

About the Hub

The North Yorkshire Music Hub was set up in early 2012 and works in partnership with local and national arts programmes and organisations.

It's objective is to deliver the government's commitment to improving the quality of local music services and our performance is monitored by Arts Council England.

There are great opportunities to be part of the Hub and this edition contains information about how and when you can get involved in music making across the county.



Pictured above: 250 pupils from schools across the county performing the VE day concert

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20,000 hits for VE day songs

Lock down meant that many projects, concerts and workshops the Music Service had planned to do have had to be postponed or cancelled. Chief amongst them was the huge VE Day concert we had planned involving over 450 pupils from schools across the county.

However, thanks to the work of school teachers, pupils, the Music Service and Dan Morris (Team Leader in Video and Design for NYCC) we were able to put together a two of the songs that would have been performed by over 300 primary school children. This involved children sending in their own little video of the song and Dan sticking them altogether. This is an incredibly difficult process due to all the syncing issues however, the sentiment they portrayed when we were right in the middle of lockdown was incredibly moving. They were released over the VE Day weekend and across all platforms, had a huge number of hits.

“We’ll Meeting Again” went on to get 24,969 views, narrowly beating “White Cliffs of Dover” with 24,896. These are truly staggering figures and I would like to thank Dan and the children for all the work they put into them. If you didn’t get a chance to view them and would still like to, the links are below. We hope to be able

to reschedule the main event to happier times when we can really “all meet again”.

https://youtu.be/2VtokLe_9Ko

<https://youtu.be/ku9y50Af6HI>

Ian Bangay
Head of Music Service





North Yorkshire County Music Service

Online Tuition at Home



The County Music Service has adapted its offer to pupils to allow lessons to be taught online whilst pupils are unable to attend school.

We are offering the full range of instruments including:

Brass: cornet, trumpet, trombone, horn, euphonium, tuba; **Woodwind:** clarinet, flute, oboe, saxophone, bassoon; **Strings:** violin, viola, cello, double bass; **Guitars:** classical, acoustic, electric; **Percussion:** tuned percussion and kit; **Voice** and **Keyboard/piano**.

Up to **32 lessons per year** are offered to pupils with a guarantee of 28.

Lessons are delivered by specialist instrumental teachers over a secure connection. We were one of the first Music Services to pioneer this approach and are now very experienced in it. Lessons have had fantastic feedback and we are now delivering over 1100 per week.

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Just want to thank you for doing my daughters lessons on Skype. She really enjoyed today's lesson and seemed much happier and more relaxed afterwards. It's more than just learning flute, it's contact with other people and a sense of normality, which is so great and good for the children.

Parent

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County Ensembles Keep Playing!

The County Ensembles were in full rehearsals for the VE Day Celebration concert which was to be held at the Harrogate Convention Centre when we went into lockdown. This was going to be a flagship event, central to North Yorkshire County Council's VE Day celebrations.

With the VE Day concert cancelled this was then followed by the cancellation of the County Youth Orchestra & Choir residential courses and the Big Band tour to Northern Europe. A great disappointment to all.

We wanted to keep the members of these ensembles together and doing something musical, so over the last few weeks' recordings have been and continue to be made.

The County Youth Orchestra has been involved in a project called "Guide to the Symphony Orchestra" which we are working on with NYMAZ and Ucan Play.

This will be a Primary School Guide to introduce children to the symphony orchestra, learn about the different instruments and then hear the orchestra play together.

The section leaders have recorded themselves talking about their experiences of learning to play a musical instrument and playing in an orchestra and then all the orchestra members have recorded themselves playing the Radetzky March by Johann Strauss Snr. There will be an introduction by the orchestra's conductor Simon Wright.

Ucan Play are bringing all the recordings together to produce the video and it will be streamed to Primary Schools in July.

County Choir and Big Band are also preparing to make videos to give the members the opportunity to play and sing "together" which, of course, is what we're all missing at the moment.

We hope the ensembles will meet later in the year, when it is safe to do so.

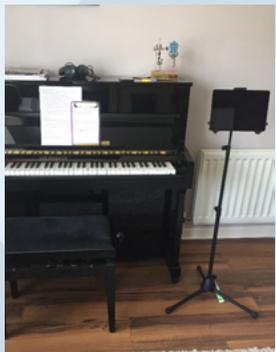




Northallerton Music Centre

These are strange times with no rehearsals at all but at least we can have Skype and Zoom meetings to keep in contact with the outside world. Many people are compiling recordings to produce a virtual performance. Here's how Northallerton Music Centre staff and students have been keeping busy as well over the past couple of weeks.

