

# MK Music Hub Primary Schools' Instrumental Celebration

Information for teachers / schools



## Instrumental Celebration at the Ridgeway Centre

In place of our usual instrumental festivals, which were postponed due to covid, we are having an instrumental celebration to celebrate our pupils' achievements after a long break from live performing. This is an exciting opportunity for young players in schools to perform in front of a large audience in a professional setting in line with the aims of the National Plan for Music Education (NPME). The adjudicated celebration for ensembles from Primary Schools will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

**Morning session: 9.15am – 12.15pm**

**Afternoon session: 1.15pm – 3.15pm**

**FREE CONCERT:** following the afternoon session there will be a concert given by our talented teachers from the MK Music Co-op to demonstrate the various instruments that they play. The concert will begin at 4.15pm and children who take part in the afternoon session are strongly encouraged to stay and listen. Tickets are free of charge and parents are also welcome to attend. The concert is expected to finish by 5.30pm

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MK Music Co-operative  
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The MK Music Hub Primary Schools' Instrumental Celebrations support the **National Plan for Music Education**, in particular the core role *'perform from an early stage'* and extension role *'provide access to high quality music experiences for pupils working with professional musicians'*.

### **Where do they take place?**

The Instrumental Celebration will take place at The Ridgeway Centre in Milton Keynes from 9.15am to – 12.15pm and 1.15pm – 3.15pm

### **Who Can Take Part?**

Children who are having instrumental lessons in Primary Schools can take part.

### **Which instruments are included?**

Wind, strings and brass – ensembles of any size from 2 players upwards.

### **What type of music can be performed?**

Almost any musical performance is acceptable, and the emphasis is on inclusion and enjoyment. Certificates will be awarded at the adjudicator's discretion for performance skills at whatever level the pupils are at. The preference in the small ensembles is that the children direct the groups themselves. With the larger groups a teacher is often required to lead the group. There is a room for children to warm up before they perform and when they are not performing, they can enjoy listening to the other groups.

### **How are the certificates awarded?**

The festival has an expert adjudicator who writes a report for each group; certificates will be awarded for ensemble skills, enthusiasm, outstanding performance, commitment, presentation. Every group receives a merit award.

### **Do the ensembles get the opportunity to perform again?**

There will not be a concert this year. This is because of the change of date due to covid.

### **Is there a charge?**

There will be a charge of £30.00 to schools to attend. This charge will be invoiced and is non-refundable if you withdraw or do not attend.

## **How to Book:**

Complete the **Festival Booking Form** and return to us by email once you know which of your groups are taking part. The **closing date** for Festival bookings is **9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

Schools will need to arrange for a member of staff or other responsible adult to act as chaperone on the day as instrumental teachers are unable to supervise pupils.

Instrumental teachers who are part of MK Music Co-operative will have letters about the Instrumental Celebration which you may wish them to give out to pupils on your behalf. A sample of the letter is toward the back of this booklet, along with a sample certificate that will be given out at the event.

Please share this information with any other instrumental teachers who visit your school.

Please contact [giles.liddiard@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:giles.liddiard@milton-keynes.gov.uk) if you require any further information.

# Letter to Parent/Carer

# SAMPLE



Reply To: MK Music Hub

E-mail: music@milton-keynes.gov.uk

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## **PRIMARY SCHOOLS' INSTRUMENTAL CELEBRATIONS 2022**

***The Ridgeway Centre***

**SESSIONS: June 21<sup>st</sup> 9.15am -12.15pm or 1.15pm – 3.15pm**

This is to inform you about this year's Instrumental Celebration in which your child has been asked to take part.

Certificates for performance skills and presentation will be awarded to ensembles at the discretion of the adjudicator.

Below is a slip which must be completed and **returned to your school** as soon as possible so that permission to take part in the celebration can be granted. *(Please note that the Music Faculty cannot be responsible for pupils at the venue other than when the group plays. Some schools may also not be able to provide transport and although parents are welcome to bring their child, we cannot guarantee there will be space for you to watch at the venue).*

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*Children must not be left unsupervised at the venue and will need to be in the care of their school or a responsible adult at all times.*

Yours faithfully

Giles Liddiard  
Instrumental Leader



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### **INSTRUMENTAL CELEBRATION 2022**

I would like my child to take part in the Instrumental Celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

I am able to take them to the Ridgeway.

I am not able to take them to the Ridgeway.

*(Please note that unless your school is running transport and able to stay with pupils your child may not be able to take part)*

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Print Name: .....

Child's Name..... Class.....

**RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL**

# SAMPLE

Certificate

Milton Keynes Music Hub

Instrumental Celebration

## Merit Award

*School*

21 June 2022

The Ridgeway Centre

Adjudicator – TBC



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**BOOKING FORM**  
**MILTON KEYNES MUSIC HUB**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOLS' INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL 2022**  
**Tuesday 21st June**

Name of school:	
Name of music co-ordinator:	
Name of staff member(s) attending with groups:	
Contact email:	

**Which groups is your school entering (Please tick as appropriate)**

Brass	Strings	Woodwind
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**Brass groups entering**

Would you prefer to attend the morning session or the afternoon session	We can't guarantee your choice			
Number of brass groups attending:		Total number of children attending:		
Number in each group:	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

**String groups entering**

Would you prefer to attend the morning session or the afternoon session	We can't guarantee your choice			
Number of string groups attending:		Total number of children attending:		
Number in each group:	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

**Woodwind groups entering**

Would you prefer to attend the morning session or the afternoon session	We can't guarantee your choice			
Number of woodwind groups attending:		Total number of children attending:		
Number in each group:	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

**Name(s) of instrumental teacher(s):**

Brass:	
String:	
Woodwind:	

**Payment Details**

There will be a charge of £30.00 for each festival attended. This charge will be invoiced and is non-refundable if you withdraw or do not attend.

**Closing Date for Bookings: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Please email to [music@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:music@milton-keynes.gov.uk) by **9<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. **Places are limited and will be awarded on a first come first served basis.**