

CENTRE FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS – HACKNEY Information for Applicants

INTRODUCTION

Hackney Music Development Trust (HMDT) creates and runs innovative music and valuable music projects for people of all ages in Hackney. Visit www.hmdt.org.uk to find out more.

The **Centre for Young Musicians Hackney (CYMH)** is Hackney Music Development Trust's Saturday Music School. Its purpose is to enrich the lives of young people through high quality, exciting music education and opportunities. The Centre offers students ages 5 upwards an extensive curriculum including group and individual instrumental tuition, singing, musicianship, ensembles, as well as the orchestra and choirs of CYM Hackney. Its staff are all experienced and dynamic music coaches able to foster an appreciation for a wide variety of musical genres and opportunities.

Students take part in regular informal concerts, open to friends and families. HMDT also offers opportunities for students to take part in performances of new works, commissioned directly by HMDT for the Centre. CYMH plays a prominent role in the community, offering a range of performance opportunities specialising in new works.

VENUE: Bridge Academy, Laburnum Street, City of London E2 8BA.

DATES & TIMES

The Centre is open on Saturdays from 9.00am - 3.00pm, 30 weeks per year. The 2011 season commenced on Saturday 1st October 2011 and will run until 7th July 2012. A typical programme ranges from 1 hour per day for a Red student (age 5-6) to as much as 4½ hours per day for a Blue student (most advanced students).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Your child may apply for a place at the Centre, providing that they fall into one of the following programmes.

Applicants must apply to one programme only. (Use the Eligibility Chart to help determine your eligibility):

Red – Years 1 & 2 – students aged 5 and 6 yrs by 31st August 2012 who wish to begin learning music.

Yellow – Years 3 & 4 - students aged 7 and 8 yrs by 31st August 2012, who wish to begin learning an instrument.

Green – Applicants may be any age but the majority of students will be in Yrs 5 & 6.

Instrumental Green For students who wish to have their instrumental studies at CYMH. The Centre currently offers tuition on flute, recorder, clarinet, violin, cello, keyboard, guitar and a range of brass instruments.

Applicants must have been learning the instrument they wish to study at CYMH for at least two years.

Ensemble Green For students who already play an instrument and are receiving tuition (e.g. at school or elsewhere) who wish to broaden their musical experience through participation in a range of music-making activities (Ensembles, General Musicianship and Choir – no instrumental lesson).

Blue – Applicants may be any age but the majority of students will be Yr 7 or above.

Instrumental Blue For students who wish to further their instrumental studies at CYMH. Students will have individual lessons. Applicants must have been learning the instrument they wish to study at CYMH for at least two years. An audition process may apply.

Ensemble Blue For students who already play an instrument and are receiving tuition (e.g. at school or elsewhere) who wish to broaden their musical experience through participation in a range of music-making activities (Orchestra, Ensemble, General Musicianship and Choir – no instrumental lesson).

FEES

Red, Yellow and Green students: £100.00 per term (£300.00 whole year)

Blue students: £120.00 per term (£360.00 whole year)

SUBSIDIES (Eligible to apply if your household has an annual income of £18,000 or less):

Red, Yellow and Green students: £75.00 per term (£225.00 whole year)

Blue students: £85.00 per term (£255.00 whole year)

BURSARIES (Eligible to apply if your household receives income support or income-based Job-seeker's allowance):

All bursary students £30.00 per term (£90.00 whole year)

SCHOLARSHIPS may be awarded to students who demonstrate particular talent/potential AND whose households face financial hardship but do not meet the criteria for a bursary or subsidy. Requests will be assessed by CYMH staff. Please contact HMDT for more information.

INSTRUMENT LOAN FEES £25.00 per year

WHEN DO I NEED TO PAY BY?

Fees AND instrument loans must be paid by 2 Mondays BEFORE each term starts.

HOW CAN I PAY FEES & INSTRUMENT LOANS?

Paypal: Visit www.hmdt.org.uk Click **CYM Hackney** then Click 'Pay your CYMH fees online using Paypal'. There is a £2 external Paypal charge per payment.

Cheques: Make out to 'HMDT' and send to HMDT, Technology Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ. Please write the name of the student and group on the back.

Cash: We do not recommend sending cash by post. Cash can be brought to the HMDT office, or for following terms, be paid to the HMDT Projects Manager at the Centre on Saturdays.

LATE FEES

If I paid before or on the deadline: If you pay on time there is no late fee!

If I paid late but before or on the first day of term: You would owe £10 per child additional to the fee

If I paid AFTER the first day of term: You would owe £25 per child additional to the fee

ATTENDANCE

Students will need to commit themselves to attending the Centre **every week** on Saturdays during term-time **throughout the year**, and to follow up the Centre-based work with additional home practice. Students' attendance and punctuality is monitored and recorded.

