

Dates for your Diary 2019-20

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We don't want you to miss out on the great concerts and activities we've got coming up this year so please make a note of the dates of our key events that we will be running in the next twelve months.

- Courses and Workshops
- <u>Junior Music Festivals</u>
- County Group Concerts
- Soundstage Concerts

Courses and Workshops

Music Centre and County Choirs Open Day - Saturday 28 September 2019

A free taster event to try out what it is like singing with one of our choirs. Booking is open now read more on our website <u>here</u>. The doors will be open at Bracknell, Newbury, Reading and Windsor Music Centres.

Berkshire Youth Guitar Orchestra Open Evening - Monday 4 November 2019

Grade 5+ guitarists can join BYGO to experience playing in a massed guitar orchestra. Venue - Reading Music Centre.

Flute and Saxophone Masterclasses - Saturday 9 November 2019

Masterclasses presented by leading professionals for pupils to gain technical advice.

Bassoon, Oboe and Brass Masterclasses - Saturday 23 November 2019

Masterclasses presented by leading professionals for pupils to gain technical advice.

Loop Pedal Workshop - Sunday 8 December 2019

Explore the loop pedal, learning how to use this great tool to compose, improvise and make backing tracks. Venue - Reading Music Centre.

Hungerford Christmas Course - Friday 20 December 2019

A chance for junior woodwind, brass and percussion musicians to learn some Christmassy music together.

Clarinet and Recorder Masterclasses - Saturday 11 January 2020

Masterclasses presented by leading professionals for pupils to gain technical advice.

Singing Day - Sunday 1 March

A day to focus on improve your singing abilities.

Drum Clinic - Sunday 1 March

An opportunity to learn more about drumming technique from an industry professional. Venue - Reading Music Centre.

Junior Easter Course - Thursday 2 and Friday 3 April 2020

Our ever popular junior Easter course is back this year! Venue - Leighton Park School.

Ukulele Construction Course - Friday 5 and Saturday 6 April 2020

Build (and take home!) your own ukulele, and learn how to play some simple songs on it. Venue - Reading Music Centre.

Music Production Course - Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 April 2020

The first of a pair of courses this year learning about recording music. Venue - Caversham Music Centre at Queen Anne's School.

Hungerford Easter Course - Monday 6 April 2020

Young woodwind, brass and percussion instrumentalists can come together to play some great music in a band!

Spring Grade 5 Theory Course - Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 April 2020

Learn all your ABRSM Grade 5 Theory with our intensive 3-day course.

Orchestral Percussion Day - Sunday 26 April 2020

Workshops to help improve your percussion playing techniques.

Music Production Course - Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 July 2020

The second of a pair of courses this year on music production will focus upon mixing music. Venue - Caversham Music Centre at Queen Anne's School.

Hungerford Summer Course - Monday 27 July 2020

A chance for junior instrumentalists of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments to play together in larger ensembles.

Summer Grade 5 Theory Course - Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 August 2020

A second chance this year to learn everything needed to pass the ABRSM Grade 5 Theory exam.

Junior Music Festivals

The focus of this year's Junior Music Festivals will be *All the King's Men* by Richard Rodney Bennett

Reading - Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 November 2019 at The Hexagon, Reading

West Berkshire - Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March 2020 at The Anvil, Basingstoke

Bracknell and RBWM - Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 June 2020 at The Hexagon, Reading

County Group Concerts

BYSO & BYPE - Monday 28 October 2019 at Reading Town Hall

BYC Evensong at Magdalen College, Oxford - Saturday 16 November 2019

BCC, BYV and Stoneham Singers - Sunday 1 December 2019

BYGO, BYPE, Camerata and Acer Minor - Monday 16 December 2019

BYSO and Academy - Monday 17 February 2020

BYV and BCC with Reading Phoenix Choir - Saturday 7 March 2020 at Reading Town Hall

Camerata with Sing Healthy - Saturday 14 March 2020 at Wokingham Baptist Church

BYC, Alumni and Camerata - Saturday 21 March 2020

BYGO, BYPE and guitar ensembles - Saturday 28 March 2020 at Tilehurst Methodist Church

Academy - Thursday 2 April 2020

Acer Minor - Monday 6 July 2020

Robina Dallmeyer Award Winners - Tuesday 7 July 2020

BYC, BYV and BCC - Sunday 12 July 2020

Soundstage Concerts

Rock into Christmas - Sunday 8 December 2019 at Garth Hill College Legends - Sunday 29 March 2020 at The Jazz Cafe, Reading Summer Festival - Sunday 19 July 2020 at Reading Music Centre

Booking details for all of these events will be available on our website nearer the time; please keep an eye out for announcements.

All dates given are correct at the time of publishing and may be subject to change or cancellation later due to circumstances beyond the control of Berkshire Maestros.

For the dates of music centre and platform concerts, please refer to your local music centre for further information.

