



HELLO!

I've had a great time the past two weeks leading the Teachers' CPD sessions for Snappy Christmas 2016 alongside my colleagues Nikki Lycett-Findlay, Mike Harbisher and Miriam Robson and our Area Coordinators, Penny Ferguson, Jud Down, Anthony Ingledew and Phil McFarlane. We're doing some lovely songs this year including the usual mix of challenge and fun with songs such as The Impossible Dream and O Holy Night framed by lighter classics such as Mary's Boy Child and Believe. Some favourite original Snappy Songs such as Starlight and When You're Hanging Baubles will be joined this year by a brand new one called Beautiful Baby.

A big 'Thank you' to the schools who hosted the CPD this year – Rift House, Saltburn Learning Campus and St Joseph's Middlesbrough. The tea and biscuits were once again very much appreciated by all! Thank you to all the teachers who came along to the CPD sessions too – your enthusiasm was fantastic! We're really looking forward to working with all the schools taking part and we'll be in touch in the next couple of weeks with your school's ticket allocation.

Thank you to our sponsors!

Fund raising is going well for the Tees Valley Youth Orchestra tour to New York to perform at Carnegie hall next summer. Everyone involved would like to thank the many individuals, businesses and philanthropic organisations for their generous donations. We still have some way to go so if you can help contact us on tvms@tvms.org.uk.



Susan Robertson, TVMS Service Manager.

We're Back! After a Summer-long break NOTES has returned, and it's bigger and better than ever!

Calling all teachers!

If you have a song in your heart, Tees Music Education Hub and Durham Music Hub have joined forces to start a regional choir for teachers and school staff.

Rehearsals began last week and there is already a debut showcase concert booked. Come and join the fun—details on page 3.

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Did You Know?

Domenico Scarlatti composed his "Cat Symphony" after his cat walked across his keyboard.

Take That To Perform In Middlesbrough In 2019

Middlesbrough F.C.'s Riverside Stadium launches its new summer concert programme next year with one of the biggest pop groups of recent decades. Manchester's Take That will play to a sell out crowd as part of a major UK tour on Saturday June 1st 2019. All five original members took to the stage at Sunderland's Stadium of Light in 2009 but the remaining members Gary, Mark and Howard still command a fervent following and will be supported by 80's legend Rick Astley.



ARC YP



Are you interested in theatre, film, art, music? Join ARC YP - it's free!

ARC YP is a membership scheme for any young person aged from 11 to 21 years old. It is free to join and offers exclusive access to workshops and events, discounted tickets for shows and films, 10% discount on food in No 60 and more. For more information or to join contact 01642 525183 or holly.gallagher@arconline.co.uk

New Administration System for TVMS

2019 will see a new and state-of-the-art administration software system in place at TVMS. Management are working with Danish company Speedware to convert from its long serving but antiquated Music Administration System (MAS) to the new cloud-based software that will enable electronic registers and reports. There will be live information exchange via a parents' app that will allow them to see account details and up to date lesson information. More details, including a unique username and password, will be released to parents early next year when the new software system called Speedadmin is expected to launch.



Pupil Profile - Anna Dias



"My time in TVYC started in 2011. Being the youngest member of the choir was a daunting and overwhelming experience. It was really then that I realised how welcoming and friendly each member of the choir was.

Under the direction of Andy King we had some incredible opportunities, the biggest being part of the BBC single 'God Only Knows'. In 2015, the directorship changed to Nikki Lycett-Findlay and a new generation of the choir surfaced. I was now becoming one of the older members; and with that came responsibility!! We had numerous amazing experiences; Scratch Youth Messiah at the Royal Albert Hall, Llangollen International Eisteddfod, National Festival of Music for Youth to name a few!

My years in TVYC have been some of the best, and I will always remember the friends, concerts, music and memories that I immersed myself in these past 7 years.

