

Greater Manchester Music Hub Presents

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Celebration CONCERT

Sunday, 16th July,
2023, 3pm

The Bridgewater Hall
Manchester

Programme

Greater Manchester Youth Brass Band

Musical Director - Mark Peacock

- March: On The Quarterdeck – Kenneth Alford
- Solo: A Time for Peace – Peter Graham
(Tenor Horn soloist: Alice Clarke)
- Lions of Legends - Thierry Deleruyelle

Greater Manchester Youth String Orchestra

Musical Director – Owen Cox

Britten - Simple Symphony, Op. 4

- 1) Boisterous Bourree
- 3) Sentimental Sarabande

Folk songs arr. Danish String Quartet:
Unst Boat Song
Ribers no. 8

Greater Manchester Youth Show Choir

**Musical Director – Neil Bennet and
Hannah Birch**

Hairspray - The Musical

**Music and Lyrics Marc Shaiman & Lyrics Scott
Wittman**

- Good Morning Baltimore
- I Can Hear The Bells
- Can't Stop The Beat

Greater Manchester Youth Wind Orchestra

**Musical Directors – Cathie Brookes and Captain
Matt Waites**

- Festivo – Edward Gregson
- Pacific – Blake Neely and Hans Zimmer
arr. Rieks van der Velde
- Danzon no. 2 – Arturo Márquez

Greater Manchester Massed Junior Chorus

Musical Director – Matthew Roughley

Accompanist - Carol Kwater

Friday Afternoons is a Britten Pears Arts led singing project connecting teachers and young people with contemporary composers. We are delighted to be performing a small selection of their new song collection, with a dragon theme, here today:

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| 1. We Grow Dragons | Joanna Lee |
| 2. Dragon Fruit Dragon | Joanna Lee |
| 3. RSVP | Joanna Lee |
| 4. Eyes Wide Open | Joanna Lee |
| 5. Fire | Russell Happlewhite |

Interval

The Greater Manchester Youth Brass Band

There already exists across the region a very high standard youth brass band network with some of our individual music service youth bands being regarded among the best in the UK. Further to a successful inaugural event with the BBC Philharmonic in 2012, there was an appetite to bring together the very best young brass band players from these local bands to form a flagship ensemble for the region and extend even further the musical experience of the players. The GMYBB therefore challenges members with repertoire beyond the reach of most youth bands. There are high expectations for both the speed of learning and of course the eventual musical outcome and this makes for a very challenging and fulfilling experience for all members and their tutorial team.

The Greater Manchester Youth String Orchestra

The Greater Manchester Youth String Orchestra (GMYSO) was established in 2013 and brings together the best young string players from across the region. The players are nominated by their local music service and continue to be involved in local musical activities. The three weekend courses give the young people the opportunity to play alongside and make friendships with other excellent young string players and work on challenging and fun repertoire, further developing their skills. GMYSO is supported and hosted by Cheetham's School of Music, led by their Deputy Head of Strings Owen Cox, supported by a team of talented and experienced tutors.

The Greater Manchester Youth Show Choir

The GM Youth Show Choir was established in March 2014 to give young people the chance to sing, dance and perform in a professional musical theatre setting, working with professional trainers who know the industry well. Neil G Bennett (Course Leader/Musical Director) and Hannah Birch (Director/Choreography) have worked with the group from the start and our ongoing partnership with Pendleton College gives our students first-hand experience of musical theatre performance. Advanced singers and performers aged 13 - 18 work together on challenging music and choreography whilst developing their technical and performance skills, and this year they have certainly risen to the challenge. All students in the Show Choir are nominated by their local Music Service and contribute to musical activities in their local area.

The Greater Manchester Youth Wind Orchestra

The Greater Manchester Youth Wind Orchestra formed in 2013 and serves to bring together the best young woodwind, brass and percussion players from across the region to work with leading tutors and conductors on more challenging repertoire. Members are stretched beyond the level available in their locality, and they all rise to the challenge with refreshing determination and professionalism. This year they are proud to be joined by professional musicians from the Royal Marines Band Service; the musicians have worked together for one intense weekend and are looking forward to sharing the fruits of their labour with you this afternoon.

The Greater Manchester Junior Chorus

The Greater Manchester Junior Chorus was first assembled to perform at the 2014 Schools Prom at the Royal Albert Hall, with subsequent annual performances here at the Bridgewater Hall since 2015. Today's GM Junior Chorus comprises choirs and schools from each of the GM Hub authorities. We are delighted to welcome Matthew Roughley to conduct the massed Junior Chorus today. He is the Assistant Conductor of Hallé Youth Training Choir and the Hallé Youth Choir.



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