

Friends of Merton Young Musicians Update

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Welcome to our February 2017 FMYM news update and welcome to all the new parents and carers whose children have joined MMF this year.

Who are FMYM?

Any parent/carer who has a child involved in MMF is automatically a member of FMYM.

What do we do?

We are a voluntary group committed to fundraising for, and supporting the wonderful work of MMF. Our main fundraising opportunities are through serving refreshments at Music Centre as well as occasional larger scale concerts and social events. The money raised by FMYM helps provide invaluable funds to MMF for music, equipment, subsidies and special projects.

FMYM Autumn Term 2016 Fundraising

We have had a very successful autumn term of fundraising - thanks to the team of volunteers who have manned the "Pop Up Cafe" and the stalls at the Christmas Concerts.

The total raised last term was £2,103 - which was made up of £1,150 from the "Pop Up Cafe" and cake sales and £953 from the Christmas Concerts.

FMYM Spring Term 2017 Fundraising

We would love to continue our fundraising this term so that we are able to support MMF with the purchase of acoustic curtains for Harris Academy which will benefit many of the musicians by reducing the noise levels during rehearsals. We also intend to support the Albert Hall Concert and MMF Summer Tour, and start to raise money towards the potential purchase of a grand piano for the music centre.

As part of our fundraising - we will be one of the nominated charities at Waitrose opposite Wimbledon Station during February, as part of their Community Matters Scheme. If you are shopping at Waitrose during this period do place your token in the MMF box - the more tokens we get, the bigger the donation we will receive!



We would also love to encourage parents/carers to check their work intranet sites for Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives relating to local charities, and let us know if they are aware of any potential sponsorship, matched funding or fundraising opportunities. We have charitable status and would love to work with interested organisations to raise the profile of MMF locally.

The FMYM Committee

There have been a number of new faces on the FMYM Committee following our AGM last term. The committee is now made up of:

- Hilary Nicholls - Co-Chair
- Kate Hoole - Co-Chair
- Ian and Lucy Bond - Co-Chairs
- Jun and Wei-Ling Miyake - Treasurers
- Maria Priestland - Licensing
- Sarah Hetherington - Secretary

If you are interested in getting involved with the committee in the future do speak to Hilary Nicholls (hilary@haha.me.uk) as she would love to hear from you!

The "Pop Up Cafe"

We are also hugely grateful that we have a number of other wonderful parents/carers who help each week on the refreshments stall, and at our concerts. We would love to hear from more people who are able to help out on an occasional basis. If this is you - please email Hilary Nicholls (hilary@haha.me.uk) or sign up on the rota on the refreshments stall, or contact us via our Facebook page.

We are also hugely grateful to Tariro Cafe in Morden for donating "Take-away" cups for us to use each week. Thank you Caroline!

Facebook!

Please like our "Friends of Merton's Young Musicians" Facebook page to keep in touch with news, events, organising lifts/car shares!

Dates for your diary.....

18th March 2017

The Junior Groups who are not involved in the Albert Hall Concert (Junior Jazz, StringBusters, Young Music Makers and Junior Wind/Brass) will be welcoming parents to their morning rehearsals on 18th March and FMYM will be serving refreshments as usual. More details to follow!



MMF at the Albert Hall - 8 May 2017



FMYM is delighted that MMF is once again returning to the Albert Hall in May. Extra weekend rehearsals will be taking place for this event in March/April. Please sign up at the "Pop Up Cafe" to help serve refreshments on these dates. Thank you!



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