



JERSEY MUSIC SERVICE


SUPPORTING, NURTURING & DEVELOPING MUSICAL TALENT




Welcome to our Summer term Ensembles newsletter.




A huge congratulations to all that performed at our **Spring Concert Series** in the illustrious Concert Hall at Highlands College at the end of last term. The performances throughout the afternoon and evening brilliantly showcased the flourishing talents of our ensemble students - from the Beginner Brass and String Ensembles, Junior Choir, Training String Orchestra, Training Wind Band, Guitar Ensembles and Drum Corps right through to the impressively skilled members of the Advanced String Ensemble, Jersey Youth Wind Band and Jersey Youth Big Band. The programme was based on film and featured music from Mamma Mia to Aladdin, with many performances featuring complex rhythms and a thrilling dynamic range - the roof was truly raised. It was not only a celebration of musical achievement but also another promising glimpse into the future of Jersey's music scene. The rapturous applause at the end of the night was well-deserved and a fitting close to an inspiring afternoon and evening of music. We will return to the Concert Hall on Saturday 30th November 2024 for our Winter Spectacular.




The Jersey Youth Wind Band had the pleasure of performing at **Bandtastic** last term to an appreciative and packed out Great Hall at Victoria College alongside students from the College and the La Ronde Concert Band. The event, led by Mr Murton of Victoria College, was a fantastic collaborative evening resulting in an incredible combined sound from the three ensembles that resonated around the grounds of the College.



In March we had an absolutely amazing opportunity, taking nine students from the Jersey Youth Symphony Orchestra to perform with the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra, alongside members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and world renowned Kanneh-Mason family as part of the **Inspire 6 Festival** in Antigua.



On the same day as the Inspire 6 Festival Concert in Antigua, we partnered with Island Music and the Jersey Academy of Music to host the **Yamaha: Find Your Sound Experience**. Members of the Jersey Youth Big Band joined forces with other local musicians to come together for a series of workshops with Yamaha artists Craig Wild and Simon Bates. This was such a brilliant opportunity for our ensemble students, playing alongside and performing with not only the Yamaha artists but also inspirational local musicians.



Despite being a few weeks into the Summer term, we already have a number of performances to celebrate - with the Drum Corps, Training Wind Band, Training String Orchestra, Beginner Brass Ensemble and Guitar Ensembles performing for the **Jersey Eisteddfod's Instrumental Showcase** during their first rehearsal of the term! Caroline Diffley, the Eisteddfod's Instrumental Mentor, gave some lovely feedback to inspire all of those who participated.

We also attended the launch of the **Vision for Inclusive Education** on Thursday 25th April with the choir performing brilliantly for those in attendance. Back in February the choir were invited to the Government of Jersey's Studio to record Everyone Belongs, a song specifically for the launch.

Important Dates 

Save the Date - Summer 2024



Saturday 29th June - Picnic in the Park

Venue: Howard Davis Park

Join us for an afternoon of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy!

Students will need to register 10 minutes before their performance time.

- 12.30pm - 12.45pm Drum Corps
- 12.50pm - 1.05pm Junior Choir
- 1.10pm - 1.25pm Junior and Senior Guitar Ensembles
- 1.30pm - 1.45pm Beginner Brass Ensemble
- 1.50pm - 2.05pm Beginner String Ensemble
- 2.10pm - 2.25pm Training Wind Band
- 2.30pm - 2.50pm Y4 Primary Project Ensembles
- 2.55pm - 3.10pm Training String Orchestra
- 3.15pm - 3.30pm Jersey Youth Wind Band
- 3.35pm - 3.50pm Advanced String Ensemble
- 3.55pm - 4.10pm Jersey Youth Big Band
- 4.15pm - 4.30pm Inspire Ensemble (JMS teachers)



Sunday 7th July - String, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Experience

10.30am - 12.30pm

Young string, percussion, woodwind and brass players of all levels and abilities are invited to a free workshop! Musicians will enjoy large scale rehearsals and sectionals before an informal concert at 12.10pm.

Friday 19th July - Lancashire Youth Brass Band

We'll be meeting up with our counterparts from the Lancashire Youth Brass Band to perform an informal open air concert on the evening of Friday 19th July from 6.30pm (venue to be confirmed). All brass players welcome. Rehearsals will take place at Fort Regent as follows:

Wednesday 10th July: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Tuesday 16th July: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Sunday 21st July - Jazzin' it up

Jersey Arts Centre

A free jazz experience for children aged 8 to 18 who play any instrument or sing to ABRSM Grade 1 standard and above. Students will have the opportunity to work with and learn from experienced professionals in the industry, including sax specialist Loren Hignell and piano specialist Adam Dyer.

The course will be led by three UK jazz musicians and members of the Jersey Music Service team. If you'd like to learn more about jazz, how to improvise, and how to play in jazz ensembles – all in a fun, friendly and encouraging environment - Save the Date!

Further details on all the above events will be provided in due course.