

PERTH & KINROSS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE ANNUAL SUMMARY

2008

The Perth & Kinross Instrumental Music Service (IMS) continues to deliver instruction to all secondary schools and due to Scottish Arts Council funding, opportunity of access to the service is available to all primary schools within the area. Demand for instruction remains as high as ever, with approximately 1600 pupils receiving instruction with a considerable amount sitting SQA music examinations. Instrumental pupils once again contributed significantly over the year, to their schools' concerts, services, prize-givings and social evenings. (Ceilidhs, Burns Evenings etc.)

Perth & Kinross Central Groups

Once more there was a healthy increase in numbers for the Central Group Service with nine ensembles being extremely well subscribed.

Monday	Perth Youth Orchestra	6.15pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday	Junior Brass Band)	
	Elementary String Orchestra)	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	Junior String Orchestra)	
	Senior Brass band)	
Friday	Senior String Orchestra)	6.00pm – 7.30pm
	Concert Band)	
	Wind Orchestra)	
	Wind Band)	6.00pm – 7.30pm.

Special thanks go to the parent organisations who continued to support these groups. The Young Musicians' Parents' Association, The Perth & Kinross Music Foundation and the newly formed Perth Central Groups' Transport Association.

CONCERTS

Perth Youth Orchestra - Edinburgh Festival NAYO concert August 2007.

Once again Perth Youth Orchestra (PYO) performed at the above series of concerts as part of the Edinburgh International Festival. PYO is the only orchestra to have performed in Edinburgh every year since the start of the festival. (28 years).

RSAMD. PYO were also invited to perform for the second time at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in August 2007

Perth & Kinross/ ChildLine/PKMF

Perth & Kinross repeated their involvement with the charity, ChildLine. The seventh P&K/ChildLine Christmas Carol Concert in conjunction with Perth & Kinross Music Foundation, was presented in early December and raised the grand total of £8000 The evening consisted of a varied cocktail of musical acts, comprising of orchestras, pipers, wind bands, brass bands, the Perth & Kinross Choir and the Fair City Singers.

YMPA Christmas Concert

March saw some of the Central Groups performing at St Ninian's Cathedral. The concert was a total sell-out! with parents enjoying a mixture of good music, food and wine.

PERTH FESTIVAL OF ARTS CONCERT

Following the success of previous Perth & Kinross Lunchtime Concerts, the festival committee kindly asked the authority to present another joint concert, giving an opportunity for primary and secondary schools, not previously being able to participate, to do so. The concerts featured items from various schools from every corner of Perth & Kinross and enjoyed an excellent turnout of parents.

Central Groups Concerts

The end of the Central Groups session was brought to a close with the two Annual Central Groups Concerts in March in Perth Concert Hall. These concerts were very well received, with many parents getting to see and hear their children perform in an orchestra/ensemble for the first time.

Music Camps

Senior Camp

234 pupils and staff set off for 5 days intense practice at Dounan's Camp, Aberfoyle. The course consisted of the usual ensemble rehearsals but also featured opportunities for the pupils to show off other "Pop idol style" talents at the camp's Talent Show. Discos, karaokes and ceilidh's were all well attended. The two music camp concerts at the end of the week were of a very high standard.

Junior Camp

202 primary pupils attended a week at Belmont Centre in May. For many of the youngsters this was their first stay away from home. Once more, as well as a vigorous rehearsal schedule, there were opportunities for games, (rounders, football, treasure hunts etc). Evening entertainments comprised of a magician, talent show and disco/ceilidh. The week finished with the pupils playing superbly well at a concert at Perth Concert Hall.

Youth Music Initiative

As a result of new money given to authorities by the Scottish Executive, Perth & Kinross now has instrumental instruction in all schools. Saturday Schools have also started in certain areas offering sessions in Singing and Samba. From Oct 2007 there has been six Saturday Schools throughout Perth & Kinross serving all P5, P6 and P7 pupils with the opportunity of Singing and Samba.

WannaB Project

Following the successful launch of WannaB last year, this session continues to offer rehearsal facilities available free of charge on Wednesday evenings at Perth College. Many of the participating bands have again had recording opportunities and the second year finale will take place on June 9 2008 in Perth Concert Hall with a live "gig".

Further successes

The following pupils have gained places in the following National Ensembles/National Competitions or Conservatoires.

Joe Norris (clarinet)	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland
Ruaridh Pattison (saxophone)	National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland
Sean Law (double bass)	National youth String Orchestra of Scotland
Rachel Smart (violin)	National Children's Orchestra