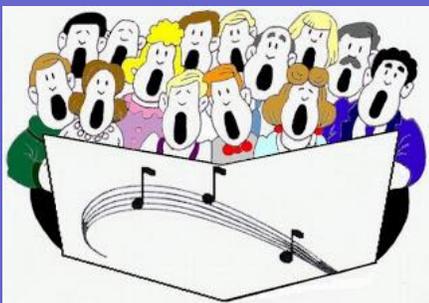
Massive thanks to Anna for her contribution as a choir member, and latterly leader, and all at TVMS wish her all the best for unquestionably bright future.

Good luck Anna!
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Durham and Tees Valley Choir

A brand new choir for Teachers and Teaching Assistants of all abilities!

Led by Nikki Lycett-Findlay and Katie Hibbard the newly formed Teachers' Choir is an opportunity to develop singing skills, have fun learning new songs and repertoire, and meet and network with other teachers from a wide range of schools. The choir was launched in September 2018 and will rehearse monthly to allow teachers to join without too much of a time commitment. The first performance will be at Durham Cathedral on Saturday 9th February 2019.



Did You Know?
Alfred Hitchcock did not want any music in the famous Psycho shower scene but doubled the composer Bernhard Herrman's salary when he heard it.

NEW Snappy Music Events Coming Soon

The Snappy Music Big Sing events have become increasingly essential in our Tees Valley schools' calendar. **Snappy Christmas** dates are already confirmed as follows:

- Stockton, Thornaby Pavilion, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th November 2018.
- Hartlepool Borough Hall, Tuesday 11th December 2018.
- Redcar & Cleveland & Middlesbrough, Eston Leisure Centre, Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th December 2018.

The CPD sessions providing coaching, song sheets and backing tracks for rehearsals, have already taken place and teachers and children are now busy working on the programme back in school.



If you haven't seen the invitation letter you may still be able to join in the fun. Contact TVMS at tvms@tvms.org.uk or call 01642 603600.

We wouldn't miss it!



Further dates for Snappy Spring KS1 (March 2019) and Snappy Opera KS2 with The Royal Opera House (June 2019) will be confirmed later.



Did You Know?

The rhythm pattern playing during the invasion sequence in Independence Day spells out D-I-E in Morse Code.

Music Education & Healthcare - A Youth Music Report

Over the last three years, Youth Music have invested nearly £1 million in projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people in healthcare settings. This could be in any healthcare facility working with young people, including children's wards in hospitals. Getting the chance to take part in music-making while in hospital or another healthcare facility has been shown to benefit children and young people in a number of ways.

Many of the children and young people in the settings where these projects take place are facing really tough challenges. Aside from their health issues, which are often serious, some of these young people will have to spend extended periods in hospital, or may never live at home. Having to spend so much time away from their family and friends can be very frightening and lonely. They risk missing out on experiences like attending school, making friends and doing many activities their peers take for granted - and therefore are missing out on vital opportunities to develop personal and social skills. In addition, the stressful hospital environment can put a strain on their relationships with the people closest to them, including their parents.



The extent to which children and young people are able to get involved in music-making varies with each individual. For some, even being able to sit up in bed for ten minutes and take part in a short musical activity is extremely difficult. For most of the time that these young people spend in a healthcare setting, the main focus is understandably on their physical well-being - but music-making can make an important difference to their whole experience.

A simple but important benefit of music-making in hospital is that it's fun! It can lift a young patient's mood and alleviate boredom, giving them something to think about other than their illness, and it can also be used by medical staff as a distraction from treatments. The sense of achievement that young people take from music-making can also be a huge boost to confidence and self-esteem.

Group music-making sessions in hospital might be the only chance the children on a ward get to interact with each other. Lots of hospital staff have told Youth Music that music activities can create a sense of community between young patients. There's a positive impact on the relationship between the children and their parents and siblings too. Music-making opens up communication between members of the family and provides a welcome relief to parents who are often experiencing high levels of emotion and stress.

And finally, lots of people - the patients, families and hospital staff - told Youth Music that having music present in the hospital environment simply makes it a more pleasant place to be. It encourages people to laugh, smile and talk with one another.

