



# NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 2023**

*Welcome to our newsletter, in this issue we are very excited to share details of our upcoming events and information!*

## BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST MUSIC LESSONS

We offer individual and group lessons in schools and at our music centres. From small groups for beginners, up to longer individual sessions, there are lots of different lesson options at different fee levels. Ensembles offer fantastic value and an extra dimension when learning an instrument. [Click here](#) to see our fees and fee support options available. We also offer a huge range of instruments for hire – if you can learn to play it with us, you can probably hire it from us! Most instruments are available in different sizes and different versions, to suit players of all ages and levels. [Click here](#) to hire an instrument. [Click here](#) to register for lessons. You can also see what we teach in your school and if you would like a free taster session please email [admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk)



## READING HAVE A GO SESSION

It's the return of our popular Have a Go! This exciting event is completely free so why not bring your friends and family along and enjoy a morning filled with trying instruments and singing, live music and some goodies! Our experienced teachers will be on hand to guide you through the different instruments and your voice to help you find the one that's right for you. We can't wait to see you there!

On Saturday 21st October 2023 10.30am - 12.30pm at Berkshire Music Trust Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Reading RG30 4EZ  
No need to book, just turn up!

## RPO'S RELAXED PERFORMANCE MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023

Featuring 25 musicians performing a range of music in ways you've never imagined, this event is specially designed for people who may find traditional concerts challenging to attend, including adults and children with learning disabilities, movement disorders, sensory impairments, autistic spectrum disorder, dementia and other neurological conditions, or those with young children or babies.

More details can be found [here](#)



## CULTUREMIX AND YOUTHSAYERS JAZZ AFROBEAT FREE SESSIONS



Culturemix and Youthsayers had an excellent holiday course at Culture Mix Arts in July and will now be continuing on a weekly basis on Mondays from 5.30pm to 7pm. They are really looking for brass and woodwind players who would like an alternative challenge! Watch a session [here](#) and Register [here](#).

# OUT OF THE ATTIC - ADULT NEWBURY ENSEMBLE

We are looking to welcome new members on all orchestral instruments, but would be especially interested to hear from any string players. We are a friendly, inclusive and supportive orchestra for players of roughly grade 4 standard and above. Many of our members are either relatively new to playing an instrument or have come back to playing their instrument after a long break, getting their instruments back 'Out of the Attic'!

Rehearsals are 10.15am-11.15am on Saturdays at Newbury Music Centre, St Bartholomew's School Andover Road, Newbury RG14 6JP  
Email [admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk) for a FREE taster session!



# BERKSHIRE YOUNG SINGER OF THE YEAR – SINGING COMPETITION

The Berkshire Young Singer of the Year competition is back for 2024. Berkshire Music Trust, in partnership with Windsor Festival and Bradfield College, is this year running a competition for singers to showcase their talent and win prizes alongside others of a similar age. This competition is open to young singers aged up to 18 in the following categories:

- Classical Singing
- Musical Theatre & Pop Singing
- Folk Singing (unaccompanied)

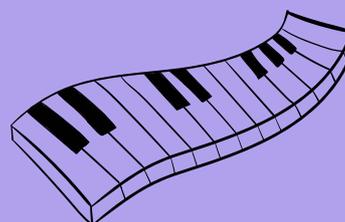
For more information and to apply please click [here](#)



# BERKSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR – PIANO & WOODWIND COMPETITION

The Berkshire Young Musician of the Year competition is back for 2024. Berkshire Music Trust, in partnership with [Windsor Festival](#) and [Bradfield College](#), is this year running a competition for woodwind and piano players to showcase their talent and win prizes alongside others of a similar age. This competition is open to young players of:

- Piano/Keyboard
- Bassoon
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Oboe
- Recorder
- Saxophone



For more information and to apply please click [here](#)

# YOUTH MUSIC NIGHT!

Come along to our Youth Music Night at The Waterside Centre, Newbury on Saturday 28th October 2023 4pm-7pm to support local young musicians! No need to book, just turn up! If you are interested in performing for our next Youth Music Night please email [emilyfreeman@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:emilyfreeman@berksmusictrust.org.uk)



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