



# PRIMARY MUSIC UPDATE AUTUMN 2016



## SINGING FESTIVAL 2017

Rose Theatre  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Thank you everyone who has registered to take part in this year's festival and we're delighted that you are all able to take part, despite the radical departure from our usual dates.

The first of our regular Singing Festival letters has already been emailed to schools. This contains important information about the arrangements for this year, so please let us know if you haven't yet received it.

A reminder that our theme is *Hidden Treasure*. We're looking forward to hearing your song choices!

## LIVE@THE ROSE 2017

Thursday 29th June, 7.15 – 10.30

*Live@The Rose*, our singing programme for secondary schools, culminated in another spectacular sellout show back in July. For those of you who don't know about *Live@The Rose*, we describe it as a 'gig on a grand scale', which focuses on current and contemporary music and features auditioned soloists performing along with secondary school choirs. The majority of secondary schools are now involved, including the two newest schools in the borough. One of the greatest joys of *Live@The Rose* is the support that all the students give each other, which raises the level of performance and creates a fantastic atmosphere in the theatre.

Primary colleagues are most welcome to join us – just let Caroline Duckett know if you would like to attend, [carolineduckett@richmondmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:carolineduckett@richmondmusictrust.org.uk)



A big thank you to everyone who took part in June's Prom concert at St Mary's University. It was a spectacular event and we were so impressed with the quality of the primary orchestra items. We were also amazed at how easily our three conductors synchronised more than 600 players for the three massed pieces. We hope your children enjoyed hearing the RMT senior and junior ensembles – there was a wonderful reaction from the primary players as the Symphony Orchestra played the opening notes of Prokofiev's dramatic *Dance of the Knights*. Transfixed faces and wide-open eyes said it all!

With the Primary Singing Festival and Live@The Rose concerts taking place in June, we are looking at options and dates for this year's instrumental programme. Details will follow as soon as possible.

# MORE M:TECH PRESENTATIONS

RMT office

4.15 – 5.45pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

M:Tech workshops are now taking place in several of our schools and more are planning to introduce them, following demos last term. The workshops are run by experienced musicians and are based on sound musical principles, with a clear, progressive structure. They are proving to be very popular, as you can see from the comments below:

- *We've just begun to work with M:Tech and are looking forward to them running 4 lunchtime sessions over 2 days, starting in September. Khaled, Jack and Chris have been a pleasure to work with in these early planning stages. They know their product inside out and pitched really confidently to the KS2 children during an assembly and afternoon of demos. As a result, the uptake has been huge!*

*As a school, we regularly use technology in music lessons. However, in a whole-class curriculum lesson it can sometimes be a challenge to get everything running efficiently, particularly as batteries run out or children can't remember which iPad they were working on the week before!*

*M:Tech is really able to address this, giving both musicians and non-musicians the opportunity to work with great equipment and to form working partnerships whilst developing their compositional skills.*

*The admin side has been really well taken care of in-house so our office staff have not needed to be at all involved with timetables or payments. M:Tech have been really efficient in dealing with parents and taking the whole registration process off our hands.*

- *We have had M:Tech at Sacred Heart for a year now and they have proved very popular. The children have completed a different challenge each term and are always excited to attend. Would certainly recommend them to other schools.*

If you missed the previous presentations and are interested in seeing the M:Tech programme in action and speaking to M:Tech staff, please come along in October. To help with planning, please let Sheila know which session you will be attending.

If you are not able to come to either session but you would still like to find out about M:Tech, you can contact Jack Hardman at [jack@mtechonline.co.uk](mailto:jack@mtechonline.co.uk). Alternatively, you might like to speak to one of the music coordinators in schools where M:Tech is up and running. These are Barnes Primary, Holy Trinity, St Mary's & St Peter's, St Stephen's, Sacred Heart and Trafalgar Juniors (contact details on school websites).

## CONTACTING US

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