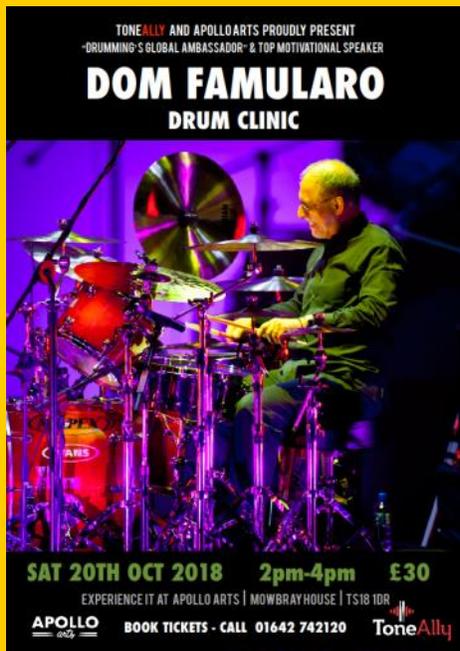


Find out more about Youth Music's incredible work at youthmusic.org.uk.

Calling All Drummers!

Apollo Arts have managed to get Dom Famularo (Drumming's Global Ambassador and Top Motivational Speaker) to come along and do a Drum Clinic on Sat 20th October at their newly refurbished building in Stockton.

They also have Carl Williams, pipe drumming specialist (former worlds fastest drummer and winner of three European titles this year) coming and doing a support slot. Tickets are limited, see bottom of page for details.



DOM FAMULARO

“His sensational drumming and brilliant communications skills have earned Dom Famularo a reputation of being the world’s leading motivational drum set artist /educator, through history-making tours of China and the Far East, and with standing ovations to capacity audiences at virtually every major drumming event in Europe and the Americas.”



Cross Generational Orchestra

This is a new type of orchestra for anyone who plays an instrument. Whether you are an adult who hasn't played for 20 years, or a child who is just starting out, come along and experience playing in an orchestra! There will be music available to suit all ages and abilities, so bring the whole family and play alongside each other. The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment.

The ensemble will be conducted by Andy Jackson, and supported by 2 professional musicians each month.

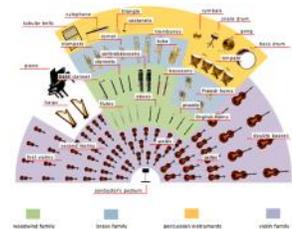
The new 'Family Orchestra' will meet monthly on Sundays from 10am – 1pm from September 2018. You don't have to commit each month, just come when you can!

Dates for Autumn Term:

October 7th 2018

November 4th 2018

December 9th 2018



Rehearsals will lead up to an informal showcase performance on Monday 17th December at 6pm at Middlesbrough Town Hall, along with other community groups.

Sessions are £5 adults, £2.50 children

You can book in advance via the box office 01642 729729 or online at www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk or turn up and pay on the door.



SAT 20TH OCT 2018 2pm-4pm £30

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New Jazz Group

TVMS Area Coordinators Jud Down and Phil McFarlane have started a new swing band called The Jazz Collective. The band meets every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm in Middlesbrough Town Hall and plays a variety of jazz and jazz-funk classics. Not to do things by halves, the ensemble will be making its concert debut in the Middlesbrough Jazz Festival and will be working alongside the National Jazz Youth Orchestra. Membership is free to TVMS students and £13 per month to others. Call 01642 603600 for more information.



Sing For Fun

Middlesbrough Town Hall is the venue for the MTH Community Choir, a chance for adults of all abilities to sing for fun. The choir is led by Emily Smith and Dave Pisaro and meets from 7pm to 9pm each Monday in term time. Material includes a broad range from folk, world, opera and musical theatre and members will be introduced to, or further develop, vocal technique as well as have fun. There are also opportunities to perform at venues such as Ripon Cathedral and the Town Hall itself. For more information call 01642 729729



Summer Schools Success 2018

TVMS Holiday Summer Schools continue to grow in popularity each year. Last July saw the addition of a third school at Ian Ramsey Academy in Stockton to add to the established schools at Rift House Primary in Hartlepool and Trinity College in Middlesbrough, which also covers Redcar & Cleveland. Children not only play their own instruments but also experience new musical activities guided by specialist TVMS teachers. On offer this year were strings, brass, woodwind, ukulele, singing, steel pans and world drumming, as well as the ever popular arts & crafts activities. A truly creative time topped off with fabulous concerts.



