

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

## Music and Performing Arts Service (MAPAS)

April - September 2019



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## Performance Report for the Music and Performing Arts Service (MAPAS) April – September 2019

### Key highlights include:

- Theatre Company performance
- Launch of Ghosh Trust bursary
- Greater Manchester Music Hub Singing Challenge
- Salford's Big Sing 2019
- GM Music Hub Celebration Concert
- ABRSM Music examinations
- Precarious Carnival
- Steel pan trip to North Shields
- MAPAS Summer School
- Salford's Big Day Out

### Soloist Concert

In May, a group of young musicians from across Salford performed at a bi-annual Soloist Concert. This took place at Eccles Library which MAPAS often use for its beautiful setting and impressive acoustics. All performers had been nominated by their tutor for reasons such as building confidence, passing an exam or showing great potential and dedication. The concert was informal and allowed the soloists to perform in a relaxed atmosphere to a small group of family and friends, as well as members of the public who were visiting the library at the time. Pupils performed on flute, piano, clarinet, saxophone and were also joined by two singers. The standard of ability ranged from beginner to Grade 7 and ages from 7 to 18. Everyone played brilliantly and were well-received by the audience.



### School demos

For the first time this academic year MAPAS used the first teaching week of the year to provide 'demos' in schools, with small teams of tutors performing concerts to pupils to inspire them and encourage them to learn a musical instrument. Demos took place in 12 Salford schools and proved incredibly successful, with an additional 25hrs 10 mins of tuition per week having been booked. This has resulted in an additional annual income of £27,180.

### WCIT Showcase at The Lowry

In June, MAPAS held their annual WCIT (Whole Class Instrumental Tuition) showcase at The Lowry. Across 8 concerts, over 850 primary school pupils performed on this world-renowned stage to friends and family. All of the young people on stage had been part of a WCIT project in their school, which meant they had only been learning to play their instrument since the previous September. A number of schools participated in each concert, which kicked off with a joint piece performed by all the children together. Each school also



had their chance to shine on centre stage, performing songs and pieces they had prepared with their MAPAS tutor. With performances on violins, clarinets, trumpets, steel pans and African drums to name but a few, these concerts were a true celebration of the hard work of the young people and showcased the impact that MAPAS WCIT projects have across the City every year.

### Launch of new MAPAS branding

In September, MAPAS launched its brand new branding, having renamed to 'Music and Performing Arts Salford'. With vibrant colours and a smiling logo, the new branding has been well received by schools and customers, and helps all of our MAPAS events stand out in the community.



### Customer Feedback:

*"The children were so engaged with the demo and the staff really enjoyed it too. The uptake after the demo has been impressive too. Thank you to you and the teachers for giving us the opportunity".*

*"At [our school] we enjoyed joining in with the Victorians song and learning about Queen Victoria. The children found the song really interesting".*

*"The Lowry concerts are so brilliantly done and a highlight of the children's year; it is something Salford should be very proud of. Well done all!"*

### Forthcoming Events and Activities:

- University of Salford joint concert (November)
- Arts Centre Christmas Concerts (December)
- Frosted by Magic (December)
- Carols and Choir (December)
- Soloist Concert (January)
- Battle of the Bands (January)
- WCIT Play Day (February)
- Princess and the Pea (March)
- Choral/Vocal Festival (March)
- Arts Centre Spring Concerts (March)

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