

# Newsletter

## North Area



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Happy new term to all. Here is a short update on opportunities coming up and reminders of available resources.

Don't forget to check Cumbria Music Hub Website - [www.cumbriamusichub.com](http://www.cumbriamusichub.com)  
Twitter - @CumbriaMusicHub  
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## National News

### Practical Primary Music Toolkit - ISM

The ISM Trust, supported by the Schools Music Association (SMA), has commissioned a practical Primary Music Toolkit to help primary school teachers better understand what music teaching is and how it can be utilised to spread the magic of music through their curriculum.

The toolkit comes in six downloadable parts, relating to:

- Setting up musical learning in the primary classroom
- Leading and developing vocal work
- A brief guide to using musical instruments
- Composing and creativity - doodling with sound
- Using technology in music primary education
- Musical learning in the creative curriculum

Here is the link:  
<http://ismtrust.org/resources/primary-toolkit>

### OHMI Music Makers workshop 24th June

A special music instrument workshop for 7-107 yr olds with upper limb disabilities taking place at trinity school Carlisle on 24th June 1330-1630 - book your free place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ohmi-music-makers-workshop-carlisletickets-43891105478>

### BBC Ten Pieces - Get creative with Classical music

There are another 10 pieces of classical music to choose from on the BBC Ten Pieces website - Resources and ideas for lessons - Again the BBC are interested in any creative responses to the pieces. Upload your creations!  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/GcK22mFW6hkcVrF6VW7G5n4/upload-yourten-pieces-activities>

### Cumbria Music Conference 2018 Music for Everyone – Reaching out.

Wednesday 19th September at the North Lakes Hotel. This will shortly be open for booking and promises to be yet another great and inspirational day. It has just been confirmed that Dominic Peckham will again be running the vocal sessions - We also have John Kelly from Drake Music on the programme.

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## Music Hub Local Events

### SoundAround

This brilliant project was made possible by grants from the Arts Council, Orchestra's Live, Cumbria Music Hub and Cumbria County Council involved members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra working with a group of students from Trinity School to organise an exciting concert, at the Sands for pupils from Cumbrian schools. The Trinity students worked with members of the Orchestra planning the programme, the marketing, the sound and lighting and the front of house for the concert. The students worked with the Orchestra in 5 sessions over the course of 4 months and enjoyed learning new skills and exploring new music to put together an engaging programme for performance in the schools concerts. There was also a visit to James Rennie School with an Octet from the Orchestra to perform a relaxed concert for the students there.

The students involved worked really hard and looked forward to the orchestra's visits to school. They grew in confidence over the course of the project and it was brilliant to see them deliver their roles in the performances with such assurance. Over 2000 students from across Cumbria travelled to the Sands to watch the performance and the feedback has been great.

*'Hi my little one loved her experience with Dearham School this morning well done to all involved'.*

*'We brought 120 of our pupils to the concert this morning and we all thoroughly enjoyed it! My 6 year old son was also there with his school and he had a great time'.*

*'Wow! This was such a fantastic show. The presenting kids (my son included), were so confident, and the kids behind the scenes had clearly done a great job too. Hopefully many in the audience will be inspired enough to pick up an instrument...huge thanks to all involved for making it happen. A truly wonderful experience'.*

*'I can't thank Cumbria Music Hub and Trinity school enough for allowing this opportunity for my daughter to be involved with, and obviously a huge thank you to RPO for the outstanding work put into arranging such fantastic events for our children with special needs to participate in'.*

### Cumbria Calling 2

Cumbria Calling 2 is well under way with some of last year's students acting as composition mentors to this year's composers. This year's project involves KS3 students from Eden, working with composer Andy Smith and members of the Manchester Camerata Orchestra to compose a song cycle for performance by 250 primary students and the newly formed Cumbria Youth Choir at this year's Cumbria Youth Orchestra and Cumbria Youth Choir concert at the Sands centre on Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>. As well as a number of Sunday sessions in Penrith the composers also enjoyed a residential workshop at Hawes End and they have composed five songs for the song cycle which tell the story of a traveller as he goes around the Eden area.

## Carlisle and District Music and Drama Festival

Many local music departments in both primary and secondary schools look forward to the annual 'Carlisle and District Music and Drama Festival' with a sense of nervous anticipation. It is an opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and enjoy a few days of high quality music making with friends from other schools. The music festival is a supportive environment for local musicians both young and old to perform their work and we would like to thank the festival committee and volunteers for all the hard work that goes into making 'Carlisle and District Music and Drama Festival' one of the best in the country. Well done to everyone who took part – full results can be found here

<https://www.carlislemusicanddrama.com/results/music-results/>

and photos from the event here

<https://www.carlislemusicanddrama.com/gallery/>

## Cumbria Youth Choir

The Cumbria Youth Choir was formed earlier this academic year and is led by Charlotte Jackson. The group are already making a beautiful sound but new members are still welcome. Please could you encourage your singers, in years 9 upwards to sign up on the website <https://cumbriamusichub.com/cumbria->

[youth-choir/](#) and come along to the rehearsal at Trinity school this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am.

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## Music Centre dates

Carlisle Music Centre meets on a Thursday evening at Trinity school 4.45 – 8pm.

Beginners are welcome as there is something for everyone. Ensembles include

String Group, Woodwind ensemble, Brass ensemble, Percussion group, guitar group and for those who are grade 4 upwards there is Carlisle Youth Concert Band.

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