

Suffolk County Music Service 'WCET Festival' Monday 17 - Friday 21 June 2019

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1. Introduction to WCET Festival 2019

What is WCET Festival?

In June each year, Suffolk County Music Service (SCMS) presents a week-long festival of music making. The schools involved are those who have Key Stage 2 classes taking part in the Music Service's Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) programme.

The event is designed to enable pupils to play and sing with other pupils and to experience playing in a bigger ensemble than they would within their own classroom. It allows children to see and listen to instruments from different instrumental families than the ones they have been learning, possibly instruments they might one day want to play. It also gives them the experience of playing and singing with a live band of professional musicians and to celebrate their achievements over the year with performances to family and friends at the end of the afternoon.

We aim to make this a truly memorable musical experience that inspires our pupils to continue making music throughout their lives.

This year, the 'WCET Festival' will see over 3,500 children from 90 primary schools taking part in 15 events across Suffolk.

What do schools take part in at each event?

Throughout the morning, schools will take part in instrumental/vocal rehearsals with SCMS tutors and will learn how to work as part of a large ensemble, following a conductor just as a professional orchestra would.

There are five pieces of pre-rehearsed repertoire this year, each one incorporating a mixture of playing and singing/rapping/beatboxing. Each of the five pieces has been specially arranged by a member of our staff for beginner standard players to work together as a large ensemble and experience playing as part of an orchestra.

The children have been working with their SCMS tutors in school over the last few months, learning to play and sing the pieces by heart so that they can do their very best performance/s each day.

Name of Piece	Ensemble
Fiesta	All instruments: large orchestra
La Bamba	Windband: woodwind and brass /vocal
Peanut Vendor	All instruments: large orchestra and massed choir
Havana (originally Camilla Cabello)	C instruments: Guitars, percussion, flutes, and bowed strings (violins, violas, cellos) /vocal
Mambo No. 5	All instruments: large orchestra

2. Participating schools and venues

Events take place from 9.30am to 2.45pm. Each event includes afternoon performance/s to the pupils' family and friends. Performance times are listed per venue.

Monday 17 June

Bury St Edmunds	The Apex, 12.45pm and 2pm
	All Saints CEVC Primary School (Lawshall), Bardwell Primary School, Barnham CEVC School, Combs Ford Primary School, Gislingham CE Primary School, Hardwick Primary School, Mendlesham Primary School, Sebert Wood Primary School, Stonham Aspal Primary School, Thurston CE Primary Academy, Westgate Primary School

Ipswich	Jerwood Dance House, 2.00pm
	Bawdsey CEVCP School, Bedfield CEVCP School, Copdock Primary School, Halifax Primary School, Occold Primary School, Rendlesham Primary School, St Johns CEVA Primary School

Tuesday 18 June

Bury St Edmunds	The Apex, 12.45 and 2.00pm
	Abbots Green Academy, Cedars Park Primary School, Ickworth Park School, Norton CEVC Primary School, Old Newton Primary School, Risby CEVC Primary School, St Botolphs CEVCP School, St Edmundsbury Primary School
Lowestoft	Benjamin Britten High School, 2.00pm
	Reydon Primary School, Roman Hill Primary School, St Edmunds Primary School (Bungay)
Halesworth	The Cut, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Benhall Primary School, Edgar Sewter Primary School, Kelsale Primary School, Saxmundham Primary School
Mildenhall	Red Lodge Millennium Centre, 2.00pm
	Beck Row Primary Academy and Exning Primary School

Wednesday 19 June

Bury St Edmunds	The Apex, 12.45pm and 2pm
	All Saints' CE Primary School (Newmarket), Bacton Primary School, Chilton Community Primary School, Freeman CP School, Great Barton CE Primary Academy, Great Heath Academy, Ixworth Primary School, Rattlesden C of E Primary Academy, Rougham Primary School, Stanton Community Primary School, Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School, Woolpit Primary Academy
Haverhill	Haverhill Arts Centre, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Coupals Primary Academy, Place Farm Primary Academy, Westfield Primary Academy
Ipswich	Trinity Park, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Cedarwood Primary School, Claydon Primary School, Dale Hall CP School, Holbrook Primary School, Sandlings Primary School, The Oaks Primary School, Whitehouse CPS, The Willows Primary School

Thursday 20 June

Ipswich	Colchester Road Baptist Church, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Ravenswood Primary School, Rushmere Hall Primary School, Sidegate Primary School
Lowestoft	The Seagull Theatre, 2.00pm
	Blundeston CEVC Primary School, Reydon Primary School, Wilby CEVC Primary School, Yoxford and Peasenhall Primary School
Sudbury	The Delphi Centre, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Hartest CofE Primary School, Long Melford CofE Primary School, Nayland Primary School, St Gregory CEVCP School, Tudor Primary School, Wells Hall Primary School (Great Cornard)

Friday 21 June

Ipswich	Ipswich High School, Woolverstone, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Abbot's Hall Primary School, Brooklands Primary School, Clifford Road Primary, Creeting St Mary Primary School, East Bergholt CEVC Primary School, Hintlesham and Chattisham Primary School, Hollesley Primary

	School, Kersey CEVC Primary School, Melton Primary, Sprites Primary Academy, Tattingstone Primary School
Lowestoft	The Seagull Theatre, 2.00pm
	Phoenix St Peter Academy and Somerleyton Primary School
Sudbury	The Delphi Centre, 12.45pm and 2pm
	Acton CEVCP School, Bures CEVC Primary School, Lavenham Primary School, Pot Kiln Primary School, St. Mary's Primary School (Hadleigh), Woodhall Primary School

3. Introduction to Suffolk County Music Service and Suffolk Music Education Hub

Suffolk County Music Service delivers a wide range of options for children and young people of all ages and abilities to participate in music, both in and out of school. We are part of the Children and Young People's Services Directorate of Suffolk County Council, and leader of the Suffolk Music Education Hub.

Suffolk Youth Music: the 'ensemble' experience

Activities in this programme are un-auditioned and provide many opportunities for children and young people to play and sing in ensembles. Taking place across Suffolk each week during term-time, we offer activities from beginner to advanced levels. New members are welcome to join at any time.

County Ensembles: advanced programmes for young musicians

An auditioned programme for Suffolk's finest young musicians. These orchestras and bands offer exciting rehearsal, performance and touring opportunities throughout the year. Applications open now! <http://bit.ly/County19-20>

Suffolk Youth Choir 2020

A new mixed voice ensemble for older singers aged 14-18 years, whose inaugural concert will be at Snape Maltings Concert Hall on 7 April 2020, conducted by Ben Parry, Artistic Director of the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. For more information and to sign up please visit <http://bit.ly/SuffolkYC>

For schools

We offer a range of music programmes for all Suffolk schools, including: instrumental, vocal, and class teaching from Early Years to Key Stage 5; graded exams; instrument loan service; ensembles; singing strategy; and world music.

Gamelan Workshops

Suitable for KS1, KS2 and SEND classes, our Gamelan workshops provide an incredible opportunity for musical participation and education in groups of up to 30. Hosted at the Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket through to the end of July 2019. Please visit our website for more information <http://bit.ly/SuffolkGamelan>

Suffolk Music Education Hub

Music Education Hubs exist across the UK and receive funding from Arts Council England on behalf of the Department for Education. All Hubs follow set core and extension roles, which help ensure that all pupils can have broad and rich cultural opportunities alongside their academic and vocational studies.