



*"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*

It is our great pleasure to bring you this newsletter. The energy and joy at World Heart Beat Music Academy continues to grow as it becomes an environment that attracts fantastic people, passionate young musicians sharing in the joy of music, and a host of incredible musicians that give an immense sense of heart generosity. World Heart Beat has become a unique music space about cultural enrichment, value to the community and a place which inspires the great artists of the future. New projects we are looking forward to this term include a Wind Quintet for young musicians Grade 8 and above, a Gypsy Band for Clarinet players and Keyboard harmony for popular music. We are hugely grateful for all of your support, and we would like to thank you all for being a part of making this work possible.

### **Exciting Venues**

World Heart Beat students are regularly being invited to perform in beautiful places and at a variety of events around London. Many of these performances will now be regular opportunities for World Heart Beat students.



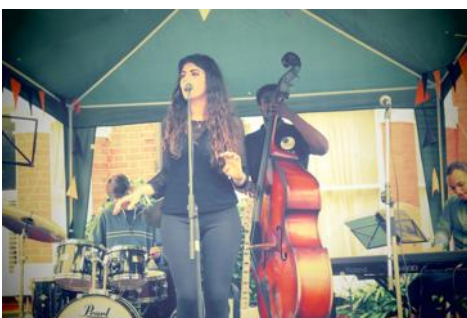
#### **Kensington Palace Performance**

An ensemble of our young flautists performed at a red carpet event at Kensington Palace in aid of the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection. They were also invited to perform at Skinner's Hall for the Worshipful Company of Fanmaker's annual dinner. Many of the guests expressed how beautiful they sounded.



#### **Maestro Arts Concert**

World Heart Beat students performed at an exclusive event at Wandsworth Riverside Quarter, one of the most sought after destinations in South West London. This performance was part of a fundraising dinner kindly hosted by Maestro Arts. We are looking forward to the next soiree.



#### **Cicada Road Street Party**

*"The music was quite simply brilliant and provided a great ambience for the day. People were captivated yet again.*

*The World Heart Beat Music Academy is a huge part of the Cicada Road Street Party."*

- Jonny Dearden

### **FEATURED CLASSES**

#### **The Stardust People Vocal Improvising Choir**

Join this distinctive choir with inventive grooves, improvisation and completely original material. Perfect for all ages.

**Tuesday evenings**

#### **NEW: Accordion Lessons**

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

**Saturday mornings**

#### **NEW: Clarinet Gypsy Band**

Available to clarinet players grade 7 and above. With Hungarian Gypsy Musician, Laci Olah.

**Tuesday evenings**

#### **Early Years Music**

Music lessons for children aged 0-5. A musically rich and playful environment enables babies, infants and toddlers to explore, engage and process in their own ways.

**Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.**

#### **Tabla Classes**

With highly sought after Tabla player, Alok Verma.

Exams are also available.

**Tuesday evenings.**

#### **NEW: Pop Keyboard**

Learning piano chords and chord progressions using popular music.

**Friday evenings.**

#### **51<sup>st</sup> State Band**

A must for anybody learning a concert band instrument. It's thrilling to play in a large band!

**Thursday evenings.**

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

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## Spirit of Rio

We were delighted to welcome back Almir Pessoa and Pepe Barcellos, two of the Brazilian musicians that we formed a strong bond with through the Brazilian Music and Culture programme that we were involved with last Summer. This project has forged a cultural link between London and Rio in celebration of the Olympics.

In the last few weeks, the music of Brazil has been captivating our students and the wider community with its infectious rhythm and beautiful melodies bathed in harmonic warmth. As well as teaching our talented young musicians, Pepe and Almir performed alongside them at 606 Club and Chelsea Theatre and took Brazilian music into seven local schools for a Young Children's Music Festival.

*"We really do look forward to working alongside professional musicians, especially the Brazilian Team, they have so much energy to give and the children respond attentively and musically. Some of the children had arrived to school confused and upset following the Brexit news, and to have an assembly where we could all share the good feeling music brings was perfect."*

- Sarah Lufflum, Swaffield Primary School

*"I would like to thank you and all the musicians who took part in yesterday's amazing workshop! It was the most refreshing, uplifting and inspirational experience! I believe that Caius House needs more events like this. I felt re-charged and extra alive afterwards."*

- Dimitri

*It was a great moment when I was showing round a group of prospective pupils and their parents for them to be passed by a procession of conga-ing 3 and 4 year olds following Pepe and his band around the garden!*

- Ron Nicholson, Headteacher of Eastwood Nursery School



## Coming up...

### The 51<sup>st</sup> State Band in concert at Putney Arts Theatre

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Two performances: 6:45pm & 8:30pm

