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A visit to World Heart Beat Music Academy is a joyous event, you leave somehow feeling that you have participated in something life affirming and unique. World Heart Beat is not just important to the musical life of London, it's essential.

- Steve Rubie, 606 Club

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR SAHANA GERO

The World Heart Beat Music Academy has recently been described as a Shangri-La for music, a beautiful and imaginary place of complete bliss, delight and peace – except World Heart Beat very much exists in the heart of the city. Now we are really excited to be extending our classes to include children three months before they are born! It is an honour to work with the community we have here at World Heart Beat and we are so grateful for the combined contribution of everybody who makes it what it is today. Every investment in these children and young people opens up countless doors of opportunity and creates the inspiration to develop tomorrow's talent.

Exciting Venues

World Heart Beat students were invited to perform at a variety of events around London last term and over the summer break. We are so proud of their musicianship and talent and hope for many more of these fantastic opportunities for our young musicians!



Kensington Palace Performance

Some of our young flautists performed at a Summer Gala at Kensington Palace in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent and Her Royal Highness Princess Michael of Kent in aid of the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection. Guests included top designers and celebrities invited for the launch of the Palace's new range of Georgian dress.



Cicada Road Street Party

"The band were fantastic. They provided a lovely ambiance for the street party, and certainly instilled a sense of community spirit!

They clearly have a massive passion and drive for what they do, I am sure they will all go a long way!" – Jonny Dearden



Maestro Arts Concert

Maestro Arts invited our students to perform for an event at Wandsworth Riverside Quarter, one of the most sought after destinations in South West London. Their wonderful jazz programme provided the perfect atmosphere for the beautiful location.

FEATURED CLASSES

Songwriting Masterclasses

Professional songwriting opportunities with acclaimed songwriter, Tammy Weis. Perfect for anyone that wants to learn how to write lyrics and a variety of song styles. Songs will also be recorded.

Tuesday evenings.

Accordion Lessons

Piano and button accordion lessons available, for beginners to advanced. Adult classes are also available.

Saturday mornings.

Gypsy Violin

Available for all levels of players. Hungarian born teacher Laci is fantastic and is the 7th Generation of musicians in his family.

Saturday mornings.

Early Years Music

Music lessons for children aged 0-5 and their parents or caregivers. A musically rich and playful environment enables babies, infants and toddlers to explore, engage and process in their own ways. These interactive and engaging workshops will blend music from various cultures, lullabies and folktales.

Tabla Classes

With highly sought after Tabla player, Alok Verma.
Small group Tabla Classes are available for adults and children.
Exams are also available.

Tuesday evenings.

Jazz Trombone and Trumpet

With Byron Wallen, one of the most prolific Jazz trumpeters alive today. We are now offering Trumpet and Trombone lessons as part of our Jazz school.

Monday evenings.

Register your interest in any of our classes and come along for a trial session!

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606 Concert with Julian Joseph Trio

On 15th July, World Heart Beat students were invited to perform at one of the UK's most established jazz clubs, sharing the stage with the best jazz Trio in the country. The 606 Club is known for being *the* venue to experience the best of British jazz, and the evening was no exception. The young musicians performed a beautiful programme directed by Trevor Watkis, securing their places amongst the next generation of London-based jazz musicians.

This event marked the launch of our ongoing GlobalGiving fundraising campaign to support the jazz programme at World Heart Beat Music Academy. Proceeds from the concert have funded new Upright Bass lessons and a top jazz teacher to teach at World Heart Beat. We are also in a position to expand our jazz programme and start offering jazz Trumpet and Trombone lessons.

This event would not have been possible without; Trevor Watkis; our Jazz team, Tony Kofi, Daisy Chute and Tammy Weis; Steve Rubie and the 606 club; and Julian Joseph and his trio.

"I was happy to contribute to the event last night. Such a wonderful atmosphere...it's been a while since I've seen the 606 with so much buzz. The kids were great and inspiring, so much talent! World Heart Beat Music Academy is doing a wonderful thing."

- Mark Mondesir

"What a glorious event to take part in and God bless Steve Rubie for providing the platform, and all at World Heart Beat for supporting the young musicians of the future with such commitment."

- Julian Joseph

"It was a truly awesome evening and all our table of friends thought so too and had a thousand questions to ask. It was a privilege to be there."

- Veronica Bradbury







Coming up...

The 51st State Band in concert at Putney Arts Theatre

13th November

Two performances: 7pm & 8:30pm

An exciting evening of music showcasing the variety, energy and dedication that students of the World Heart Beat Music Academy thrive on.



Now is a perfect time to join the band, it really is a must for all young musicians learning a concert band instrument!