What are your Northallerton Music Centre Staff doing?



Ready to teach!

area of our homes to teach individual, group and students attending school via Skype for the NYCC Music Service.

Northallerton Music Centre staff are keeping busy in many ways including teaching key worker's children in school, volunteering to deliver newspapers whilst checking on vulnerable residents in our area. From an academic perspective most music teachers have now set an

Tuck Shop – donated to Key Workers.

A decision was made to collect all the tuck shop from the store cupboard at Music Centre just after Easter. We were aware that some of the items may have been nearing its sell by date. Rather than wasting the food we gave some of it to key workers including our refuse collectors, postmen and postwomen, delivery drivers. Don't worry we still have sweets and chocolate left for when we can meet again. **A selection box of chocolate donated to local refuse collectors.**



Happy Birthday Isaac!



Isaac is a popular member of Northallerton Music Centre who plays in Junior Orchestra, The Banned and sings in Junior Choir. His parents contacted us to say that he was in isolation for 12 weeks and could we send him some messages for his birthday as he really missed

everyone at music centre. We compiled a PowerPoint including all the messages and comments wishing him a Happy Birthday. He sent a video back thanking us all and saying that he loved seeing everyone and can't wait to be back! Like Isaac we all are looking forward to being able to catch up soon.

Concert News

Unfortunately, we were unable to perform our two Easter Concerts on the 21 and 28 March. Staff have kept positive aiming for concerts on Sat 4th July and would either use the Easter music or new. However, if we are not able to meet before the summer then we will aim to celebrate our return as well as trying to acknowledge our eleven Year 13 students for their long service.



Senior Strings rehearsing an arrangement of Coldplay's 'Viva la Vida' with the Senior Choir.

Scarborough Area Music Centre

Spring Term 2020 Review



After the excitement of Christmas, we resumed our rehearsals on January 11. Our Junior Strings, SAYStO (Senior Strings), Guitar Ensemble and Ebony headed off to St Peter's Church in Norton for our "Winter Concert". We were also joined by "Mistral" a senior wind ensemble from Whitby Music Centre. Since the start of this academic year in 2019, our group Ebony has changed it's focus slightly. Instead of being just a Clarinet Ensemble, it is now a Woodwind Ensemble, and has been augmented with flutes, saxophones and even a bassoon! The concert was well attended despite the cold winds outside and helped to raise some money for our funds as well as the church.

On 7 March we took the EASY Band to Whitby to take part in the Eskdale Festival. The trip turned out to be fruitful as we came first in our big band class achieving a distinction.

As news of Covid-19 spread, and the country was about to go into imminent lockdown, we just managed to squeeze in our annual Boyes Celebrity Concert on 14th March in the Spa Grand Hall. This was the 36th such event and I wish to thank the Boyes family and Boyes stores for the continued sponsorship of this concert. To have invested in our music centre for such a long period of time is unprecedented. I have been working at music centre myself since 1989 so have been lucky enough to have been involved with 30 of those 36 concerts and each one has been truly memorable. It is amazing to think of how many young musicians have been influenced by this event over the years. This year we had the Matt Anderson Quartet.

Matt is based in London as a freelance musician, and has had much success as a session musician, recording artist and educator. However, Matt originally hails from Castleton on the North York Moors, and from

a young age attended the various bands at Whitby Music Centre. Then, throughout his teenage years, he started to travel down to Scarborough Music Centre on Saturday mornings and was a member of the EASY Jazz Orchestra for many years at the time when I was the Musical Director. Despite me even teaching Matt saxophone improvisation for a period of time, it seems to have done him no harm!! It was great to have an ex-music centre student back as a celebrity to show our young musicians what can ultimately be achieved with a little hard work and dedication. His Quartet comprised of Matt Anderson on Tenor Saxophone, Alberto Palau Garcera on Piano, Will Harris on Double-Bass, and Jay Davis on Drums.

Sadly, that is as far as we got before we had to close our doors due to Covid-19. I hope to see us up and running again once this situation has improved and hopefully see us rebuild and continue to flourish.