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

### 606 Pop-up Gigs at Chelsea Theatre

Doors 6pm | Music 6:45-8:00pm

Venue: Chelsea Theatre, 7 World's End Place, King's Road SW10 0DR

30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Ava Joseph and Renato Paris

20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Ayo Vincent and Ezekiel Ajie

11<sup>th</sup> Dec: A Festive Show with Sian Kelly and Guests

*A fantastic, free Jazz event on Sunday evenings sponsored by 606 Club. Come along for a relaxing evening of wonderful music from London's most exciting young jazz musicians.*

### Lunchtime Jazz Concert in Verdi Italian Kitchen at the Royal Albert Hall

Doors 11:30am | Music 12:00pm

This is a free event but table booking is required via their website:

<http://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/series/free-friday-music/>

## Q&A Session with Leslie Howard

On 15<sup>th</sup> May we had a rare opportunity to find out what it's like to live and breathe piano from master of the keys, Leslie Howard.

This was such a joyful event and we were all blown away by Leslie's incredible musical energy and humanity.



## World Heart Beat collaborates with House Gospel Choir

House Gospel Choir are famous for delivering a live show that's epic in every sense of the word. The choir brings together outstanding singers, all passionate about music and performance and dedicated to giving a great show. We invited young performers aged 12-24 to be a part of this uplifting music experience, with rehearsals at the World Heart Beat Music Academy, and culminating in two electrifying performances on Tooting High Street on 23rd and 24th July.



## World Heart Beat students get to the Vlogstar Challenge Finals



*Quinn and Elsa with the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr. Richard Field.*

Thanks to the Jack Petchey Organisation, World Heart Beat students were able to take part in a Video Blogging training workshop where they learned about shooting, lighting, editing and sound, as well as how to tell a compelling story and present on-camera.

At the end of the workshop, all World Heart Beat students who submitted a video were selected to go and spend a day at the YouTube studios to learn more about video blogging.

Out of over 1,000 participants, Quinn Oulton and Elsa Hackett from World Heart Beat were selected as two of only fifteen finalists to have their videos screened at BAFTA.

This training will continue, look out for the next workshop.

## Fundraising Concert at 606 Club featuring Julian Joseph Trio



Last month, our students played a sell-out concert with a Brazilian theme in one of the UK's most established Jazz clubs, sharing the stage with the best Jazz Trio in the country. This concert marked the anniversary of our fundraising campaign to support the Jazz programme at World Heart Beat Music Academy. This programme is supporting many young musicians towards fulfilling careers in the music industry through a structured, dynamic programme taught by the best Jazz musicians in the country and featuring performance opportunities in iconic venues in London and Europe.

We are truly thankful to Julian Joseph, Mark Mondesir and Mark Hodgson who gave up their precious time to headline this event.

Without your continued support at events like this, and throughout the year, we would not be able to offer these programmes. Learning to play Jazz music enables young people who would not otherwise be able to access a musical education to find their voice, and the self-confidence to express themselves through the music, giving them more than just a new skill but also a whole new outlook on life.

Funds raised from this concert will continue to build on the work we established last year, providing ongoing training for those young musicians who are already learning with us. Your donations will also enable us to further expand this project, offering opportunities to new aspiring musicians, who will be given their first instrument and full bursaries to study jazz, as well as access to a wealth of opportunities such as Radio Production Masterclasses, Songwriting workshops, studio recording sessions and more.



*Byron Wallen and Tony Kofi, two of our prestigious Jazz tutors.*

### Radio at World Heart Beat

We were honoured to welcome Sushil Dade to the Academy, a former member of the Soup Dragons and current producer of BBC 3's Jazz Lineup. Sushil gave our students an insight into what it's like to work behind the scenes on a BBC radio station, answered all their questions and even gave an exclusive and rare interview. Milda, who co-hosted World Heart Beat Hour on Wandsworth radio as part of her Gold Arts Award conducted the interview, and Sushil praised her research skills and interview technique.



**Tune in to our radio show, World Heart Beat Hour, every Sunday evening at 5pm. Listen anywhere on [www.wandsworthradio.com/listen](http://www.wandsworthradio.com/listen).**

### Student Successes

55 students took grade exams this year, with over a quarter of exams taken at grade 5 and above. An incredible 40% of students received a Distinction, and a further 40% achieved a Merit. Special congratulations to our students who took Grade 8 this Summer Amelia Sailer (Merit) and Zahra Brown (Distinction).

Congratulations also to our Jack Petchey Outstanding Achievement winners, awarded for their commitment and dedication to music and the community at World Heart Beat: Jordan Hadfield, Isabel Marangos, Omar Ambass, Pauline Tossou, Matthew Burrell, Samantha Beney, Ariana Watkins and Alex Stilgoe.



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