

Welcome to the DASP Music Newsletter Spring 2016!

A few years ago, we had a DASP Music newsletter and I thought that it would be good to revive it in order to be able to share with everyone the wealth of projects and activities that are currently being undertaken within DASP Music.

This has been a very busy term within DASP Music, with at least 6 performance events taking place in the last month, various exam sessions, workshops, and much more!

We have lots of activities going on and are always keen for feedback on what we offer and what you would like to see offered in the future, so please do get in touch if you have anything to suggest.

We have several exciting projects lined up for the summer term too, so watch this space!

Hanna Trevorrow
DASP Music Coordinator



The Training Windband who played magnificently at the recent Weymouth Music Festival

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News...

Year 4 Concerts



On 9th and 10th March, over 400 Year 4 children from across the DASP pyramid took part in the annual DASP Year 4 concerts. We were lucky enough to be able to use funding from the National Singing Strategy, to this year fund Mrs Trevorrow to visit each of the schools to run a series of vocal workshops at each school. The children were all taught the songs to be performed in the concert during these workshops. The result was five pieces, all sung in two or three part harmony, learnt off-by-heart and sung to a very high-standard. Songs included 'Can

You Feel the Love Tonight' and 'Lean on Me'. Each school also prepared their own individual song and these were all especially well put together this year and there were some great individual performances. Thank you to all of the staff who made the evenings possible, thank you to the parents for supporting the concerts and well done to all of the children who worked so hard and performed so well!

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Weymouth Music Festival



Two DASP Ensembles took part in the Weymouth Music Festival this year on 5th March. The Training Windband wowed adjudicators with their rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory' (the adjudicators could not believe that they were all beginner musicians!) and the DASP Brass Ensemble performed excellently and were awarded the Best Youth Ensemble cup! Thank you to Mr Goodwin and Mr Ansell for giving both groups the opportunity to perform and well done to all who took part!

Elise hits the right note!



On March 5th, Stringendos had the opportunity to play with Dorset Chamber Orchestra at their annual Concert for Youth. They joined DChO to play a piece arranged especially for them called "Water Birds", composed by Liz Sharma. They were able to feel what it is like to be part of a full symphony orchestra at rehearsal and in concert. Elise Griffin, year 5 student at St Osmund's, was a guest soloist with the orchestra, playing the Violin Concerto in a minor op.6 no3 by Vivaldi. Stringendos also joined DChO in the final item, playing "Carillon" from the Suite l'Arlesienne by Bizet. It was a fantastic experience for all involved and we look forward to further collaborations with DChO in the future. Thanks to Mrs Bultz and Mr Brewster for all of their input.

Minority Instrument Funding

We have been very lucky this year that The Solo Trust have kindly donated funds which have allowed us to fund ten middle school students to have two terms worth of starter lessons on cello, double bass and trombone, in the hope of inspiring more children to take up these

'minority instruments'. We are very happy to announce that The Solo Trust have given us funding to allow us to run a similar project in 2016-2017. We are hoping to focus on bassoons, so if you think you might be interested, keep a look out for information which will be released soon.

DASP Students sing Carmina Burana



On Saturday 12th March, children from Puddletown Middle School and the DASP Classics choir joined with Dorchester Choral Society for a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana at St Mary's Church in Dorchester. The children sang the Ragazzi (children's choir) choruses as well as joining in for the famous 'O Fortuna' chorus. They performed beautifully and it was a great experience for all involved. Special thanks to Mr Pontin, Mrs Brind and Dorchester Choral Society for making it all possible.

Skylarks is recruiting new members!

The DASP Skylarks Choir, run by Kathie Prince is re-launching and now looking to recruit new members. The choir is now open to students from Year 2 – Year 6. Entry is by a short audition. From Easter onwards, the group

will be rehearsing at Manor Park School on Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm. Please apply online at www.daspmusic.co.uk if you are interested in your child joining and being part of the exciting DASP concert at The Weymouth Pavilion this summer.

BBC Concert Orchestra coming to DASP!

We are really excited to announce that DASP Music has been chosen to host a fantastic *Ten Pieces* workshop with members of the BBC Concert Orchestra. The BBC *Ten Pieces* is a fantastic free resources produced by the BBC to introduce a new generation of students to the wonders of classical music (if you haven't already watched the two films, then I urge you to do so! – available online). The workshop will be a 'scratch' orchestra day open to all students in DASP, where we will work on some of the *Ten Pieces* repertoire and perform a concert for parents at the end of the day. The date of the workshop is Saturday 25th June 10 – 5pm. More info to be available soon.

SPONSORSHIP

We are LOOKING FOR SPONSORS FOR OUR DASP SUMMER CONCERT AT THE WEYMOUTH PAVILION, WHO MIGHT LIKE TO PLACE AN ADVERT IN OUR PROGRAMME. PLEASE CONTACT US AT MUSIC@DASP.ORG.UK IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO SPONSOR US.

DASP Music runs the only weekly music centre for young musicians in West Dorset. We have 14 weekly ensembles, most of which meet at our Wednesday 'Music Night' at The Thomas Hardy School. We have groups, both for complete beginners and those for more advanced players. If you play an instrument, why not come along and give one of our sessions a go?

Wednesday 'Music Night'

4-4.45pm: Stringendos, Clariphones, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir (all grade 2+), Training Windband, Stringalings (both grade 0-2)

5-6pm: DASP Youth Orchestra (grade 2+), Uke Troupe Beginners, Theory

5.30pm: Uke Troupe Intermediate

6.15pm – Theory

6.15pm – Jazz Band (grade 2+)

Vocal Groups

Treblemakers Boys Vocal Group – Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45pm @ Dorchester Middle School (boys years 4-8)

Classics Choir – Fridays 4-4.30pm @ The Thomas Hardy School (years 5-8)

Harmony Pop Choir – Various times/days/venues (years 5-13)

Skylarks Choir – Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm @ Manor Park First School (years 2-6)

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Events to Come...

11th April – ACM Gospel Choir Workshop and performance. 200 students from the three middle schools and The Thomas Hardy School will join with The Academy of Contemporary Music Gospel Choir to take part in a whole day workshop and evening performance at The Weymouth Pavilion. It promises to be a very exciting event!

21st April – DASP Youth Orchestra to perform as part of The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon Lighting Ceremony at Salisbury Fields.

12th May 4.30pm – Children's Concert and 'Come and Try' Event. We will be holding a short children's concert aimed at first and middle school children to introduce them to the orchestral instruments and allow them to 'have a go' themselves. A great event to attend if you would like your child to start learning an instrument. More info to follow soon.

25th June – BBC Ten Pieces 'scratch' orchestra day with the BBC Concert Orchestra.

3rd July – DASP Summer Prom Concert at The Weymouth Pavilion featuring all of the DASP Ensembles and more. Tickets will be on sale from the DASP Music office nearer the time.

When is a suitable age to start learning an instrument?

Obviously it depends on the individual child, but here is a rough guide:

Year 2+:

Piano/Recorder/Violin/Cello/Ukulele

Year 3+:

Trumpet/Clarinet/Flute/French Horn/Guitar/Drums

Year 5+: Double Bass/Oboe/Bassoon

/Saxophone/Trombone/Viola

We offer tuition on all instruments at all of the DASP schools (as long as there is sufficient demand) and are particularly keen to start more woodwind and brass players in the first schools!

Summer Music Courses

Dorset Music Service is running a residential summer course for young musicians at Bryanston School on 25th-29th July 2016 for all players of grade 3+. Please see their website for more details and to apply – www.dorsetforyou.com/music.