Whitby Music Centre

Spring Term 2020 Review



Our Spring Term saw the Music Centre starting to offer free violin lessons in groups of 8 to junior school children from the local area. Last year we received a grant to provide free brass lessons at centre, and even though we could not have the grant again this year the funding for these sessions has kindly been provided by the Whitby Music Centre Friends and Whitby Young Musician's Trust. We are pleased to welcome Mr David Bentley to teach these sessions for us. January also saw the start of a new Guitar Ensemble at Music Centre which is also being run by David Bentley. David had worked for the NYCC Music Service for many years in the Northallerton area before retiring several

years ago and relocating to Whitby. We are pleased to have been able to coax him out of retirement to work a few hours for us on a Saturday morning.

On 1st February our senior wind ensemble "Mistral" travelled to St Peter's Church in Norton to join forces with four ensembles from Scarborough Music Centre, to perform in a joint concert. The ensemble played extremely well despite the weather and enjoyed the collaboration between the two music centres.

The Eskdale Festival of Music and Drama takes place every March at the Spa in Whitby and is a major event in our yearly calendar. The majority of the first part of the Spring Term was spent rehearsing and preparing for this competition. Except for the new Guitar Ensemble all of the other music centre ensembles took part (we did feel it a little unfair to ask the Guitar Ensemble to take part after only a few rehearsals). Our ensembles WOW (Wider Opportunities Whitby), WACB (Whitby Area Concert Band) EVCB (Esk Valley Concert Band) String Ensemble, Choir, Mistral and the Whitby Jazz Collective all took part and came away with first places and highly praised comments from the judges. Mistral returned on 14th March to take place in the Eskdale Festival Gala Concert of the highest placed winners.



14th March also saw our Whitby Jazz Collective travel to the Scarborough Spa to join the Scarborough Music Centre bands in their 36th Boyes Celebrity Concert. This year the guest celebrity working with the bands was the Matt Anderson Quartet. Matt is London based but came originally from Castleton north of Whitby and attended Whitby Music Centre in his formative years so it was a nice opportunity to meet with him again and have him guide and inspire our young musicians along with the other members of his Quartet.

Sadly a few days after these concerts on 14th March, our doors had to close due to Covid-19. The concerts we had planned for the rest of the term had to be cancelled and we await our reopening with great expectation and enthusiasm.



Skipton Music Centre

It has been another busy term for SMC that was brought to a premature end due to the COVID-19 crisis. We all hope everyone is keeping safe and well through this challenging time.

First of all, we were delighted to hear that SMC manager Sarah Evans had given birth over the Christmas break to a healthy baby girl. Congratulations Sarah!

In February we hosted the annual Frets & Cakes concert, this year we used the delightful Skipton Baptist Church as our venue. We were fortunate to be joined by groups from Harrogate and Selby Music Centres.

The Concert itself was a lovely relaxed event with all groups performing beautifully.

In March Skipton Music Centre performed in its annual Mid-Year Concert at Christ Church in Skipton. The Concert was split into two with an afternoon concert followed by one in the evening.

All of the Music Centre Groups performed fantastically and were very well received by the sold-out audiences.

Obviously this year has been brought to a shuddering halt by recent events and we are very disappointed that we won't be able to perform at and support some great local events. However, we are working hard at developing a plan so that we can potentially return in September as long as Government advice allows.

Well done to all involved and huge thanks to the staff of SMC for their hard work. Wishing everyone good health through these challenging times, and we hope to see you very soon to Skipton Music Centre to create more special musical memories for our members.



Mid-Year Concert at Christ Church Skipton

Harrogate Music Centre

Hello and best wishes from everyone at Harrogate Music Centre, we hope you are keeping safe and well during these challenging times of COVID-19. Before all this began and brought a halt to all our activities, we were enjoying a busy term at HMC and were delighted we could still fit in some wonderful performance events just before lockdown began, to create some lasting musical memories for our members.

Firstly, we joined with Skipton & Selby Music Centre's for SMC's annual Frets & Cakes Concert. The Guitars and Ukuleles performed beautifully in a very relaxed setting to an appreciative audience.

