

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2025.

We have had such an amazing and inspirational term of music making in Hull

Here are some highlights we would like to share with you



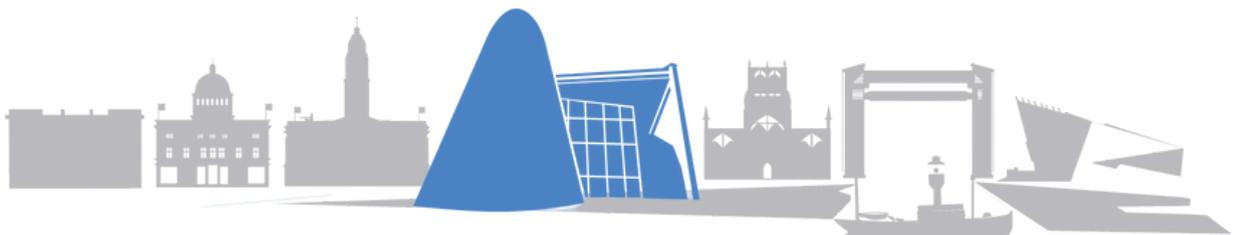
430 young people attend ensembles at the Albemarle every week



The highest proportion of instrumental learners are from Orchard Park



235 young singers have sung as part of Choral Hull this year



Putting Music at the Heart of Hull

Music Theatre Collaborative Showvase



School choirs and pupils from Archbishop Sentamu, Boulevard, Sirius West and Malet Lambert joined the Youth Choir in performances of musical theatre hits. Some of the highlights included Wicked, Mary Poppins, Les Miserables and others. A lovely afternoon of singing.

Jazz Makers Collective @ Albemarle Concert Series

Jazz Makers Collective came to the Albemarle to deliver a workshop and do a gig as part of the Albemarle Concert Series. In the workshop the trio worked through a new tune and how to approach a jazz standard as a trio and the role of each instrument within the band and how it all comes together. They then did a set showcasing how they work together and communicate with each other in a performance.



Helen Harrison Conducting Workshop

Helen provided thoroughly enjoyable conducting sessions and workshops, full of advice, tips and things to think about to students and staff. It was hugely valuable to receive feedback on both skills and different approaches. The staff are hoping to use lots of these ideas in rehearsals moving forwards to enhance the quality of rehearsals and the experience for students in ensembles. Moral of the story - never stop trying to improve!



University of Hull Masters Recital at the Albemarle Concert Series

3 students from the University of Hull Masters in Performance came to perform as part of the ACS. We were treated to some lovely clarinet, vocal solos followed by Schumann's Shephard on the Rock performed by trio, clarinet, voice and piano. The concert was a pleasure and we wish all the performers all the best in their studies.



HEROS Orchestral Project with Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

The HEROs orchestra project took place over 3 days with over 50 participants from across Humberside and East Riding taking part. This is our highest attendance thus far since starting the orchestra ! So hats off to the participants for their commitment over the easter break. This spring project was very exciting as we were fortunate to work in partnership with the Royal Philharmonic orchestra. This included a free concert for participants to watch the RPO, as well as coaching from featured musicians from each instrumental family. The project culminated in a concert lead by the maestro of the orchestra, Patrick Bailey and featured a variety contrasting of works by Ginastera, Borodin and Beethoven. Overall a very enjoyable and rewarding experience for the young music makers of this region.



Beginners Woodwind Day

52 woodwind players, who have all been playing for less than a year, were welcomed to the Albemarle. Flute, clarinet and saxophone players worked with Mr McGrath, Mrs Drabkova, Miss Gabriel, Mrs Hall and Mrs Farmery during the day rehearsing a wide variety of pieces and songs that most hadn't seen before. In the afternoon they performed a concert to friends and family to showcase what they had achieved. A great day was had by all!



Fundraising Quiz Night run by Albemarle Young Musicians



19 teams joined us for the first Fundraising Quiz night since COVID. The Quiz Night was organised and hosted by our Youth Voice Members. It was a really fun night with crazy rounds such as float or sink, the impossible quiz and emoji DIY. A tricky tie breaker round crowned Argonaut 3 the winner!! £400 raised for the young musicians of Hull - a great evening!



If you think you can help with any fundraising please get in touch via our Friends' Association
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Classical Spectacular Secondary Schools Concert

The annual "Classical Spectacular" concert at Hull City Hall took place thanks to the ongoing partnership between Hull Music Service, St Mary's College and East Riding Concert Orchestra. Over 1000 pupils from across the region attended and enjoyed the concert.



Creative Spaces @ The Polar Bear

Students from Creative Spaces once again rocked the polar bear for another fantastic evening of music, the place was packed and the bands took the roof off. There were sets from Remedy, The 413, Thirteen, Last Minute and IDK. Everyone is already looking forward to the next one.