Did You Know?

Sales of vinyl records have increased each year for the past 11 years and cassettes are the second best seller!

Public Events for Autumn Term 2018

Saturday 20th October, TVMS Jazz Collective & national Youth Jazz Orchestra at The Middlesbrough Jazz Festival, Town Hall, TS1 2QJ

Thursday 15th November, Members of Tees Valley Youth Choir at Wynyard Festive Fair, Wynyard Hall, Billingham, TS22 5NF

Saturday 17th November, Tees Valley Youth Choir, War & Peace Concert, St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Acklam, TS5 7DY

Sunday 18th November, Members of Tees Valley Youth Choir at Wynyard Festive Fair, Wynyard Hall, Billingham, TS22 5NF

Saturday 8th December, Tees Valley Youth Choir at Festival of Christmas Trees, St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Acklam, TS5 7DY

Saturday 8th December, Tees Valley Youth Orchestra concert, St Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle, NE1 1PF

Sunday 15th December, Tees valley Youth Orchestra & Choir, Christmas Concert, Stockton Parish Church, High St Stockton TS18 1SP

Saturday 22nd December, Locomotion & Showstoppers Choirs, Santa at the Station, Head of Steam Museum, North Rd, Darlington, DL3 6ST

Monday 24th December, Tees Valley Youth Chamber Choir, Redworth Hall, Surtees Rd, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6NL

TVYO Members Tackle The Three Peaks Challenge

Three members of the Tees Valley Youth Orchestra have taken on the challenge to walk up the Yorkshire Three Peaks in an effort to raise money for the upcoming tour to New York in 2019 where they are looking to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Ivan, George and Patrick, who play trumpet, French horn and trombone accepted this challenge, which took them two days to complete.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks are the three tallest hills in Yorkshire.

A fundraising page set up by the Friends of Tees Valley Youth Orchestra has already exceeded their original target of £900 and has recently achieved an impressive total of £1383.

All the sponsorship money raised will go to funding the once-in-a-lifetime tour to New York



Yangchin - Do Something Different!

Ever fancied playing the yangchin or hulusi? The zampoña or charango? The bouzouki or the bombo?



Hulusi



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TVMS has a unique ensemble where you can do exactly that!

These are just some of the wonderful instruments that make the exotic sounds produced by 'Yangchin', a group of young musicians which specialises in music from countries like China, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Greece and Romania, using their own instruments as well as these less familiar ones.

'Yangchin' has been selected for the National Festival of Music for Youth many times over the years, resulting in several appearances at the Royal Albert Hall in London and on TV and radio.



'Yangchin' meets weekly on Thursdays, 5.30pm to 7pm, at TVMS, Bishopton Road West, Stockton TS19 0QH. For further information contact Chris Lewis (CLewis@tvms.org.uk)

Did You Know?

An aluminium piano was built for the lounge of the Hindenberg airship. It weighed only 356 pounds.

Did You Know?

Beatle Ringo Starr is a left handed drummer who plays right handed resulting in his unusual style and feel.



Susan Robertson—Manager of TVMS. Susan is the Manager of the Tees Valley Music Service and a qualified teacher with over 25 years of experience in the classroom. She was part of the very successful Curriculum Team at TVMS who introduced Snappy Music CPD training sessions for teachers, the very popular series of half-day courses for teachers, and Snappy Big Sings for schools. Susan has been carrying out Ofsted's 'Inspirational Conversations' with schools and can support you to get 'Ofsted-Ready.' Susan loves to get out and meet people, so if you have anything you'd like to discuss about your music provision she'd be only too happy to help.