Then in March, HMC performed at Royal Hall in Harrogate for its bi-annual Gala Concert. It was wonderful to perform in such a beautiful concert venue and to a good sized audience including Local MP Andrew Jones and the Mayor of Harrogate, Stuart Martin. It created some wonderful musical memories for all involved.

All groups performed wonderfully but special mention must go to our youngest performers who for many, it was their first experience of performing for an audience.

We received many wonderful comments and congratulations, the Mayor of Harrogate wrote the following.

“Once again thank you for your hospitality last night, we both thoroughly enjoyed the evening, we are so fortunate to have such a great Music Centre here in Harrogate, please pass on our thanks to all who work to make this happen. We are also fortunate to have such talented youngsters and I know that these events do not just happen overnight, I particularly enjoyed the jazz section and it was fantastic to see the youngsters thoroughly enjoying themselves.”

We also raised £472 for the Teenage Cancer Trust who were our chosen charity for the evening. Thank you to everyone who donated.

The next week and what would turn out to be the last HMC performance before the lockdown, saw HYJO and HMC Festival Wind Band (created by the joining of HYWO & Wind Band), perform at the National Festival Music for Youth regional event, which was hosted superbly by St Aidan's High School in Harrogate.

The festival which is an annual event with the finals being hosted in Birmingham every July, sees the groups perform to two music mentors. They are then given feedback on their performance.



Harrogate Music Centre

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Both Groups performed superbly with the adjudicators giving very strong feedback.

About the Wind Band they said:

A wonderfully atmospheric introduction to your piece today

Trumpeter, you play with ease of style and with very lyrical phrasing - good stamina.

As a band, you accompany with sensitivity

Good dynamic colours and contrasts

Well done to the tuba player for laying down a strong bass line

You all look very professional and are sitting up straight, lovely posture which supports good breath work

Well done percussion section, clear and precise xylophone playing which adds a great timbre to this piece

Some wonderful moments that really do paint a sonic soundscape for us - we want to dance!

With HYJO they were even more effusive in their praise...

Feedback:

Every one of you is engaged and clearly LOVES playing

A 'wow' moment when the full band comes in - spine tingling

Rhythm section YOU ARE AMAZING - relaxed but so tight and your eye contact! Amazingly mature piano solo - you completely understand the 'changes'

Articulation and phrasing from the full band is spectacular

So fluent and so musical - energy, joy, passion, commitment and belief in what you are doing

This piece is so difficult and yet you play it with fluency, style and brilliant accuracy

The energy and passion of this band is SPECTACULAR

Suggestions for development:

An absolutely amazing band - you are all skilful and wonderful musicians. Your improvised solos flowed and were inventive and thoughtful - you really 'know your stuff'.

You were all confident of your role within the band and I am sure that each one of you is a potential soloist. You worked together as a team - brilliant. The communication between you was obvious and very mature. Professional bands don't often sound as good as your performance today!

We were obviously disappointed that the pandemic halted what was turning out to be a wonderful year for all involved at HMC. We are looking forward to returning as soon as possible and continuing the musical journey for some wonderfully talented musicians, young and old. Thank you to all the staff at HMC for their hard work and commitment and wishing you all good health through this challenging time.



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NYMAZ Updates

Digital Support

It has been so encouraging to see teachers and students adapt so quickly to the changing circumstances that the Covid-19 crisis has presented. Through our digital learning project, Connect: Resound, NYMAZ has amassed expertise which has enabled us to support people in their transition to online delivery. We have delivered a number of webinars since March, exploring issues such as adapting teaching techniques, safeguarding and hardware, as well as updating and creating new downloadable resources to help support people leading music activity in a digital setting. You can find these free resources and webinars on our website here: <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/connectresound/resources>

There is lots of incredible activity happening online and we understand it can be a bit overwhelming knowing which activities to choose from! NYMAZ has established a Facebook group to make this task easier, collating quality content for all ages. It is called Online Music Activities for Families and you can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/207752310482151/>

Rural Fest



This summer, the NYMAZ Ambassadors present **Rural Fest!** This event on **21 June** is a part of the free international festival **Make Music Day**. The exciting performances and events throughout the day include a range of music, well-being activities and visual art from local artists. The festival aims to explore the theme of 'rural' in a digital setting. You can find the most up to date information on the artist line-up and where to watch the broadcast on **21 June from 8am-10pm** here: <https://www.facebook.com/ruralfest2020/>