RPO string workshop and Open Rehearsal

Players from Training Strings and the Youth Orchestra took part in a workshop delivered by musicians and players from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. No music or music stands were needed or used, but that didn't stop them from creating a very funky piece devised around a mode of just five notes! Students then went to an Open Rehearsal at the City Hall to watch the orchestra practise for a concert later that evening. It was most impressive and a real treat.



Thrive Play Day

A day filled with music, creativity and connection as 82 young musicians from across the Thrive Trust came together for a very special Thrive Play Day. Children from Chiltern, Ings, Oldfleet, Priory, Sidmouth, St George's and Stepney – all members of the Thrive Co-operative Learning Trust – spent the day working side by side in a large-scale musical collaboration. With most participants being beginners and fairly new to their instruments, the day was all about building confidence, developing skills, and enjoying the shared experience of making music together.

Across the course of the day, they learned and rehearsed three instrumental pieces and also sang upbeat songs such as Oleo and Saint Train Sing Swing in 4 parts. One of the most exciting parts of the day was a collaborative soundscape creation, inspired by the traditional Brazilian song Hey Dumba. The day culminated in a concert at 1:30pm, where the children performed to a hall full of proud parents, carers and teachers.

Well done to all the children who took part – your enthusiasm, focus and teamwork made the day a brilliant success.



Big Malarkey Science Workshops

Music Service staff once again supported the annual Big Malarkey Festival in East Park. There was a science theme to the Festival this year so Primary School Children explored what sound is, how it is made and how musical instruments work.



Brass Band Day at the Minster

The City of Hull Youth Band and the City of Hull Brass Band came together in the Minster for a truly memorable performance that showcased the depth of musical talent in the region.

The Youth Band took part in a rehearsal workshop in the afternoon that clearly paid off, as their evening performance was nothing short of phenomenal. The young musicians played with energy, precision, and a real sense of joy that was infectious from the very first note. The atmosphere inside the Minster, although hot, was electric throughout.

One of the evening's most powerful moments came when both bands joined forces on stage—around 60 performers in total—for two joint pieces. The combined sound filled the historic venue with warmth and vitality, a testament to the dedication of all involved.

More than just a concert, the evening was a celebration of collaboration, learning, and shared passion. The Youth Band relished the opportunity to perform alongside the adult band, and the result was a performance full of heart and musical excellence.



Key Stage 1 Big Sing

It was wonderful to hear our youngest singers join together in the KS1 Big Sing this term. This event takes place each term at the Albemarle Music Centre. Children from years 1 and 2 learn a range of seasonal songs in their schools throughout the term then join together to sing with other schools.

Hull Minster Summer Concert

The Elementary and Training String Orchestras gave fantastic performances in Hull Minster, it was great to hear such confident and musical playing from our youngest string groups. The Elementary strings showed great ensemble skills. The Training String Orchestra had challenged their conductor, Mr Rhodes to arrange music for them based on their suggestions. Viva La Vida by Coldplay, Bitter Sweet Symphony by The Verve, Treehouse by Alex G, Born to Die by Lana Del Rey and Real by Beabadoobee were put together to make 'The Bittersweet Symphony of a Real Man who was Born to Die in a Treehouse!' They clearly enjoyed playing this music showcasing some soaring violin melodies and great harmonies.

This was followed by a concert featuring the Albemarle Youth Orchestra and the Albemarle Wind Band. The String section from the Youth Orchestra performed 'Andante Festivo' by Sibelius and the 1st movement of 'Palladio', a concerto grosso by the Welsh composer, Sir Karl Jenkins. The strings were joined by the wind, brass and percussion in a spirited performance of the first movement of Beethoven's first symphony. They played with energy, creating a full and balanced sound in the Minster.

The Albemarle Wind Band finished the concert with Vaughan Williams' Folk Song Suite. Playing with vibrancy they captured the energy of the marches and demonstrated control in the more reflective Intermezzo. The band have worked extremely hard this term to learn this, the piece featured solos on the first Cornet played by George Darnbrough, first clarinet, Amelia Prajsnar, piccolo, Jacob Kemp and oboes, Amelia Adams Sparke and Arrietty Chester. Well done to all of the performers.



Saturday Strings Morning

Nearly 40 string players came together for a morning of singing, rhythm games as well as playing and performing together as an Orchestra. There were some fabulous drawings in our art competition which will be used in our next Strings morning booklet.



Whole Class Ensemble Summer Festival 2025 @Connexin Live!

