

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

## Music and Performing Arts Service (MAPAS)

April - September 2018



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### Key highlights include:

- Wider Opportunities Showcase at The Lowry Theatre
- MAPAS Summer School
- Salford’s Big Sing
- Ordsall Hall Garden Party performances
- Eccles Festival
- Salford’s Big Day Out
- Armed Forces Day
- Bernstein Beat Project (GM Music Hub and Chethams)
- GM Music Hub Celebration Concert
- Circa Tsuica Now or Never Show
- Arts Award Discover introduced to the MAPAS Whole Class Tuition Projects



### Westwood Band-its

As the result of a successful funding bid to Booth Charities, a project to support young people’s music making outside of school began in April based at Westwood Community Centre Winton. Given the name Westwood Band-its, after a suggestion by one of the young musicians, the group, made up of children from Westwood Park Primary School meets weekly throughout the year on a Wednesday afternoon. During the school holidays the Band-its runs during the day. The sessions include group tuition on an instrument, ensemble training and singing. The ensemble will be an integral part of the MAPAS concerts moving forward but have already performed at the school. Musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra have also provided workshop support and concert visits are planned soon.

### MAPAS Tourchestra

August bank holiday weekend saw a group of 30 young musicians from the MAPAS senior ensembles embark on a trip to Northern France as the MAPAS “Tourchestra”. The group stayed at a château complex popular with school groups near the French town of Saint Omer where the first concert took place. The other two concerts were in Belgium, one at the Cloth Hall in Ypres and the last on the promenade at De Panne. All performances were well received by enthusiastic audiences. Upon their return the Tourchestra performed at the Eccles Festival and Salford’s Big Day out events back home.



### **Schoolabout Tour**

After a gap of some years MAPAS reintroduced the Schoolabout Tour in July. Members of the Youth Orchestra, Youth Concert Band, Youth Choir, Concert Strings and Big Band performed to primary school children across the City in three concerts per day for four days. This popular event with schools showcases the performance of the ensembles and introduces the instruments used, in a fun and exciting way. Feedback received from schools also enables the MAPAS team to develop closer links to schools and expand the business.

### **Customer Feedback:**

*“So lovely to perform with other schools at the Lowry Showcase, we really enjoyed being an orchestra.” “The children asked if we could perform every week”*

*“Not sure who the confident, independent (sassy!) young lady is that I brought home from the bus but its not the same girl who left on Friday. Thank you so much MAPAS - never seen her so happy. LIFE CHANGING MEMORIES MADE!”*

*“At each town the circus visits, they invite local young musicians to join them performing in the show. Here in Salford they’re from MAPAS Arts Centre and come from all over Salford. You really wouldn’t know that tonight was their first performance as they were faultless.”*

### **Forthcoming events and activities:**

- Lots and Lots of Christmas Concerts
- “What a Song and Dance” The Lowry
- Salford’s Battle of the Bands

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