Chris Lewis—Assistant Manager of TVMS. Chris oversees our provision in Redcar and Cleveland and Middlesbrough, our CPD programme and our events. He is a qualified teacher with over 30 years of experience in the classroom and he previously managed the Curriculum Faculty at TVMS. Chris has overall responsibility for all our orchestras and ensembles at TVMS and is the leader of our very successful Yangchin ensemble which takes its influences from music of different parts of the world.



Jeff Sawdon - Assistant Manager of TVMS. Jeff oversees our provision in Stockton and Hartlepool and is our Music Technology specialist. He has over 15 years experience teaching music and delivering workshops. Prior to that he taught at Middlesbrough College and was a professional musician. He was part of the Curriculum Team who set up the very successful "Snappy Music" workshops for teachers and he can give you advice about your IT provision in school and all matters to do with recording, PA equipment etc. Jeff is also your first-line contact if you'd like to become a Partner of TVMS. He also oversees our website



Anthony Ingledeew—Hartlepool Coordinator TVMS. Anthony is affectionately known as 'Mr I' by the children he works with. He has over 30 years experience as a professional musician and teacher. He specialises in Guitar and Ukulele and has also delivered a number of projects with Hartlepool Youth Service and with Music developing strategies to engage children who find conventional learning difficult to cope with. Anthony has worked on a number of projects with Early Years children too. Please contact tvaingledeew@tvms.org.uk if you'd like some advice or support with your music in Hartlepool.



Phil McFarlane—Middlesbrough Coordinator for TVMS. Phil is known as the 'Mr Drum' of Tees Valley Music Service due to the fantastic drumming and percussion projects and performances he has organized over the years. Phil is a published author of music teaching resources and our resident expert on all things you tap, scrape and shake! He has worked with colleagues to revamp our Snappy Workshop offer for schools and has linked them to the Cornerstones Curriculum too. Please contact tvpmcFarlane@tvms.org.uk if you'd like some advice or support with your music in Middlesbrough.



Penny Ferguson—Redcar & Cleveland Coordinator for TVMS. Penny has taught cello & double bass for the last 12 years at TVMS and been in charge of Redcar & Cleveland for the past six. Over the past few years she has developed, with colleagues, a great tradition of large scale string workshops, enabling literally hundreds of beginner pupils to have their first experience of orchestral playing very early in their musical development. The concept has grown to include special themes, mixed ability groups, mixed instruments and summer schools. Please contact tvpferguson@tvms.org.uk if you'd like some advice or support with your music in Redcar & Cleveland.



Jud Down—Stockton on Tees Coordinator for TVMS. Jud brings a vast experience of leadership having organised and led hard working bands on many top cruise liners across the world. Now he applies that expertise to running the Stockton Area for TVMS and has been instrumental in the development of new working relationships with partners in the area. Still playing trumpet in professional shows orchestras and bands, Jud teaches Brass instruments in both small groups and whole classes and is an avid advocate of music technology in this context. Please contact tvjdown@tvms.org.uk if you'd like some advice or support with your music in Stockton on Tees.



Alan Rutter—Support Services Manager for TVMS. During his time as a Royal Marine bandsman Alan learned to play most instruments known to man. He puts that skill to good use now as he is in charge of the TVMS instrumental stock, issuing and retrieving, logging and storing and even repairing them. After many years of management experience with the Royal Mail, Alan came to TVMS in 2002 and oversees the busy support team. Last but not least he is the logistical force behind the many concerts by our bands and orchestras across the county and the region.



Janice Frazer— Support Service Coordinator for TVMS Janice has been with TVMS for 16 years and has been Support Service Coordinator for most of those years. She organises the team of TVMS Support staff and ensures all day to day operations run as smoothly as possible. Janice also arranges all aspects of our external exam board programme including ABRSM and Trinity. Always cheerful in the face of many challenges, Janice or one of her team will very likely be your first-line contact at TVMS when you get in touch with us.

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