ACCESS

Access for the disabled – Bridge Academy is fully accessible for people who use wheelchairs. Please telephone HMDT on 020 8820 7410 to discuss how we can best support your particular needs.

CYMH CODE OF CONDUCT

SIGNING IN

- For health and safety reasons, everyone entering the Centre **must sign in and out** at the desk near the main entrance. This includes all students, parents, carers, siblings and other visitors.

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

- No one may enter any teaching rooms without permission and without a CYMH coach present. This includes all students, parents, carers, siblings and other visitors.
- All outside facilities should be used in an appropriate and safe manner. Students will not be permitted outside except during break times.

PREMISES PROPERTY

- No one should touch or move any items in any classrooms unless expressly asked to do so by a member of CYM Hackney staff. Do not turn computers on.
- Please treat the property and belongings of Bridge Academy with respect at all times and should be left as found.

BREAK TIME

- During break times students are not permitted to wander throughout the school and must wait in Central Square until the start of their next activity.
- All food and drink must be consumed either in Central Square or outside and may not be taken into any of the classrooms or upstairs.
- Parents of Red programme students **MUST** be present during break times to supervise their children.

OTHER CHILDREN/SIBLINGS

- Parents/carers using the Centre's facilities whilst waiting for students **MUST** take responsibility for supervising any other children in their care (including students' siblings who have different timetables) and **NOT** allow them to wander around the building or behave in a disruptive or inappropriate manner.

INSTRUMENTS

- Look after your instrument. Never leave it unattended, never run with it and always carry it in its case. Instruments will be taken away from students who do not look after them.

HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be received by HMDT on or before **Friday 20th July 2012**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. For forms please contact:

HMDT

Technology Learning Centre
1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ
Telephone: 020 8820 7410
Email: cym@hmdt.org.uk
OR on our website: www.hmdt.org.uk

All applicants should complete the sections of the Application Form as indicated. The form must be signed by a parent/carers (undertaking to ensure the child(ren)'s regular and punctual attendance) and endorsed by the headteacher of the applicant's school.

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Information for RED Applicants

The **Red** programme is for students aged 5 and 6 years who wish to begin learning music. It is a two-year programme in which students take part in sessions of musicianship and singing, which are structured carefully in order to develop essential musical skills and an understanding of basic musical concepts.

RED 1 GROUP (Year 1):

- All students in Year 1 have two lessons: **Musicianship** and **Choir**.
- **Musicianship** lessons cover basic rhythm and pitch work. Students will learn singing, clapping, playing percussion instruments and becoming involved as musical participants.
- **Choir** lessons focus on developing singing skills, breathing, posture, intonation, timbre and learning to sing.

RED 2 GROUP (Year 2):

- All students in Year 2 have three lessons: **Recorder, Musicianship and Choir**.
- **Recorder** lessons represent a child's first introduction to an instrument. They also learn how to read basic notation and will be prepared to enter Year 3 and their instrumental choice.
- **Musicianship** lessons cover basic rhythm and pitch work. Students will learn as part of a large group, singing, clapping, playing percussion instruments and becoming involved as musical participants.
- **Choir** lessons focus on developing singing skills, breathing, posture, intonation, timbre and learning to sing as part of a large group.

For students applying to Red, the applicant must be 5 or 6 years of age with a birthday no later than 31st August 2012. Applications will not be considered from students aged younger than 5 years by this date. Also, applications will not be considered from students who are older than 6 years of age. Such students will have to apply, or wait until they are eligible, for a Yellow, Green or Blue place.

You will be contacted after **1st September 2012** if your child has been successful in receiving a place in the Autumn Term 2012 at CYMH.

Please ensure that Section C of the application form has been completed by the student's school before you post it to us. Incomplete applications cannot be considered and will be returned.

All **Red** applications must arrive at:

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OR be scanned in and emailed to cym@hmdt.org.uk on or before **Friday 20th July 2012**

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Information for **YELLOW** Applicants

YELLOW GROUPS 1 AND 2 (Years 3 and 4)

All students in the **Yellow** programme have three lessons: **Instrumental**, **Choir** and **Musicianship**.

In the first term of Year 3, students take part in a 'taster' scheme, in which they are introduced to a variety of instruments before choosing an instrument they may wish to study from January onwards.

Instrumental lessons in Years 3 and 4 take place in groups of between 4 and 20. The Centre currently offers tuition on flute, recorder, clarinet, violin, cello, guitar and a range of brass instruments. The group environment allows students to play together and to each other and in parts. It is also possible to give each student musical material suitable to their stage of learning. A pianist will be present to accompany some of these sessions.

Choir lessons develop singing skills, breathing, posture, intonation, timbre and learning to sing as part of a group.

