

Welcome to the 3rd quarterly report for 2017/18 for Salford Community Leisure's Music and Performing Arts Service (MAPAS)

Key highlights this quarter include:

Walkden Town Centre

The MAPAS Big Band played at the Walkden Town Centre Artisan market in October, a performance the drew large and appreciative crowds.



Steve Bingham Workshop

MAPAS string players joined forces with others from Bolton, Oldham and Derbyshire to work with the internationally renowned violinist Steve Bingham. A full day of workshops led by Steve was enhanced by a visit from Sir Mark Elder the Hallé Orchestra's principal conductor. The day was rounded off with a concert at the Bridgewater Hall given by the BBC Philharmonic with Steve as the soloist. MAPAS Tutor Sarah Jones said *"it was an incredibly long but rewarding day and all the young string players go much from it"*



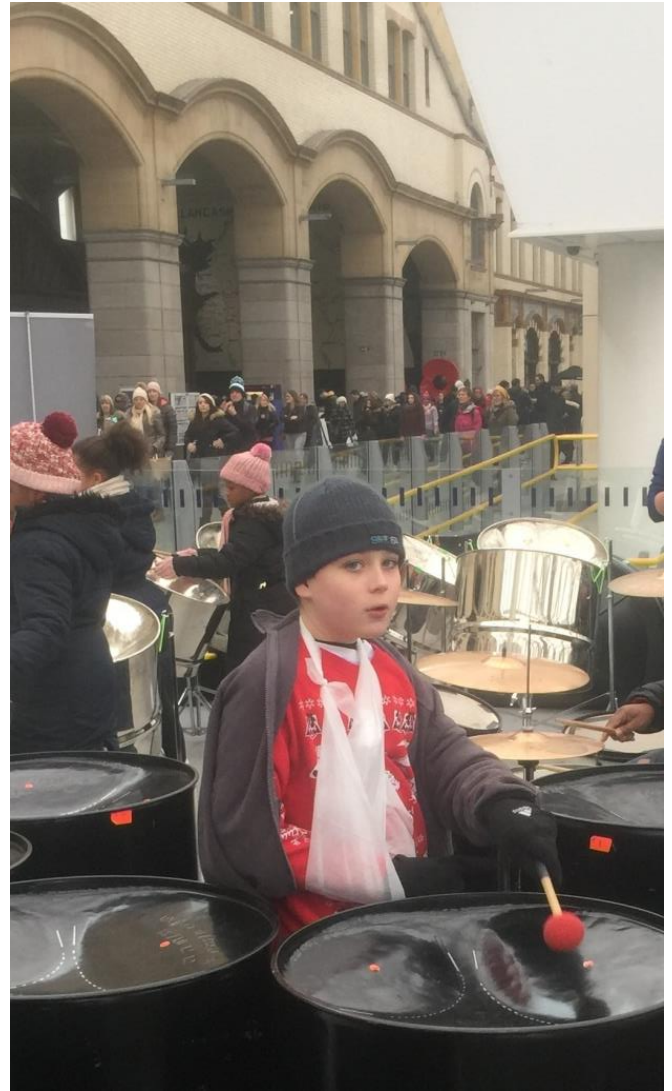
Joint Concert with Salford University

The MAPAS Concert Band performed alongside the Salford University Symphonic Wind Band in their annual joint concert. Playing a challenging programme the band played to a very high standard.



MAPAS at Christmas

The festive season is a very busy time for all the musicians from MAPAS. A Carolathon was held at ASDA in Swinton, St Philip's Church hosted Christmas Concerts, members of the community choir entertained workers at Talk Talk and the Salford Steel Band played at Victoria Train Station.



Forthcoming events and activities:

- Soloist Concert at Eccles Library
- New Musical Theatre group at The Arts Centre
- Battle of the Bands
- Wider Opportunities Day
- Grade-1-athon
- North West Singing Partnership Event
- Easter Concerts
- Choral Festival

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