KIRKLEES MUSIC SCHOOL

Autumn 2018

 Welcome back!

I hope you all had an exciting summer break. Welcome to all our new members - I hope you will enjoy your time at Musica Holme Valley. I am also pleased to welcome Mr Henry Bateman to our teaching team; he will be working alongside me with our guitarists and ukulele players.

Congratulations to all the students who passed their music grade exams, GCSEs, vocational qualifications and 'A' levels last term. We are very proud of you all!

We have some very exciting concerts in the pipeline and everyone is looking forward to the musical year ahead. Already we have engagements for the Big Band and guitar players as well as some concerts here at Musica Holme Valley. I'm particularly looking forward to the Peace and Remembrance Concert on Saturday, November 10, when we intend to play our own part in this year's WWI centenary commemorations.

All groups have spaces for new students. New members can join at any time but it is good to get learning in the first few weeks of the academic year, if possible. Anyone can join our centres and ensembles whether they have lessons with us or not. We have groups, choirs and bands for all ages and abilities, including tiny tots at Songbirds. Please see our Co-ordinator, Mrs Cieciana, for further details or check our website.

We will be sending engagement notices and newsletters via email to keep you informed of all the events and performances. Please help us by checking emails, following us on Twitter or viewing the Musica Holme Valley Facebook page for weekly updates. The events page on the Musica Kirklees website is always a good place to find out what is happening musically in the area too (www.musicakirklees.org).

We can't wait to get busy and look forward to seeing you at our performances.

Best wishes

Ginette Eady
Area Manager - Holme Valley

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DIARY DATES

Sunday, October 7 - Beats & Pieces - Big Band

Creativity and Improvisation Workshop at 10am-4pm, Huddersfield University - part of the Marsden Jazz Festival. Places are limited - not to be missed!

Leaflets have already been distributed to Big Band members. See Mr Brown for more information (£6 for pupils in full time education / £12 for adults).

Saturday, October 13 – Marsden Jazz Festival

Big Band will be performing (10.30-11.30am) at the Bandstand in the Park. This is part of a fantastic weekend of jazz events at an award-winning annual festival. Please go along and support our groups. It's free!

There will be a quick Big Band rehearsal at MHV from 8.45-9.30am before setting off to Marsden to perform. Performers should wear all black. Please take a coat or a Musica Holme Valley hoodie.

(There will be no Senior Wind Band that day but students not involved with Marsden Jazz Festival are welcome to help out with the other groups at Musica Holme Valley if they wish).

Saturday, October 20

Student council meeting at 10.15am in the Library.

Extra Guitar Rehearsal

All guitars to rehearse together with Junior Guitars at 9am for the Peace and Remembrance event. Intermediates and Seniors will stay on afterwards, as normal, to rehearse their music for the forthcoming Town Hall Concert.

Saturday, November 3 – no rehearsals - half-term

Saturday, November 10 (10am onwards) – Peace and Remembrance at Musica Holme Valley

Concert to commemorate WWI Centenary.

With performances from Joint Intermediate and Senior Strings, Senior Wind Band, Joint Guitars, Pop Choir, Ukuleles, Wind Wizards, Joint Intermediate Wind Band/Percussion Ensemble, Big Band and special guests Musica Youth Brass.

Groups need to arrive by 9am on the day for a brief rehearsal before the concert. African Drums, Songbirds and Junior Strings, who are not involved in this concert, will rehearse as normal.

Saturday, November 24 (10.15am) - Friends of Musica Holme Valley AGM

All parents/carers invited to attend; please make the most of this opportunity to get involved with the running of our vibrant centre.

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Tuesday November 20 – Our Biennale

'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 Holme Valley Intermediate and Senior Guitars are 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.*

Saturday, December 15 – Musica Holme Valley Christmas Concerts

Everyone is invited to celebrate Christmas time at this festive extravaganza. Two concerts during centre hours involving all our groups. Details to follow nearer the time.

And on the same day (7.15-9.30pm) - **Musica Holme Valley Big Band at Marsh Ladies Choir Christmas Concert**, Central Methodist Church, Brighouse.

Uniform Reminder

Junior Strings, Junior Guitars and Wind Wizards wear black Musica Holme Valley polo shirts for concerts with smart black trousers or skirts and black shoes.

All other groups wear all black for concerts and festivals.

Hoodies are also available and may be worn as a leisure garment and at concerts and outside performances too.

Polo shirts and hoodies are available in all sizes £10 and £15 respectively. Please see Mrs Cieciana at the front desk in the dining room regarding uniform orders.

Tuck shop helpers needed

Do you have an hour or two to support the running of our tuck shop? We have a rota system for volunteers so if you could help out, perhaps once or twice a term, while your child is rehearsing we would be really grateful. It is a great way to get involved in our centre and get to know other parents/carers.

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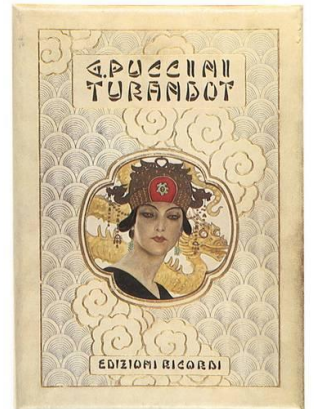
Classical Composers Chocolate Quiz

Following my summer holiday travels we have 'Mozart' Marzipan Choccies to give away! Complete the quiz about classical composers and give your answers to Mrs Cieciala. The first 45 group members to bring back their correct answers will receive a Mozart chocolate. (Do note that these chocolates are not suitable for anyone with a nut allergy, sorry). Good luck everyone!

CLASSICAL COMPOSERS CHOCOLATE QUIZ

1. The Italian composer Domenico Scarlatti was born in 1685. Which other German composer was famously born in that year?

2. This score of Puccini's Turandot can be found at La Scala Museum in Milan. What is the name of the famous Aria (from the final act) for tenor soloist popularised by Pavarotti?



3. From which Classical Symphony is the well known theme "Ode to Joy" taken?



4. Johann Strauss was a Viennese composer famous for writing what style of music?



5. What is Mozart's full name?



6 In which city was Mozart born?

7. Mozart wrote several famous operas. Can you name one of them?



8. Which Austrian composer famed for his chamber music mentored Mozart?

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9. "The William Tell Overture" is a piece of programme music. Who wrote it?

10. Giuseppe Verdi dominated the Opera scene in the late 19th Century. What is the English version of his name?