2500 pupils from 43 schools attended our Summer Festival this year. Celebrating their year of musical learning they performed on brass, pbuzz, violins, cellos, glockenspiels, recorders and clarinets. Accompanied by the Albemarle Live band they sang with a fantastic sound quality in a range of musical styles, from traditional folk songs such as The Lincolnshire Poacher to Let's go Fly a Kite and the Song for Hull 2025, composed by the Young Voices influencing Care Group. We were pleased to be joined by members of this group to hear their song performed by so many young people. This large scale performance opportunity is a fantastic way to share and celebrate the year of musical learning that takes place in Hull Primary Schools throughout the year. Thank you to all of the schools for their commitment to music making each week and to the achievements of all of the pupils.



Pearson Park Summer Festival

Many of the Albemarle ensembles had a fantastic afternoon performing in the sunshine at Pearson Park. It was wonderful to hear a range of great music from our youngest players in Monday Mayhem, Training Percussion and Training Wind Band to welcoming families performing together in the Generation Steel Pan Band. We heard great improvised solos from the Albemarle Jazz Camp, some popular songs from the Hull Youth Choir, fabulous music on a range of instruments from the Percussion ensemble and finished the afternoon with music from films and shows played by the Albemarle Wind Band.



Piano Recital Evening

Our annual Piano Recital evening gives young pianists a chance to shine and perform in front of each other. Classical, Pop and Jazz music are explored from Beginners to Grade 8 and beyond giving performers a chance to hear where they can progress to and where they started from!

Family Open Day with Hull Truck Theatre



The Albemarle and Hull Truck welcomed over 400 visitors across the day to explore what goes on in the theatre and at the music centre. At the Albemarle, children and families could try-out a range of instruments, have a go at DJing and Production, take part in a Big Sing, visit the Beats Bus and enjoy a range of cakes from the Friends' Cafe.

Hull City Council Leader Mike Ross wrote on X. 'One of my favourite family days of the year in Hull as Hull Truck and the Albemarle Music Centre hold their open days, with the guys from Beats Bus here too.'

NYJO – First Time Jazz

The Music Service is delighted to continue its partnership with NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra) who are embarking on a regional tour of secondary schools showcasing Jazz and Creative Music making to year 7s across the region. In Hull they are taking their roadshow to Sirius Academy North, Winifred Holtby Academy and the Boulevard Academy



Yorkshire Young Musicians

On 7th July, Yorkshire Young Musicians held their annual Celebration Concert. Final-year students Jasmine and Matas gave impressive solo performances, joined by YYM strings, wind, and improvisation groups. This year's Barbara Twigg Prize was awarded to Aaliyah in recognition of her outstanding contribution to YYM. Congratulations to all performers on a wonderful afternoon of music!

Festival on the Plaza



What a day! With 30 awesome acts rocking the stage, and 300 people supporting across the day this was a great showcase for bands from across the region.

The sun was shining, and the Beats Bus got everyone moving—Hull Truck folks and Oasis fans waiting for their coach were literally dancing in the streets! Every band absolutely smashed it, and the atmosphere was electric—Couldn't have asked for a better turnout or energy!



Thanks to North East Lincolnshire Music Service, East Riding Riding Music Service , DJ Methods, Freedom Road Creative Arts and Beats Bus.



Humber Street Sesh



This year sees the first Humber Music Hub Stage at Stage@thedock for developing Rock bands and DJs from across the region. The stage is purposely placed just outside the main body of the Sesh so families can access live music for free with their children. The stage gives bands a chance to gain experience and hopefully a stepping stone to perform on one of the Sesh's Main Stages in the future!

Friends of the Albemarle



All of the activities that go on in the Albemarle are generously supported by our amazing Friends' Association.

The friends are looking to build their team and have more parent/carers involved! If you feel you could be more involved please contact: cohymfa@gmail.com

Dates for your diary

2nd August - Humber Street Sesh

15th September - Albemarle Ensemble rehearsals start

27th September- Albemarle Concert Series: Vivek Santhosh, Piano

11th October - Albemarle Concert Series, Steph Halsey, harp and Claire Holdich, flute

24th October - Halloween Film Night

10th November- Hull Music Festival School Choirs Day @Hull Minster

22nd November - Albemarle Concert Series - Student Showcase Concert

24th November - Choral Hull 1 term project Shared Sing

27th November- Choral Hull and Albemarle Youth Orchestra Concert

2nd December - Key Stage 1 Big Sing

3rd -6th December- Christmas Play Days at the Albemarle

7th December - City of Hull Youth Band @ Hull Minster

9th December - Albemarle Ensembles Christmas Concert @ Hull City Hall

11th December - Festival of Carols

12th December - Fundraising Quiz Night run by the Albemarle Youth Voice

Keep an eye on our website for upcoming dates as they are released!!



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