

Musica Colne Valley News



PART OF KIRKLEES MUSIC SCHOOL

Spring 2019

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a good Christmas break and are looking forward to a very busy term of music making with Musica Colne Valley. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to our new members joining us for the first time in 2019; I hope you are enjoying your first of many terms here.

Christmas Concert

It seems a long time ago now but can I say a huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who was involved in the Christmas Concert. It was a terrific event which was really enjoyable.

Dates for Your Diary

- January 25 and March 1 – Hunt for Horns
- January 27 – Big Guitar Weekend
- February 8 – Open Evening
- March 3 – Great North Big Band Jazz Festival
- March 16/17 – Music for Youth
- April 8 – Spring Celebration

Hunt for Horns – January 25 and March 1

Following the success of French Horn Friday last year, the five West Yorkshire Music Hubs are once again coming together in the 'Hunt for Horns'. Our young horn players will have the opportunity to work alongside lots of other French horn players and also take part in the Music for Youth Regional Festival.

Big Guitar Weekend – January 27

After working with the inspirational Craig Ogden for the *Our Biennale* Finale, our Senior Guitars are looking forward to sharing the stage with the acclaimed guitarist again this year. Craig will be directing a massed guitar orchestra as part of his *Big Guitar Weekend* at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall. It promises to be another fantastic opportunity for our young guitarists.

Open Evening – February 8

On Friday, February 8, we are holding an Open Evening. Rehearsals will run as normal; in addition, we are inviting friends and family to come along and have a listen to see what goes on at our centre. If you have any friends who might be interested in joining our groups please invite them; they are very welcome to sit in with the groups and play if they wish.



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Great North Big Band Jazz Festival – March 3

Musica Colne Valley Big Band are heading to the North East on Sunday, March 3 to take part in *The Great North Big Band Jazz Festival*. The festival, organised by the University of Sunderland, will give our young players the chance to perform to an audience of big band fans and listen to, and learn from, other groups performing. It should be a great day.

Details have already been sent out in a letter to the appropriate students.

Signing In

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

Bake Off

The Friends of Musica Colne Valley are holding the annual Bake-Off Competition on Friday, February 8 in conjunction with our Open Evening. As a change, the theme will be *Spring* (but if you want to combine that with something musical, feel free!). Look out for more information on the notice board.

Music for Youth – March 16/17 at Colne Valley High School

The Music for Youth Regional Festivals are always very special occasions; this year four of our groups have entered: our Advanced String group will be showcasing their musical talents; the Senior Wind Band are joining forces with Musica Shelley Senior Wind Band to create *Music a Deux*; string players from the centre are combining with the Big Band to create what should be a fantastic sound and our Senior Guitars are also taking part and are hoping to follow on the success from last year when, as a result of their performance at MfY, they were invited to perform in Manchester as part of the TUC Annual Congress.

All our groups will be performing on **March 16** (times tbc). There is no charge for admission to the Festival and I'm sure the groups would welcome your support. You will also have the opportunity to hear other ensembles from our area.

The Friends of Musica Colne Valley run the refreshments on the Saturday of this weekend and they would be very grateful if anyone was able to help them out even for just part of the day.

Tuck Shop

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who have helped with the running of the Tuck Shop. It is much appreciated.

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Spring Celebration



In an exciting new initiative we are joining with Musica Shelley to hold a *Spring Celebration* at Huddersfield Town Hall on Monday, April 8 at 7pm. All our ensembles will be involved as they join with the corresponding groups from our sister centre. This promises to be a fantastic evening.

Tickets for this event will ONLY be available through the Town Hall box office (<https://tickets.kirklees.gov.uk/calendar/2019-04-08>) / telephone 01484 225755.

EARLY BIRD ticket offer until February 28, 2019 - balcony £6 (no concessions) and stalls £5/£4 concessions. After February 28 - balcony tickets £8 (no concessions) and stalls £6/£5 concessions.

Spring Celebration Rehearsals

We are running a couple of joint rehearsals with Musica Shelley to prepare for the concert and also to finalise seating plans. On Friday, March 29, Musica Shelley groups will come to us. On Saturday morning, March 30, we will be joining Musica Shelley for rehearsals at Shelley College. Further details will be passed on to students nearer the time.

Friends of Musica Colne Valley

The *Friends of Musica Colne Valley* do a fantastic job of supporting the work of our centre. They are currently looking for new members to join the committee. New helpers are needed to assist with fundraising and events ideas, particularly if they have contacts in the local community. If you would like to help shape the future of your child's centre, please think about joining the Friends. They meet around every six to eight weeks so wouldn't make too many demands on your time. Please speak to Mrs Zbos, Centre Co-ordinator, Mr Wightman or Mrs Kitching for more info.

Keep in Touch

The most up-to-date information is always on our social media pages so please like us on Facebook (@musicacolnevalley) and follow us on Twitter (@musica_cv).

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