

## Slough Music Service Spring Term Newsletter 2018

### *SLOUGH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018 EDITION*

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS



**FREE Thunderbirds Composition workshop for years 2 – 6** Saturday 17 March, led by Slough Music Hub partner Neil Valentine. The workshop will take place at The Curve from 12-4pm. Neil Valentine will help young people create their very own piece of music based on Gerry Anderson's Thunderbirds and perform it to parents and friends in an informal performance at 3.30pm. All budding musicians are welcome, no experience necessary. We will provide instruments if you don't already have one. Please sign up via [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

**ISSP Vocal Project.** The Independent State School Partnership of Eton College, Beechwood, Slough & Eton, St. Joseph's and Langley Academy took part in this year's vocal project. The ISSP vocal project brings together schools to encourage and promote singing, and works with the finest national singing leaders each year. This year the project has been led by popular choral and vocal expert, Victoria Longdon. We have completed the in-school workshops and we will be bringing the singers from these schools together for further workshops at Eton College later this month in collaboration with a vocal group from Eton College. The day will culminate in a performance open to friends and family at 6pm on 19<sup>th</sup> March at Eton College School Hall. Please join us to share the singing.

**Slough Youth Orchestra.** Rehearsals are being held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Upton Court Grammar School from 9.30am – 2.30pm and the 6pm performance with prior rehearsal from 4pm will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at The Curve, Slough. The orchestra is open to all orchestral musicians of grade 3 standard or above. Entrance to the concert is by donation. For more details please visit [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

**The 2018 Showcase Concert** will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm, and features school and community choirs, ensembles, bands and orchestras. The concert is at The Curve, Slough and entrance to the performance is by donation.

**Kidenza** are a professional chamber-sized orchestra who specialise in fun, educational concerts for schools in the South East. They have a proven track record of sell-out concerts and a great reputation with schools who return year after year to concerts. Kidenza are coming to Upton Court Grammar School, Slough on 22 March 2018 with the "BBC Ten Pieces III - A Musical Recipe Book" tour and will use vital ingredients - aka our musicians and instruments - to make wonderful sounding pieces of music. We will experiment with different sounds and combinations to show how music is put together, what sounds good and what doesn't and as champions of the BBC we will be performing 5 of the Ten Pieces, including a fun version of 'O Fortuna' set to words on a fishy theme!

We are inviting KS1 and KS2 schools to come along to one of our performances at **11.30pm and 1.30pm**. Each concert is one hour long. Tickets cost **£4/pupil and £2/accompanying adult**. Please contact [claire@kidenza.co.uk](mailto:claire@kidenza.co.uk) for details and how to book.

**Snappy Opera** Students from 5 local primary schools are being given the unique opportunity to create new 10-minute Snappy Operas with industry professionals. Primary school students from Priory School, Lynch Hill Primary,



**Slough music Festival 2018**

Saturday 17 March, 12-4pm

**Composition Workshop**

For years 2-6 led by Neil Valentine at The Curve, Slough, SL1 1XY

All budding musicians welcome, no experience necessary. You may bring own musical instrument to play or we can provide percussion instruments. With Neil's guidance we will create our very own piece of music based on Gerry Anderson's *Thunderbirds* and perform it to parents and friends in an informal performance at 3.30pm

To sign up please visit [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

Neil Valentine is a creative musician and workshop leader who delivers fun and inclusive music making, using his extensive experience as a conductor and instrumentalist to bring all kinds of music to life.

Parlaunt Park Primary, St Ethelbert's Catholic School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School are currently in rehearsals for their big performance at Beechwood School on Monday 26 March at 6pm.



The poster for the Slough Music Festival 2018 features the Slough Music Service and Slough Music Education Hub logos at the top. The main title 'Slough Music Festival 2018' is in a large, stylized font. Below the title is a grid of six event boxes:

<b>Sat 17 March, 12-4pm</b> Composition workshop for children years 2-6 led by Neil Valentine at The Curve	<b>Mon 19 March, 6pm</b> ISSP Schools' Choir Performance conducted by Tori Longdon at Eton School Hall
<b>Tue 20 March, 6.30pm</b> Slough Youth Orchestra Concert conducted by Tom Horn at The Curve	<b>Wed 21 March, 6pm</b> Showcase Concert school ensemble performances at The Curve
<b>Thu 22 March</b> Kidenza, classical music concerts for schools at Upton Court Grammar School	<b>Mon 26 March, 6pm</b> Snappy Opera Project Final Performance at Beechwood School

At the bottom, it says 'For further information please visit [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)' and lists sponsors: Department for Education, Arts Council England, and Slough Borough Council.

“Snappy Operas” is a nationwide project run by Mahogany Opera, to create new opera with young people aged 7-11. The project aims to give all children the chance to experience the power of opera before they leave school.

**Slough Battle of the Bands 2018** FREE to enter. Open to all secondary school aged musicians. The competition is open to bands who play jazz, blues, folk, pop, rock, metal or world music – anything goes! Suitable for beginner—experienced bands. Both covers and original material welcome. To apply please complete the [application form](#). The final will be a judged public live performance held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 6pm at The Curve. Open to the public by donation. Deadline for applications: 26th March 2018



## NEWS

**Music Centre.** We are now offering *Arts Award Explore* certificate as part of the junior orchestra, and have extended our activities this term to include African drumming. If you play an instrument and would like to join a band with likeminded musicians from across the borough then visit our website to sign up or come along to Beechwood School for a 3.50pm registration on a Thursday during term time. All of our ensembles will be performing at the end of the spring term as part of the Slough Music Festival. The music centre is open to any instrumentalist or singer. For further details or to sign up please visit [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk).

**Gifted & Talented Project.** Year 5 pupils are set to take part in this year's gifted and talented Music and Arts project. Workshops are facilitated with composer Neil Valentine and Elaine Macy and Dean Soden from 4Motion Dance Company however the pupils themselves create the content of the show. The final performance is on the Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm at The Curve. Please come and see our performance. Entrance is by donation.

**The Curve Choir** was set up as a collaboration between the library services, Slough Borough Council and Slough Music Service to provide a community choir, accessible to all, for Slough. New members are always welcome and we rehearse at The Curve, SL1 1XY from 6.30 – 7.30pm on Thursday's during term time. If you have an event you would like to invite the choir to sing at please do not hesitate to contact the music service.

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>> **Musicate Conference** for primary school music teachers will be hosted by Buckinghamshire Music Service this year, and will be held during the summer term. I will publish the date as soon as this is confirmed.

### GET INVOLVED

Learn to play an instrument

Join a band, orchestra or choir

Take part in a course

CHECK US OUT! [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk) or give us a call on 01753 875732