

BATH FESTIVALS LEARNING & PARTICIPATION MARCH NEWSLETTER

BATH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL • BATH FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE • BATH LITERATURE FESTIVAL

HELLO

Winter is behind us, Spring is ahead of us and the Bath Literature Festival has just finished. We've included some of this year's highlights as well as the winning entries of the Young Writers' Competition and all the other Learning and Participation events in this newsletter.

You will find details of the ways to get involved in the Bath International Music Festival including the Festival Procession, the Folkworks performance for schools and the Piano Masterclass.

And By Jove, Bath Festival's project to get young people involved in promoting music, continues to gather pace so read on for news about recent and upcoming music events.

Finally, our current phase of the Write Team draws to a close in July and to celebrate we are holding a conference to talk about our findings from the project and debate and discuss the impact of creative writing – read on for more details.

Best wishes

Louise, Karl & Emma

Bath Festivals' Learning & Participation Team

GET INVOLVED! BATH INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL PROCESSION

Friday 27 May 2011

Once again we are inviting schools to join us in celebrating Party in the City by joining our fabulous festival procession. This year's theme celebrates Latina Heights, the Latin-inspired music that is one of four central festival themes. Wonderful visual artists, Edwina Bridgeman and Mel Day will be running workshops to create artwork for our Brazilian carnival. Please contact us to book a workshop or for further information.



PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH JOANNA MACGREGOR

Friday 3 June, 10am – 12noon, Kingswood School

The Artistic Director of Bath International Music Festival hosts her annual masterclass featuring five young talented pianists. This is a fantastic opportunity for budding pianists to come along and learn more about interpretation, performance and technique. To apply for a place on the masterclass please contact us – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 22 APRIL. We also have 100 tickets priced at £1 for under 18s - call Bath Box Office to book tickets 01225 463362.



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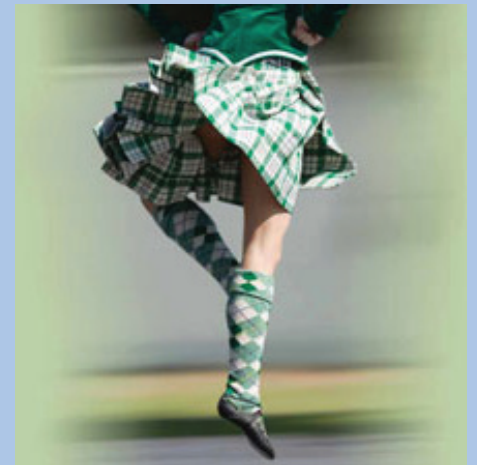
FOLKWORKS – CONCERT FOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 25 May, 1 – 2pm Guildhall

Kat Davidson voice and whistle
Dan Walsh banjo
Paul Knox Northumbrian pipes and fiddle

Join the world-renowned, virtuoso Folkworks from The Sage Gateshead as they kick off our Celtic theme and open the Festival with a bang. This specially-created programme will introduce young people to the rhythms and richness of traditional music, with a chance to meet and talk to the performers afterwards.

100 tickets for schools available at £1 each – call Bath Box Office to book tickets 01225 463362.



PERFORMANCES SUITABLE FOR SCHOOLS...

This is not an exhaustive list so please visit our website for more details. Call Bath Box Office to book tickets 01225 463362.



FOLKWORKS

Tuesday 24 May, 7.30 - 9.30pm Writhlington School, £8

A trio from the world-renowned Folkworks based at The Sage Gateshead kicks off our Celtic theme. Their specially-created programme showcases the rhythms and richness of traditional folk music. This concert forms part of a residency at Writhlington School with workshops for the students earlier in the day.

NATALIE CLEIN

Thursday 26 May, 1pm - 2pm Guildhall £14 (*Concessions available*)

Opening with John Tavener's brief, mystical tribute to the Orthodox Church, Natalie performs one of Bach's most searching solo suites, no.5 in C minor, and a special commission for Bath Music Festival from Fyfe Dangerfield: a young composer with several major works under his belt, as well as a founding member of the popular indie band The Guillemots. To finish, Kodály's muscular masterpiece, which reflects on Hungarian folk music and pushes the performer to new heights. Natalie will also be giving a post-concert talk.



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THE WRITE TEAM CONFERENCE

Wednesday 29 June, Hayesfield School

This phase of our flagship creative writing project comes to an end in June and we are celebrating with a conference to share our research findings and explore the teaching of creative writing in schools.

We are delighted to be holding the event at one of our Write Team Schools, Hayesfield Girls School, and we have the added excitement of it being in their fabulous new building. To reserve your space please call Bath Box Office on 01225 463362 or e-mail us for more information.