Thursday evenings:

50 ½ State Band 4:00-5:00pm

51st State Band 1 5:30-6:30pm

51st State Band 2 6:45-7:45pm

Happiness: The Delight-Tree, A Celebration in Poetry and Song

We were proud to host the United Society of Writers for the launch of their contemporary poetry anthology 'Happiness: The Delight-Tree". In 2012, the United Nations declared March 20th the annual "International Day of Happiness". This anthology, published in unique celebration of the Day, brings together poets from 56 countries, with poems in 31 world languages.







Piano and Composers Party 2015

26 of our young pianists performed at our Piano Party on 27th June. It was wonderful to see how much all of them have progressed since last year. Benedict Williams, Leah Wing and Matthew Burrell also all played their own original compositions. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the party atmosphere.



Vocal Showcase

We held the first World Heart Beat Vocal showcase on 20th June. Performances from the night featured original song *Champions of the World*, written by our youngest vocalists (6-9 years old!) and a varied programme from Alice in Chains to Ed Sheeran. We really enjoyed giving our vocalists the spotlight for the evening, and look forward to another vocal showcase soon.



Music for Liberia Summer Book Drive

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated children's books to the Mother Blessings Orphanage in Mount Barclay, Liberia. We collected an amazing mountain of books that will bring so much joy to these children. Thank you to our fantastic piano teacher, Kamilla Arku, CEO and Founder of Music for Liberia.





Student Successes



68 students took Trinity and ABRSM exams this term with a 100% pass rate.

We also held our own World **Heart Beat Music Academy Tabla exams,** with a 100% pass rate.

Congratulations also to Georgina MacNaughton ATCL Clarinet Diploma and Leah Wing ATCL Flute Diploma with distinction.

A big congratulations to Ines Tossou, Jaideep Grewall, Paula Back and Rebecca Wing on their Jack Petchey **Outstanding Achievement** Awards.

Jack Petchey Award winners are chosen for their inspiring attitude and dedication. The Jack Petchey foundation also offers each winner £200 to spend on something for the Academy.





Seymour Green Estate Agents gave our Celtic Fiddle players **Celtic Achievement Awards** this year.

This initiative recognizes the amazing dedication and passion all of our young fiddle players have. Their approach to learning is truly inspiring!

Yannis and Karen at Grammy Camp 2015

Yannis Hannachi and Karen Shiraishi were the two exceptional students chosen by the Grammy panel to attend Grammy Camp LA this year through our partnership with Gucci Timepieces and Jewellery.

We are so grateful to Gucci Timepieces and Jewellery and the Recording Academy for giving two of our young musicians this opportunity every year. For a week, they get to live, breath, eat and drink music, meet music students and artists from all over the world, work with professionals, perform and write original music.















mind every day since it ended – it makes me emotional." – Karen Shiraishi (Vocals & Piano)

Left: Karen with Kamasi Washington (American jazz saxophonist, composer, production editor and bandleader).

News From Previous Gucci Scholars

Renato Paris is studying on the Jazz course at Trinity Laban Conservatoire. Over the Summer, he has been performing in 'What's It All About? Burt Bacharach Reimagined' at the Menier Chocolate Factory in Southwark.

Baker Mukasa received a scholarship for the Central School of Speech and Drama. He has been performing at the Edinburgh Festival with his show 'The Lost Art of Lost Art', which received two 4 star reviews.

Sian Kelly is studying at Brighton University and has been performing her own music at local venues in Brighton and in London.

Quinn Oulton received one of only 6 scholarships for the Royal Academy of Music. Quinn leads his own band that regularly perform at events.

Isaac Duribe has been working as part of a Producer Collective and on solo pieces. He is studying at Birmingham University and plans to take a year out after graduating to intern with contacts he has made in LA.

Mansur Brown Received a Scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. He has performed professionally with the Julian Joseph Trio at King's Place.



A Big Thank You To...

Radio at World Heart Beat

The Jack Petchey Foundation chose World Heart Beat as one of 15 organisations to receive an award in celebration of the foundation's 15th anniversary. They have gifted us with a Radio Studio for the Academy so that students can have training and practice presenting using the radio equipment before going live on our show on Wandsworth Radio Station. We will also be able to pre-record segments for the weekly show at the Academy, and hope to start broadcasting directly from World Heart Beat soon!



Tune in to our radio show, World Heart Beat Hour, every Sunday evening at 5pm. Listen anywhere on

www.wandsworthradio.com/listen.

Music Classes:

Guitar Accordion Piano Baritone Saxophone **Bass Guitar** Tabla Clarinet Trumpet Composition **Upright Bass** Drums Violin Flute Vocal French Horn

Music Courses:

The Stardust People Vocal Improvising Choir Early Years Music Lessons 51st State Band **Songwriting Masterclasses** Radio Production and Presenting Reggae School **Jazz at World Heart Beat**

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