NYMAZ Ambassadors is our youth voice programme open to 11-25 year olds. There are regular activities throughout the year, designed in response to consultation with young people. Recent mini-courses have included songwriting, creating a music festival, developing as a music leader, and music journalism. Find out more here: <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/ambassadors>

SEND CPD

Our SEND Gathering which was set to take place in March has been moved online, delivered via a series of webinars. We are excited to present our next session: **SEND Gathering online CPD** with Hannah Dilworth and Kathryn Sturman from Made with Music on **Wednesday 24 June, 5-6pm**. This session will focus on creating a range of interactive songs and activities for music making in a SEND setting. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://sendactivityshare.eventbrite.co.uk>. We will be offering more online SEND Gathering CPD throughout the next few months. Keep watching our website for more information <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/for-professionals/send>



Manasamitra Live Broadcast

Our upcoming early years music live stream in July will be delivered by South Asian arts organisation, **Manasamitra**. 'Lullaby: Sonic Cradle Live Music Broadcast' is perfect for families and their little ones. Relax in the comfort of your home and tune in to the Indian vocals of Supriya Nagarajan and world sounds of Duncan Chapman that will come together to create a tranquil space for an hour. Manasamitra will be performing four FREE live music broadcasts. Each will be unique and different so feel free to tune it to all of them! These events will be livestreamed here: <https://www.facebook.com/nymaz/>

Thursday 2 July, 11am – A gentle journey into the world of sounds and songs for tiny people and their parents

Tuesday 7 July, 2pm – Lull yourselves to sleep as a family for a well-deserved post lunch siesta

Wednesday 15 July, 7pm – Listen to lullabies from across the world as you retire for the night accompanied by sounds of the sea, crickets, and world landscapes

Monday 20 July, 9.30pm – A live music broadcast for parents and carers. Unwind with the hypnotic sounds of Manasamitra in this special performance for grown-ups in need of a rest.

A soothing journey from Japan to Norway and various points in between, stopping longer in India...listening to lullabies and calming sounds of the night around us. Snoring is a must!



Online Music Webinar

Spaces on our webinar 'Developing Your Online Teaching Skills for Music Teachers' taking place on Monday 21 September are filling up quickly! Led by Your Space Music, this session will build on our 'Introduction to Teaching Music Online' CPD webinar which took place in March, and will offer discussions on further developing skills, troubleshooting, and exploring techniques and adaptations. Book your free spot here: <https://developingonlineteachingskills.eventbrite.co.uk>

Big Brass Day

Our next Big Brass Day events will be held **16 and 22 of August** online with **New York Brass** and **Femmes Fortissimo**, more details TBC. The days will feature workshops on a brand-new composition written by composer **Liz Lane** just for the participants, and they will be invited to a consultation on Tuesday **14 July at 7pm** where they can share ideas that will help shape the final piece of music. Please check back on our website for more information as it is released: <https://www.nymaz.org.uk/news>





The North Yorkshire Music Hub - find out more and get involved

Covid 19

Due to the current Covid 19 crisis we are working hard to provide as many online learning opportunities as possible. Music Centres will be carrying out feasibility and risk assessments in September with a view to reopening as soon as regulations allow. For more details and any questions please contact Ian Bangay Head of Music Service at ian.bangay@northyorks.gov.uk.

We're developing projects that you can take part in – these are just some of them:

- Continuous professional development programmes for school staff, particularly in supporting schools to deliver music in the curriculum.
- Providing an instrument loan service, with discounts or free provision for those having instrumental lessons with North Yorkshire County Music Service.
- Providing access to large scale and high quality music experiences for pupils through working with professional musicians and venues.
- You can find out more information and share examples of great partnership working in the county on our new music hub website www.northyorkshitemusic hub.co.uk

If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, want to tell us about your projects, or find out more about our plans, please email:

countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk

Buy in services

All partners involved in the hub run workshops, concerts and other bespoke musical projects for children and young people on a bought in basis. If you have a specific project that you would like to launch or just require some advice on setting up your own, our partners will be happy to discuss your needs. The following examples may be of interest:

- curriculum guidance/delivery;
- working with professional musicians;
- catering for pupils with specific SEND needs; and
- bespoke CPD.

NYMAZ are also the signposting organisation for the hub and are happy to add your organisations details/ activities to their website.

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