

**PERTH & KINROSS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE ANNUAL SUMMARY  
2018**

The Perth & Kinross Instrumental Music Service (IMS) continues to deliver instruction to all secondary schools and due to Youth Music Initiative Creative Scotland funding, opportunity of access to the service is available to primary schools within the area. Demand for instruction remains as high as ever, with approximately 1700 pupils receiving instruction with a considerable amount sitting SQA music examinations. Instrumental pupils once again contributed significantly over the year, to their schools' concerts, services, prize-givings and social evenings (ceilidhs, Burns evenings etc.)

**Perth & Kinross Central Groups**

Once more there was a healthy increase in numbers for the Central Group Service with thirteen ensembles being extremely well subscribed.

<b>Monday</b>	Perth Youth Orchestra	6.00pm – 8.15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Junior Brass Band ) Elementary String Orchestra) Junior String Orchestra ) Guitar Ensemble )	6.00pm – 7.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Percussion Ensemble ) Senior String Orchestra ) Choir ) Piping	6.00pm – 7.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Concert Band ) Wind Orchestra ) Wind Ensemble ) Brass Band )	6.00pm – 7.30pm

**Special thanks go to the parent organisations who continued to support these groups. The Young Musicians' Parents' Association, Perth & Kinross Music Foundation and Perth Central Groups' Transport Association.**

**CONCERTS**

**Perth Youth Orchestra , Autumn and April Concerts**

Perth Youth Orchestra finished its season in August 2017 with two concerts held in Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh and Perth Concert Hall.

Following this year's annual music camp PYO performed in Perth Concert Hall and featured three highly skilled performances from the concerto soloists.

## **Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships**

The Perth & Kinross Percussion Ensemble participated in the Championships in November. The ensemble secured first place to become the 2017 Scottish Champions.

## **Perth & Kinross/ ChildLine / Perth & Kinross Music Foundation**

Central Groups performed at the annual ChildLine Christmas concert and raised **£11,321** for the charity.

## **Central Groups Concerts**

The end of the Central Groups session was brought to a close with the two annual Central Groups Concerts in March in Perth Concert Hall. These concerts were very well received, with many parents getting to see and hear their children perform in an orchestra/ensemble for the first time.

## **MUSIC CAMPS**

### **Senior Camp**

111 pupils and staff set off for 5 days intense practice at Belmont Centre, Meigle in April. The course consisted of a variety of rehearsal sessions as well as providing opportunities for social activities, ceilidhs, talent shows and competitions. The two music camp concerts at the end of the week were of a very high standard featuring three excellent soloists performing concertos with the ensembles.

### **Junior Camp**

150 primary pupils attended a week at the Belmont Centre in May. For many of the youngsters this was their first stay away from home. Once more, as well as a vigorous rehearsal schedule, there were opportunities for games (rounders, football, treasure hunts etc). Evening entertainments comprised of a karaoke, talent show and disco/ceilidh. The week finished with the pupils playing superbly well to a capacity audience at Perth Concert Hall where they received a standing ovation.

### **Intermediate Camp**

90 pupils attended this year's camp at the Belmont Centre, Meigle in June. The course involved string, brass, and vocal ensembles. A final concert was presented in Perth Concert Hall on Friday 8 June 2018.

## **Further Successes**

**The following pupils have gained places in the following National Ensembles/National Competitions or Conservatoires:**

Jenny Gillespie, Perth High School secured a place at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Hannah Fisher - Performed at this year's Perth Festival of the Arts Concerts for Young Professional Musicians. The concert was highly acclaimed.

## **Extra Projects**

Our percussionists were privileged to be invited to perform alongside **Dame Evelyn Glennie** in Perth Concert Hall in October 2017.

### **Double Bass Workshop.**

The IMS hosted international Bass player and teacher David Heyes to present a Double Bass day to delegates from all over Scotland. The day was extremely rewarding and all the Perth & Kinross Bass players thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### **Instructors School Tour**

As part of a strategic plan to engage with a greater breadth of pupils in Perth & Kinross, the music service staff put together a fun and informative concert project which was presented to a number of schools in June. This was extremely well received and highly evaluated.

### **Ruthven Guitar Workshop**

24 young guitarists participated in a guitar workshop presented by Mike and Michael McGeary, two nationally acclaimed guitarist and teachers.

### **Visiting artists/ensembles**

During the school session schools had visits from the Schubert Ensemble, Cavendish Winds and Cameo Clarinets as part of a partnership project with Perth Chamber Music Society.