Newsletter January 2025

Happy New Year to all members, established and new!

We're looking forward to another term of fantastic music making following the huge success of the music marathon in December. All groups demonstrated their hard work over the autumn term and many smaller ensembles and solos also performed. We raised £1500 which will help support our activities in the coming months.

Angie Aiken has decided to step away as Musical Director but will still be teaching beginner strings and remain as our Safeguarding lead. We would like to thank her for her dedication to MMC, especially for steering us through the dual challenges of Covid and our relocation to Fallibroome, and overseeing our 25th and 30th celebrations. Nicola Bright has now taken on the role of Musical Director.

Here's some information about activities coming up this term. Keep your eye on the website and our facebook posts for the most recent details.

Spring term dates

January 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5

Be loud and proud about MMC!

We have T shirts, polo shirts, hoodies and tote bags available to order. Have a look in the coffee shop at some examples.

Suggested donations are £10 per bag or T shirt, £15 for a polo shirt, £20 for a child's hoodie and £25 for an adult's hoodie.

Closing date to place an order this term is 25 January.

NCO masterclasses

We are really fortunate to be hosting visiting players from the Northern Chamber Orchestra who will be sharing their expertise with us through the provision of masterclasses. This is a chance to receive some extra individual tuition with an audience. Come as a participant or an observer – everyone is guaranteed to learn. Sign up by emailing nicola.bright@maccmusiccentre.org.uk.

January 18: 12pm orchestral strings
March 15: 11am and 12pm winds
April 5: 11am and 12pm brass
Also May 3: 12pm strings, 11am and 12pm winds

Contacting us

Please use the info@maccmusiccentre.org.uk email address to send in any queries, registration for summer courses and masterclasses, and merchandise orders.

Holiday music courses

Registrations are open for our summer 2025 music courses and already 15 people have signed up! Nearly 90 people enjoyed the courses last summer. We have 2 separate courses for adults (jazz and classical), and a youth ensembles course to choose from.

Check out the website for further info or email our musical director at nicola.bright@maccmusiccentre.org.uk to discuss further.

Summer celebration

Our last meeting of the academic year will be the summer celebration on Saturday 28 June 1pm-5pm.

Venue TBC.

There will be no MMC that morning.

MMC links with Bollington Chamber Concerts

Bollington chamber concerts are launching a new series of Sunday morning coffee concerts at Bollington Arts Centre. Coffee and cake at 10:30 followed by an hour's music at 11. MMC members accompanying children get half price tickets and children are free.

April 27 Duo Aeris (violin and guitar), June 7 Hefin Duo (flute and harp)

Have you time to help MMC?

The reason we can keep membership of MMC at an affordable rate is due to the time given freely by our team of volunteers on the business committee. Where else can you enjoy up to a full morning's music making for the cost of a couple of coffees?!

We are currently looking for volunteers for the following roles:

- act as the liaison between MMC and the lettings agency
- organise the merchandise orders (once per term)
- oversee updating of MMC policies (once a year)
- guardian of spare MMC instruments (do you have a spare room that could house a few cellos?)

If you feel you could help in any of these roles please have a chat with Ruth Bardsley to discuss further. Ruth can be found in the foyer between 8 and 10, and 11 and 12.

Calling all DoE teenagers: MMC is the perfect place to slot in the service part of your DoE awards around your musical activities. You could help in the coffee shop, help set up rooms and put back again or transpose parts. Come and have a chat with us in the foyer if you would like to explore opportunities.