

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

## Music and Performing Arts Service (MAPAS)

October - March 2019



*Enhancing the lives of people in Salford*

## Performance Report for the Music and Performing Arts Service (MAPAS) October – March 2019

### Key highlights include:

- Christmas Showcase Concerts
- Launch of fundraising campaign for the next tour abroad
- WCIT Play Day
- Spring Showcase Concerts
- Music examinations
- Introduction of adult music courses
- Battle of the Bands
- Performance of The Snowman at Salford Museum and Art Gallery
- Soloist Concert at Eccles library
- Involvement in Greater Manchester Music Hub events (Princess and the Pea)

### What a Song and Dance

The MAPAS Musical Theatre Company formed in early 2018 and after performances at a variety of Arts Centre showcases, decided that they wanted to challenge themselves this year and work towards their very own performance. In February 2019 they took to the stage in the Studio space at The Lowry to perform 'What a Song and Dance' featuring numbers from well known musicals. MAPAS tutor Becky Jones and dance specialist Lauren Sanderson worked to prepare the youngsters for the performance and had this to say about the three night run:

*"After weeks of intense back to back rehearsals, the show was a triumph. All involved worked tirelessly and we are very proud of the final outcome. A special thank you to the parents for running the children round that week – it was all worth it in the end!"*



### Choral and Vocal Festival

In March, choirs from across the City came together to take part in the MAPAS Choral and Vocal Festival 2019. The event was spread across 2 days with primary and secondary school choirs performing on the Friday evening, and adult choirs and soloists performing on the Saturday morning. With 16 competitors performing across the weekend in addition to the MAPAS Singing Squad and Youth Choir, the festival helped to celebrate the high quality singing taking place in Salford. The festival was adjudicated by Debbie Price, a classically trained operatic soprano who is highly experienced as a workshop leader, conductor and a performer in her own right. Performances by Bridgewater Prep School Choir, St Patrick's RC High School 'Symphony', Pendleton Consort of Voices and soloist Hannah D'Arcy emerged as winners across the weekend.

### Rainbow Rooms Choir

MAPAS co-ordinate a choir who rehearse at the Rainbow Rooms Community Centre in Eccles. The group is an inclusive music ensemble catering to young adults with a range of additional needs, but every participant loves making music! The group performed at the MAPAS Christmas Showcase Concerts and again at the Spring Showcase Concerts and received brilliant feedback. The performances have spurred them on to try new ways of making music and they left their most recent performance so inspired that they were already planning what they would perform next time!



### Customer Feedback:

*"Can I just say thank you very much from [my choir] for organising the festival on Saturday. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and will most likely perform again next year if we're invited".*

*"My son was chosen by his tutor to perform in the soloist concert which was a fantastic experience. All the students involved did amazing and what a great experience".*

*"I recently attended the adult steel pan course and absolutely love it. The tutor was helpful and liked to give me achievable challenges. I really enjoyed having a play on all the different types of steel pan and developing my skills"*

*"The whole of my family are enjoying participating in various activities MAPAS offer from the youth ensembles to the adult choir and steel pan group"*

### Forthcoming Events and Activities:

- Soloist Concert (May)
- Theatre Company Performance (May)
- GM Music Hub Singing Challenge (May)
- Big Sing (June)
- GM Music Hub Celebration Concert (June)
- WCIT Showcase (June)
- Schoolabout Tour (July)
- Summer School (August)

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