Musicianship lessons integrate aspects of the musical curriculum that enable greater progress in other lessons. The lessons develop musical literacy and understanding through a series of exercises based on, amongst others, the educational principles of Kodaly, Self and Hindemith. Students at this stage of learning will be encouraged to develop their listening skills and sight-singing and will be expected to attain basic rhythmic fluency and a good level of understanding of the notes they will encounter whilst playing their instrument.

Instruments: Students can apply for the loan of an instrument at £25 per year. When instruments are taken home for practising, students and parents/carers are responsible for ensuring the instrument's safety. Parents/carers will need to sign an Instrument Loan Form.

YOUR APPLICATION

For students applying to Yellow, the child must be 7 or 8 years of age by no later than **31st August 2012**. Applications will not be considered from students younger than 7 years or older than 8 years of age by this date.

There is a waiting list for students wishing to enter CYM Hackney. All applications received from students applying to **Yellow** will be placed on the waiting list in the chronological order of their receipt. You will be contacted after **1st September 2012** if your child has been successful in receiving a place for the Autumn Term 2012 at CYM Hackney.

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Information for **GREEN** Applicants

The **GREEN GROUP** is divided into Green Instrumental and Green Ensemble.

Green Instrumental

This programme is for students who wish to continue their instrumental studies at CYMH and have been learning the instrument they wish to study at CYMH for at least two years. All students in the Green Instrumental programme have four lessons: **Instrumental, Choir, Ensemble** and **Musicianship**.

- **Instrumental** lessons take place in small groups.
- **Choir** lessons develop singing skills, breathing, posture, intonation, timbre and singing as part of a group.
- **Ensemble** lessons continue the practice of encouraging students to play/learn together. Coaches arrange pieces that are specially tailored to the particular group of instruments and abilities and also to particular instrumentalists.
- **Musicianship** lessons integrate aspects of the musical curriculum that enable greater progress in other lessons. The lessons will aim to develop musical literacy and understanding through a series of exercises based on, amongst others, the educational principles of Kodaly, Self and Hindemith. Students at this stage of learning will be encouraged to develop their listening skills and sight-singing and will be expected to attain a good level of rhythmic fluency, a good level of understanding of the notes they will encounter whilst playing their instrument and a detailed understanding of the musical instructions on the page.

Green Ensemble

Green Ensemble is for students who already play an instrument and are receiving tuition elsewhere (e.g. at school or with a teacher) who wish to broaden their musical experience through participation in a range of music-making activities. All students in Green Ensemble have at least three lessons: **Choir, Ensemble** and **Musicianship** (see above for descriptions) and **NO** Instrumental lesson.

YOUR APPLICATION

For students applying to BOTH Green Groups, the applicant must have been learning the instrument they wish to study at CYMH for at least two years and have their own instrument.

There is a waiting list for students wishing to enter CYMH. All applications received for the **Green** programme will be placed on the waiting list **in the chronological order of their receipt**. You will be contacted after **1st September 2012** if your child has been successful in receiving a place for the Autumn Term 2012 at CYMH.

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Information for **BLUE** Applicants

The **BLUE GROUP** is divided into Blue Instrumental and Blue Ensemble.

Blue Instrumental

This programme is for students who wish to develop their instrumental studies at CYMH. Applicants should have been learning the instrument they wish to study for at least three years, and be of ABRSM Grade 3 standard.

Blue Instrumental students must not have lessons on the same instrument with any other teacher.

Lessons include:

- **Instrumental** lessons in the Blue programme are individual or duo lessons and last for half an hour.
- **Choir** lessons develop singing skills, breathing, posture, intonation, timbre and singing as part of a group.
- **Chamber music** lessons continue encouraging students to play/learn together. Coaches arrange pieces especially for the particular group of instruments, abilities and often to individual students.
- **Musicianship** lessons integrate aspects of the musical curriculum that enable greater progress in other lessons. Students will spend time listening to and discussing music, musical analysis, score-reading and aspects of musical history and begin to explore more complex subjects such as harmony and counterpoint.
- **Orchestra** lessons give students the chance to explore a wide range of repertoire, including contemporary music and occasionally new commissions.

Blue Ensemble

This programme is for students who already play an instrument and are receiving tuition at school or with a teacher, who wish to broaden their musical experience through participation in a range of music-making activities. Students will have at least four lessons: **Choir, Ensemble, Musicianship and Orchestra** (see descriptions) and **NO** instrumental lesson.

YOUR APPLICATION

All Blue applicants are required to attend an audition. In the audition you will be expected to play two short unaccompanied pieces lasting no more than 3 minutes and take some aural tests.

There is a waiting list for students wishing to enter CYMH. All applications received for the **Blue** programme will be placed on the waiting list **in the chronological order of their receipt**. You will be contacted after **1st September 2012** if your child has been successful in receiving a place for the Autumn Term 2012 at CYMH.

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