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BY JOVE

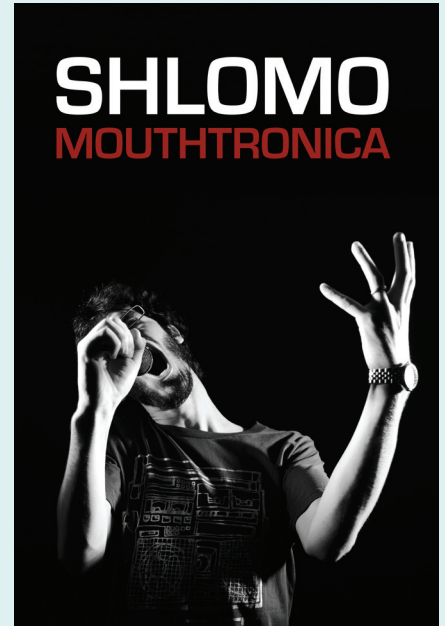
In recent weeks the young people on the By Jove project have been hard at work promoting events and programming future gigs in other venues. By Jove is all about getting more music for young people into venues in and around Bath. Last week Kill It Kid headlined in the Komedia and back in February Babyhead topped a ska-filled bill.

At the end of March By Jove presents Shlomo again in the Komedia. This champion beat-boxer is a one-man-noise-machine, and joins us as part of his Mouthtronica tour. For the uninitiated Shlomo is hosting a workshop ahead of the performance, where young and old can try out their own wicka-wahs.

We are always keen to hear from more young people interested in getting involved in the Bath music scene. For details about this project contact Karl Bevis on 01225 462231 or karl.bevis@bathfestivals.org.uk

SHLOMO – MOUTHTRONICA

Wednesday 30 March, 5pm Workshop and 7.30 Performance, Komedia, Bath
Tickets £10 (workshop), £14 (performance) and £18 (for both events). Call Bath Box Office on 01225 463362 for tickets.



OUR READ

Bath Festivals has teamed up with The Reader organisation to promote the value of reading and to help distribute copies of *The Unforgotten Coat*, a delightful short story by Frank Cottrell Boyce, written specially for this nationwide give away. Julie looks back at her time in Year 6 and how the arrival of Chingis and Nergui shake her world in her corner of Liverpool.

Over 30 schools across BANES have been in touch and are receiving free copies of this book. We still have a few copies left, so if you would like to participate in this project please contact education@bathfestivals.org.uk

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FESTIVAL COMMISSION

We have started working our Festival Commission and Adriano Adewale has begun working with children in 12 schools across Bath and North East Somerset. The commission entitled 'Talking About Us' explores children's rights from the magical world of a toddler through to rites of passage into adulthood. Keep an eye out on our website for pictures and more information as the work develops.



VISITORS FROM KAPOSVAR

Earlier this month a group from Hungary visited Bath and were hosted by staff and students at Culverhay School. The visitors from our twin-town of Kaposvar were treated to a Civic reception, the famous sites of Bath and outings to the Somerset countryside. They also came along to the By Jove event in Komedia to see Avius support Kill It Kid.

This is part of a project to develop closer links between schools in Bath and Kaposvar. Supported by the Charter of Trustees and Bath Festivals.

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BATH LITERATURE FESTIVAL UPDATE

A brilliant and busy Literature Festival ended on Sunday 6 March and we had a fabulous 10 days of events in Bath and beyond.

Our YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION attracted a large number of entries and it was tough task for the judge, James Runcie, to select the winners. You can read the winners stories and poems on our website www.bathlitfest.org.uk/competitions and here is a list of the winners:

- Poetry, 11 – 14 years Grace Kenny, Broadlands School
- Poetry, 15 – 18 years Rebecca Mangles, Monkton Combe School
- Short Story, 11 – 14 years Emily Stainer, Royal High School
- Short Story, 15 – 18 years Hannah Jones, Chew Valley School

We had 10 schools take part in our KIDS BIG BATH READ, all reading *Frozen in Time* by Ali Sparkes and contributing some fantastic visions of their classrooms of the future to our exhibition in Bath Central Library. Batheaston School were the lucky winners of the author visit and Ali will be visiting their school in the summer term.

Storyteller, Patrick Ryan spent four days working with children from Westfield Primary School in Midsomer Norton to celebrate NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK. They explored the traditions of oral storytelling through workshops and then performed their stories to a packed audience of family and friends at the egg theatre in Bath.



ONGOING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

THE WRITE TEAM INSET WITH CLIFF YATES – Free but booking required

Thursday 31 March, 4.30 – 6pm Central United Reform Church

In this practical workshop Cliff explores how to use workshop techniques in the classroom as a way of enabling students to write like writers and to see themselves as writers. Although the session will focus on poetry, it will include approaches which will benefit writing in all genres.



To book a place on the INSET please contact us, details below.

COMING SOON...

Planning is well under way for the Bath Festival of Children's Literature and the brochure will be out in early June. We will also be releasing details of our schools Takeaway programme and other events very soon.

