



**18<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

## **Welcome**

We hope our weekly newsletters enable you to share musical activities and tasks with your pupils, staff, parents and carers, to keep music alive in these difficult times. Please get in touch, if you find these suggestions useful, or you have some ideas of what you would like to see in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the schools, who have responded to our requests for autumn term. Please find our brochure [here](#).

Why not take this opportunity to discuss your school music education plan? Or your provision request for the next academic year?

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# Get Creative



## What is #GetCreativeAtHome?

Get Creative is a campaign that shines a light on all the great cultural activity that takes place on a regular basis in local communities, and encourages people to try their hand at something new and creative. This year, they are using the #GetCreativeAtHome campaign to highlight and promote some of the amazing participatory, creative activities that are being developed, to help people express themselves during a time of unprecedented change. At this extremely challenging time, we believe that the power of creativity - to unite people, and support them to maintain good mental health and connections with others - is more important than ever.

# Arts Council England - Creative Recommendations



## Free Hip-Hop Classes

Kids full of energy? Running out of things for them to do? Well, this might be just what you need!

[The Unified Wolves](#) are offering free online hip-hop dance classes every Wednesday at midday through Instagram Live. It's a great way to help them to stay hip-hop-healthy!



## Guided Meditation (ages 3 - 7)

Boo to a Goose Theatre has produced '[The Magic Garden](#),' a guided meditation for children, designed to help relieve anxiety and encourage a restful sleep.



## Performances from The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic

From The Real Thing to Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark, don't miss videos by some of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic's regular performers - every Tuesday night at 7.30pm on their [Facebook page](#).

As if that wasn't enough of a treat, you can join them on Thursdays and Sundays for archive footage of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and join the conversation with fellow music lovers around the world.



## #RoundYourHouse (ages 11 - 25)

The Roundhouse's doors might be temporarily shut, but that hasn't stopped them offering a brilliant [digital programme](#) to support people with creativity.

It includes digital discussions for people in the sector and a home studio for young people to create music and audio at home.

## Big Top Music



We are delighted to share [Big Top Music's YouTube Channel](#) with free, interactive lessons for children and young people with additional needs.

# Singing

**Out of The Ark:** Out the Ark continues to bring us fantastic resources. They have changed the format, featuring two songs of the week and a new song to try.

Song of the Week from **Sing Up** – [Baby Beluga](#)



A charming sing along song about a little white whale and feeling secure.

**Ex Cathedra** is delighted to share with you a few of their favourite SingMaker songs via the [SingMaker YouTube](#) platform.

Each Monday, this summer term, a new song – presented by Ex Cathedra's SingMaker team as an interactive film – will be released. These are aimed at up to 11 year olds and free to access. There will be brief notes associated with each song to maximise learning and enjoyment of participation.

Follow Ex Cathedra on [Facebook](#).

# Young Voices

[Power in Me](#) – ‘to say thank you to all our teachers’



Join with the Young Voices International Choir for free. Sign up for the resources and be part of the largest children's choir at home!

## Details are as follows:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at 2.30pm (local time wherever you are)
- Be part of the World's Largest Children's Choir at home, and say thank you to our unsung heroes: Teachers **#ThankYouTeachers**
- Young Voices, the largest children's choir in the world, and the Guinness World Record holders for the world's largest simultaneous sing, invite you to join together with children, teachers and parents all over the world to sing *The Power in Me*
- Whether it is singing from your balcony or simply out of your back door - you are invited to sing along to a special online broadcast of *The Power in Me* on 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Before the big day - take part in the **#PowerinMe** Singing Challenge, and film yourself singing the song's lyrics "I've got the Power In Me." Post it online with the hashtag to see who responds completing the song's chorus "You've got the Power in You!" (Please make sure that this is with the permission of the parent/ legal guardian)

**#PowerinMe #ThankyouTeachers #YVatHome**

# Sing From Your Sofa

## The People Orchestra – Supportive Hub Partners of Sandwell Music Hub

Bored at home? Join 'Sing From Your Sofa', an online choral course with members of The People's Show Choirs. Learn some brand new arrangements of classic pop songs and join online Sing-Alongs with our Choral Director, Ula Weber. She would like to offer you the option to you upload your songs to our virtual choirs. No auditions or prior musical experience needed.

Sing From Your Sofa tool kit includes:

- Vocal tracks for all voice parts
- Backing tracks & Demo Tracks so you can sing along with us
- Sheet music
- Song lyrics
- Rehearsal notes with hints and tips, to help you get the most out of the experience

Weekly Sing-Alongs with Ula Weber: Every Monday evening from 7:30pm

**Special Offer:** We're offering you a saving of **£28** per month with our new student subscription, which now includes all siblings and a parent or guardian. 'Sing From Your Sofa' is an easy and fun way to sing together as a family.

<https://thepeoplesorchestra.com/join-sing-from-your-sofa/>

Your invitation: Once restrictions are lifted we would love to invite you to join any of our local choirs in person and to join The People's Orchestra on stage to perform pieces from 'Sing From Your Sofa.'

## Creative Listening

[BBC Ten Pieces](#) has weekly activities for primary schools, home educators and parents to share with their students. Each includes a Ten Pieces film to watch and enjoy and a linked creative activity that can be completed by children at home without any special materials or preparation. A perfect, simple and easy way to keep listening, enjoying and creating music at this time.

This [listening activity](#), with the lovely Mrs Shaikh, will have you joining in with the movement routine - have some fun!

## Orchestra of the Swan

Check out the brilliant online performances from [Orchestra of the Swan](#).



# Instrumental & Music Making



Below are some video tutorials to share with your young musicians, featuring SIPS's Music Tutors.

## For Instrumental Students

If any of your pupils/students play an instrument, there are tutorials being uploaded each day with suggestions for home practice, backing tracks and activities on our [YouTube](#) channel. For example:

- Sit back enjoy listening to [The Swan](#) played by Miss Baker
- Check out our '[Shining Stars Virtual Concert 1](#)' - a selection of our music centre members practicing at home, in this lockdown recital. More coming soon!
- Learn [All About the Clarinet](#) with Miss Lloyd!
- Play along with some members of the brass team, playing [Smoke on The Water](#). Click the treble clef for the notation, scroll down to find your part and enjoy playing along with them!

## CPD Music for Your Staff

We are offering the following courses for your school. Each course is 2 hours long and presented via Zoom. Fee: £160 (exc. VAT) per candidate.

For more information on course content, and enrolment please contact [tanya.derham@sips.co.uk](mailto:tanya.derham@sips.co.uk)

- ◇ **Becoming a Singing School** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June @ 1.00pm
- ◇ **Practical Ideas on Classroom Music Making for The Non-Music Specialist** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 10.00am
- ◇ **Redesigning Your Music Curriculum Offer In Line with The New Ofsted Framework** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June @10.00am
- ◇ **Music and Wellbeing in Your School** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June @ 1.00pm
- ◇ **Whole School Listening Programme** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 1.00pm



## Keeping In Touch

Continue to look out for this weekly newsletter, which is also available through our website. We'd also love to get your feedback on its content, and hope to tailor it to your needs, as the weeks progress.

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