



East Midlands E-bulletin

February 2008

Dear Sir / Madam,

I hope 2008 is a good year for us all and music making in the region. Christmas and excessive eating now seem a distant memory as plans for the year ahead are shaping up...A particular welcome to new members and those who are receiving this news letter for the first time.

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Making Music East Midlands

Bulletin Feedback

This is the fourth East Midlands Making Music e-bulletin and I'd be really interested to receive feedback as to whether the content is useful; what could be included to make it more useful; is there anything that should be changed about the content or format? Please do email me your comments becky@makingmusic.org.uk

Update re: Inter-library loan service, Nottingham

I'm pleased to report that the lobbying that Making Music undertook before Christmas has led to Making Music being mentioned in the consultation letter being sent out to the public. The results of the review are now available and request feedback and comments on the proposals. For those of you wishing to view the content of the review please email me and I'll forward a copy on to you. I'm collecting responses and opinions to these recommendations and will be responding on behalf of MM in the coming weeks becky@makingmusic.org.uk

Making Music Events in the region

The AGM will be held in June this year and we're looking at including the AGM as part of a day event. This event is still in the planning stages and if anyone would like to make special requests as to what the event should entail we're open for suggestions. Please email tony@makingmusic.org.uk

Membership Benefits...Online Music Exchange Scheme

This is an online search catalogue for members of Making Music to find other members who have specific editions of musical works and would be willing to hire out the sets. Go to www.makingmusic.org.uk and log into the members area to find out more. www.makingmusic.org.uk/mm/members

Events

A Promotion One-Day Conference with a Focus on Jazz

23 February 2008 – Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Birmingham - £10

An excellent opportunity to learn more about marketing and PR for promoters:

www.mmwm.freemove.co.uk/AcrobatDownload.htm#RDO

Email micaela@makingmusic.org.uk or Tel: 01386 859648 for further info and booking.

Sir John Dankworth & Nottingham Youth Orchestra

1 March – Royal Concert Hall - Nottingham

Enjoy the world premiere of a jazz violin concerto and some VIP treatment mingling with Sir John or learn about commissioning music and sponsorship from another member www.makingmusic-eastmid.org.uk/html/nottingham_youth_orchestra.html

General News

Campaign secures commitment to no further Lottery raids to fund Olympics

A campaign by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), VAN, Heritage Link and CCPR (the Central Council of Physical Recreation) secured a firm commitment from Government last night that it would make no further raids on the National Lottery to fund the 2012 Olympic Games. For more information please contact Pete Moorey in NCVO's Media Office on 020 7520 2468 or peter.moorey@ncvo-vol.org.uk

Licensing Act consultation

DCMS is seeking comments on a proposal to amend the Licensing Act 2003 to provide an easier process for venues to apply for minor variations to their licenses.

www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Consultations

DCMS conducts first national study of voluntary arts activity in England

DCMS are launching the first ever national survey of amateur arts groups in England. Make sure you participate www.artsurvey.org.uk before 29 February 2008.

Arts Professional - 50% subscription reduction for chairs of arts organisations

A fortnightly magazine featuring up to the minute news, articles written by industry experts and all the latest arts sector jobs. Simply email subs@artsprofessional.co.uk with your name, the organisation you chair, a contact number and full postal address, quoting 'chairs 08'.

Northamptonshire Groups

Register your organisation details with the county community website:

www.connect2northamptonshire.com

And for those in South Northamptonshire, SN Council have a web page for local performers and artists. Send an update to Sue Carverhill if you would like to be included.

www.southnorthants.gov.uk/leisure_culture/2257.htm

The Facts: Northamptonshire Arts Organisations data gathering

If you are an arts practitioner, or are a member or organiser of an arts group, check that you've completed and returned The Facts questionnaire

Contact the Arts Development Team: 01604 233122 www.northantsartsdevelopment.co.uk/

Training Events

Introduction to Board Membership – Arts & Business

3 March, 1.30pm – 4pm Nottingham

The session will be led by Debbie Read, Director of Arts & Business East Midlands who is a national board trainer and works regularly with whole boards across the country.

Contact Rebecca.Morris@AandB.org.uk or 0115 921 6950 to make a booking.

ICT & the Arts – Voluntary Arts England FREE seminar

12 March – Nottingham

- Is your art or craft group missing out?
- Developing IT within your group

www.vaengland.org.uk

Tax Effective Giving workshop – Voluntary Action Leicester

17 March 2008, 11am to 4pm

Covers gift aid, payroll giving, legacies and share giving.

To book: 0845 337 3801 or online booking form: www.tax-effectivegiving.org.uk/workshop

Funding

Communicating with funders

Resources and info about building relationships, working with or simply communicating with funders.

www.hubs.org.uk/page.asp?id=76

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - a new funding approach

The fund expects to fund a wider range of work than before, although their core interests remain in the fields of culture, education, environment and social development.

www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/main-fund.html

Urban Challenge – ICT Funding

Funding for voluntary organisations in Lincolnshire to help with ICT costs

Contact Helen Kearsley-Cree on 01522 873454 for further details.

O2 It's Your Community Awards

Awards of up to £1,000 are available for anything that you can show will benefit your community.

www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk

Google Grants UK beta programme

Designed for registered charities, Google Grants provides free advertising on Google AdWords to charities seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. Applications can be made at any time. For more information, visit

www.google.com/grants

Resources

New briefings from VAN

112 Why should I become a trustee?

113 Welcoming people with a learning disability to the voluntary arts

114 The latest developments in web technology

www.voluntaryarts.org/briefings

Intelligence East Midlands

This is the regional observatory for the East Midlands and the website gives regional statistics, reports, strategies, research news and other useful information. Worth a look:

www.eastmidlandsobservatory.org.uk/

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