

PERTH & KINROSS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE ANNUAL SUMMARY 2011

The Perth & Kinross Instrumental Music Service (IMS) continues to deliver instruction to all secondary schools and due to Youth Music Initiative 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 ten ensembles being extremely well subscribed.

Monday	Perth Youth Orchestra	6.15pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday	Junior Brass Band) Elementary String Orchestra) Junior String Orchestra)	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	Senior Brass Band) Choir) Senior String Orchestra)	6.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday	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 Perth Central Groups' Transport Association.

New Music Centre

The Instrumental Music Service this year relocated to the new music centre in the North Inch Campus. The Central Groups have enjoyed the new "state of the art" accommodation and facilities. As well as a number of concerts, the music centre has also hosted a number of national music workshops most recently from the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland and open rehearsals of local music groups where the public have been invited to attend and observe how these ensembles are rehearsed "live".

Concerts

Perth Youth Orchestra and Saturday Cool School pupils performed with international percussionist Nana Vasconcelos in Perth Concert Hall in a presentation of a unique blend of Brazilian and Scottish music as part of the Perth 800 celebrations.

RSAMD

Perth Youth Orchestra were invited to perform for the fourth time at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in August 2009

Perth Youth Orchestra Tour Germany 2010

Perth Youth Orchestra had an extremely successful tour of Aschaffenburg in July 2010. 92 pupils delighted audiences in Aschaffenburg and Wurzburg with a mixture of full symphonic repertoire and small ensemble performances.

Perth & Kinross/ ChildLine/PKMF

Due to the extreme weather conditions in December, unfortunately the annual ChildLine Christmas concert was cancelled. To compensate for ChildLine's loss proceeds from collections at the two Perth & Kinross Music Service showcase Concerts raised £3500 towards the charity

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

152 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 their "Britain's Got Talent!" skills 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

190 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.

Intermediate Camp

Due to the excessive demand for the young musicians to attend the P&K music camp a new Intermediate camp has recently been launched taking place at Belmont Centre, Meigle. The course was again hugely successful and allowed the service to provide for an extra 112 pupils. A final concert was presented at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.

Youth Music Initiative

Due to the continued funding given to authorities by the Scottish Executive, Perth & Kinross now has instrumental instruction in all schools. Saturday Schools continue in certain areas offering sessions in Singing and Samba. As part of the Perth 800 celebrations pupils in P5, 6, and 7 participated in a musical project in partnership with Horsecross, where they performed with Brazilian percussionist Nana Vasconcelos.

WannaB Project

Following the success WannaB 5 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 2011 with a live "gig".

Further successes

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

Ruaridh Pattison (saxophone)	National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland Semi –Finalist in Young Jazz musician of the Year
Allan Young (guitar)	National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland
Rachel Smart (violin)	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland
Findlay Turnbull (percussion)	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland
Amy Forbes (viola)	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland
Rosie Taylor (violin)	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland*
Daniel Pickering (trombone)	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland*