



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

Music is the life blood of existence and here at World Heart Beat, we pride ourselves on tapping into that energy. It is our honour to connect the children in our local community with this vibrancy and we are excited to welcome back the great Brazilian artists who forged a strong bond with us last year. In a year that features Brazil as hosts of 2016 Olympics, we are privileged to once again host their return this summer as they continue working with our young and talented musicians. The music of Brazil enthused our students and the community with its infectious rhythm and beautiful melodies bathed in harmonic warmth. Our heartfelt thanks go to all our past, current and future contributors. Every investment in these children and young people opens up countless doors of opportunity to help develop tomorrow's talent.

Iconic Venues

World Heart Beat students are regularly being invited to perform in beautiful places and at a variety of events around London; from The Emirates Stadium to Verdi- Italian Kitchen at the Royal Albert Hall.



Emirates Stadium

We enjoyed playing for the Passion Project Gala Dinner at the Emirates stadium. As 400 guests entered the reception they were met with the passion for music that our young musicians embody. This project tackles youth unemployment by creating opportunities for meaningful development based on young people's talents.



Verdi - Italian Kitchen

Our students played at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the 'Live Music in Verdi' programme. This was a beautiful lunchtime concert in the home of one of the UK's most famous stages, where the world's leading figures in music have appeared over the years. Our talented young musicians performed a two-hour jazz set to a bustling, fully booked restaurant.



Jazz at Chelsea Theatre

On every third Sunday of the month, World Heart Beat has a residency at Chelsea Theatre, in partnership with the 606 Club. Come along and enjoy listening to an hour of free music from tomorrow's jazz stars. Doors open at 6:30pm, and music is from 7-8pm.

FEATURED CLASSES

Songwriting Masterclasses

Professional songwriting opportunities with acclaimed songwriter, Tammy Weis. The songs coming out of these classes are phenomenal, and lead to recording opportunities.

Tuesday evenings

Accordion Lessons

Piano and button accordion lessons available for children and adults. Small group classes for beginner and advanced levels.

Wednesday evenings

Trombone Lessons

A versatile instrument that is highly enjoyable to play in any band, orchestra or ensemble. According to Jazz great Slide Hampton "We trombonists are problem solvers". Trombone players are in high demand everywhere!

Thursdays

Early Years Music

Music lessons for children aged 0-5 and their parents or caregivers. These interactive and engaging workshops will blend music from various cultures, lullabies and folktales.

Mondays and Wednesdays

Tabla Classes

With highly sought after Tabla player, Alok Verma. Small group classes are available for adults and children, with the possibility of working towards grade exams.

Tuesday evenings.

Jazz Trombone and Trumpet

With Byron Wallen, one of the most prolific and internationally acclaimed Jazz trumpeters alive today.

Monday evenings.

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

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51st State Band Concert @ Putney Arts Theatre

On 13th November, the 51st State Band presented a richly textured programme of music in the company of some huge stars of the Jazz world: leading saxophonist Patrick Clahar; world-class trumpet player Byron Wallen, and incredible violinist Laci Olah. The band also performed Tony Kofi's award-winning composition, which had only been played before by the BBC Big Band. We were honoured to have Alun Armstrong and Julian Joseph to present the Jack Petchey awards. We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help at the theatre reception, as ushers, crew, and more. The welcoming culture of World Heart Beat Music Academy cannot be created without your constant support.

"It was a brilliant concert and myself and my friends had a really uplifting evening. It's amazing what you've achieved at World Heart Beat and you must be really proud. I wish you all the best for your next phase of this exciting project. We'll be spreading the word about your amazing success."

- Alun Armstrong

"I think what's so special about an evening like this is how inspiring it is. It's a night where local youths create a show that the local community can enjoy which brings people together."

- South West London TV

"Wow! Every year I think that it can't get better but yet again it does just that. Last night was amazing. The concentration the band displayed was first hand evidence of how music puts the brain into a higher functioning level. The professional musicians were an inspiration to those youngsters. I could literally see and feel their awe and wonder when they were listening to the solos. They will remember and be inspired by that concert for the rest of their lives."

- Veronica Bradbury



Coming up...

World Heart Beat at 606 Club 4th July 2016

We are excited to announce that we have been invited to perform at the prestigious 606 Jazz Club. This will be a fundraising concert featuring Brazilian music.

Last year was fully booked and we expect the same again. Tickets will be up for sale soon -- stay tuned!



Songwriting Masterclasses

Our songwriting classes are perfect for musicians interested in writing lyrics and melodies of their own across a variety of genres, and are particularly good for those wanting to be in the music industry. The masterclasses are led by Tammy Weis, Canadian singer-songwriter whose originality and talent have been widely showcased through collaborations with artists including Michael Buble, Tina Turner, Lulu, Bobby McFerrin, to name a few. This is a unique chance to learn from one of the best in the industry. Original songs recorded during these classes will be played on World Heart Beat Music Hour on Wandsworth radio.





Cascade Communications' 5th Birthday at the Century Club Soho

"I wanted to thank you and your amazing artists for performing... It really added an extra dimension to our celebrations being entertained by students from the academy and made it much more special for us.

I think everyone was overwhelmed by the talent of all the performers. I spent a lot of the event convincing people that the musicians were students and not already full-time professionals..."

- Chris Parr, Director



Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce Performance

Our musicians were invited to perform again at Joe Macari Performance Cars for a Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce reception. There were around 200 guests representing the most progressive businesses in Wandsworth, and our jazz players and singers performed among Joe Macari's amazing array of Ferrari and Maserati cars.



Music for Liberia

We are always pleased to be involved in initiatives with Kamilla Arku, the founder of Music for Liberia and one of our superb piano teachers. Our students were invited to present a special improvisation and storytelling performance in St. Gabriel's Church for the Music for Liberia gala concert, alongside great African storyteller Usifu Jalloh 'The Cowfoot Prince'. The varied and dynamic programme also featured Kuumba Youth Music, the Heath Quartet, guembri player Simo Lagnawi and kora player Suntou Susso.



Ôctôctô at World Heart Beat

In December, World Heart Beat was honoured to welcome the Brazilian band Ôctôctô. Assembled in 2008, Ôctôctô is increasingly becoming a reference in São Paulo instrumental music. The group promotes a merger between Brazilian popular music and concert chamber music.

They worked closely with our students, during a masterclass which was then followed by a concert. We thank the members of Ôctôctô for their precious time and joy that they brought by working with our students.



Argentinian Music workshops with Patera

The collaboration between World Heart Beat and the Argentinian band Patera gave us the opportunity to bring Argentinian music to several local schools, reaching over 700 children who have all now firmly placed Argentina in their hearts and souls.

"Thanks again for hosting the workshops in the schools in London for the UK leg for Patera. It gave meaning to the rest of our tour. Hope we can do more educative music work together."

"There was a great buzz in the school following the performance, from both pupils and teachers."



The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run

This is a global torch relay that embodies humanity's universal aspiration for peace. The Run has traversed over 100 nations and touched the lives of millions of people. It seemed fitting for World Heart Beat to be involved in a special ceremony in Battersea park to welcome the torches arrival in London as it travels across Europe.

We prepared a performance, led by platinum recording artist Daisy Chute where over 200 local children learnt and sung an original song written by our very young songwriters called "Champions of the world".

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. Our show has been very successful, marked as the show with the most listeners in its first year of launching!



Tune in to our radio show, **World Heart Beat Hour**, every Sunday evening at 4pm. Listen anywhere on www.wandsworthradio.com/listen.

Student successes

In March, 20 students passed their grade exams, 80% with merit and above. Special congratulations to those that achieved grade 8; Sam Richardson (Clarinet), Patrick McMahon (Trombone) and Paula Back (Flute).

15 students also recently passed their Bronze Arts Award, and 3 passed Gold Arts Award.



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