

Arts Centre Groups Descriptions

Baby Band-Its – The Baby Band-Its is an exciting baby/toddler music group for children in the Eccles, Winton and Monton areas. Our specially trained tutor will help your child to take their first steps into the music world through specially written songs, exploration of instruments and music games.

Big Band - The Big Band is one of our premier groups and caters for all those learning Saxophone, Trumpet or Trombone at Grade 4 standard or above. A good rhythm section is also at the heart of our Big Band so if you drum, play bass or piano to this standard then come along and give it a try. The group explore a diverse range of music from throughout the Big Band world and regularly perform in MAPAS' most prestigious performances each year.

Community Choir – The Community Choir is an adult choir and is open to singers of all abilities. Come and enjoy the camaraderie and joy of singing together in a relaxed and friendly environment with guidance from our expert vocal tutor. The Choir rehearse and perform a diverse range of vocal music and perform regularly at MAPAS events including the annual Salford Choral Festival.

Concert Band – The Concert Band is one of our premier ensembles and caters for all brass, woodwind and percussion instrumentalists of Grade 4 standard and above. This group explore a diverse range of music from across the Concert Band spectrum and perform in MAPAS' most prestigious performances each year.

Concert Strings – The Concert Strings is one of our premier ensembles and caters for all string musicians of Grade 4 standard and above. Members will explore lots of exciting modern music for strings as well as amazing arrangements of pop/rock songs which have been wowing audiences at MAPAS showcase concerts and foreign tours for many years.

Guitar Club – This group is for anyone with a love of any instrument in the guitar family including Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Banjo or Mandarin. Under the guidance of our expert tutor you'll learn specially written arrangements of rock and pop classics in a relaxed and fun environment. Turn it up to eleven in the MAPAS Guitar Club!

Irlam and Cadishead Maestros – The Irlam and Cadishead Maestros is one of our beginner Orchestras and is a perfect fit for any beginner musician in this local area wanting to experience the fun and joy of playing and performing with others. If you are receiving/or have received lessons as part of a full class in school or individually on any brass, woodwind, string or percussion instrument then this is the group for you. If your instrument does not belong to you, we are able to hire one to you FREE of charge as part of our instrument loan scheme.

Jazz Collective – The Jazz Collective is open to any brass or woodwind musicians looking to step into the world of Jazz and improvisation for the first time. The group is also a good starting point for any drummers, bass players and pianists looking to work on their rhythm section skills.

Junior Youth Theatre Company – If you have a passion for acting and love to be on stage then come along to our Junior Youth Theatre Company. You'll be involved in all types of exciting activities to develop your acting skills and will be regularly involved in MAPAS Showcase Concerts as well as a special 'Theatre Spotlight' performance each year.

MAPAS Maestros – The MAPAS Maestros is our beginner Orchestra and is a perfect fit for any beginner musician wanting to experience the fun and joy of playing and performing with others. If you are receiving/or have received lessons as part of a full class in school or individually on any brass, woodwind or string instrument then this is the group for you. If your instrument does not belong to you, we are able to hire one to you FREE of charge as part of our instrument loan scheme.

MAPAS Maestros Percussion – This group is for anyone with a passion for rhythm and an interest in

the exploration of exciting sounds. MAPAS Maestros Percussion members are given the chance to play an array of percussion instruments from around the world including: Congas, Xylophones, Snare Drums and Djembes to name just a few. This group is perfect for any children receiving/or who have received percussion lessons from MAPAS as part of a full class in school and a great outlet for any budding drum kit players.

Musical Theatre Company – The Musical Theatre Company is one of our premier groups. Your Singing, dancing and acting will all be refined and developed through guidance from our team of expert tutors. Musical Theatre Company performances are always a highlight of our Arts Centre Showcase Concerts and the company hope to bring a full scale musical to life at some point in the very near future!

Orchestra - The Orchestra is one of our premier groups and caters for all instrumentalists of Grade 4 standard and above. The group delve into arrangements of some of the most famous classical repertoire by some of the best composers ever and can be found headlining MAPAS showcase concerts and performances each year.

Rainbow Rooms Choir – Rainbow rooms choir is a music group for teenagers and young adults with SEND. The sessions are designed to build confidence and musicianship skills, yet are adapted to suit each individual needs. Skills are built up through singing games, using hand held percussion and learning the recorder. Every session has plenty of fun and laughter and strong friendships have been formed. The group perform at a wide range of MAPAS events throughout the calendar year.

Salford Steel – Our in house Steel Band always bring the sunshine. Salford Steel is a Community group open to members of all ages and abilities. Come and experience the magic of steel pans in a fun and relaxed environment. Salford Steel are one of our most active groups and can often be found wowing audiences across the city and beyond!

Senior Youth Theatre Company – Improvisation, Sketches, Monologues and fully fledged plays are some of the work our Senior Youth Theatre Company undertake throughout the year. Come and hone your acting chops with other like-minded aspiring actors and be involved with regular MAPAS Showcase Concerts as well as a special 'Theatre Spotlight' performance each year.

Singing Squad – This is our junior choir and is a chance for children from across the city to sing together in a fun and friendly environment. These sessions are led by one of our experienced vocal team who will develop your vocal technique through a series of inspirational and exciting songs. The Singing Squad are often involved in some of our most high-profile annual events including the Salford Choral Festival and Big Sing.

Suzuki Strings - The Suzuki Method of teaching the violin is based on the philosophy and teaching methods developed by the Japanese violinist and educator, Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. This group is a perfect first musical step for any child and is taught by our experienced Suzuki trained tutor. For more information about the Suzuki method please click here: <https://www.britishsuzuki.org.uk/>.

Please note that members of the Suzuki group also required to be taking individual Suzuki lessons alongside the group sessions. Please contact MAPAS to arrange these lessons if you do not already receive them: mapas@scll.co.uk.

Synth Orchestra (Keyboard Group) – Pianists and keyboard players are often overlooked when it comes to gaining opportunities to play with others but not at MAPAS! Our Synth Orchestra is here for pianists and keyboard players of all abilities to have the opportunity to make music together. Our expert tutor creates special arrangements of exciting music utilising the wealth of sounds available in the keyboard to create a wall of synth sound.

Training Band – The Training Band bridges the gap between the MAPAS Maestros and our Concert

Band well. In this group members will learn all about what it really takes to make music as part of a group as well as having the opportunity to develop their skills further and can often be found working on and ultimately performing brilliant arrangements of music from film, TV and musical theatre. If you play a brass or woodwind instrument or are a drum kit player or percussionist then Training Band is for you.

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Youth Choir – If you wish to develop your singing style and technique alongside other like-minded vocalists then our Youth Choir is for you. The choir rehearse and perform music from an array styles including gospel, pop, folk and world music to name just a few. The Youth Choir are also often involved in some of our most high-profile annual events including the Salford Choral Festival and Big Sing.

Westwood Band-Its - The Westwood Band-Its is one of our beginner Orchestras and is a perfect fit for any beginner musician in the Eccles, Winton and Monton areas wanting to experience the fun and joy of playing and performing with others. If you are receiving/or have received lessons as part of a full class in school or individually on any brass, woodwind, string or percussion instrument then this is the group for you. If your instrument does not belong to you, we are able to hire one to you FREE of charge as part of our instrument loan scheme.