TBMH Christmas Festival 2022

Each year the Tri-borough Music Hub presents its annual Christmas Singing Festivals as part of our offer of large-scale performance events to state-maintained Primary/SEN schools. After two hugely successful Digital Christmas Festivals during Covid, we are excited to announce that our Christmas Festivals will be held back in-person this year, at Kensington Town Hall.

The Christmas Festivals will take place across two dates: **Tuesday 13th December** and **Wednesday 14th December**. The events will be presented as Tri-borough events, with each performance including schools representing each of the three boroughs. There will be 10 – 15 schools taking part in each performance, depending on the number of students taking part from each school.

We are mindful that Covid infection rates could still fluctuate and impact schools throughout the coming Autumn Term and are committed to taking a flexible approach to ensure the festivals remain safe and enjoyable for all staff and students.

**School Application form:** [**https://tbmh.wufoo.com/forms/z1ezuhsv1sa7axm/**](https://tbmh.wufoo.com/forms/z1ezuhsv1sa7axm/)

Please complete this Wufoo form by 26th September to register your school’s interest in participating.

**2022 Festival**

Taking part in the Christmas Festival will include the following elements:

* Teachers will need to attend a **compulsory twilight CPD** session on **Wednesday 19th October 4:15pm – 5.45pm**, at the Hammersmith Lyric Theatre to introduce the repertoire and the teaching resources.
* Schools will be provided with **resources** (sheet music, lyrics, and guide vocal tracks) for **four songs** written and arranged by Sally Greaves. Music will be written in parts, and schools will be assigned one part to learn.
* Schools will be able to choose up to 30 children to perform in the event. These children **must** be from **Years 4-6**.
* A **compulsory dress rehearsal** will take place at Kensington Town Hall on **Monday 5th December**. Depending on their performance date, schools will be invited to attend either an AM or a PM session.
* In order to deliver a high-quality event, we require a £75 participation fee from each school taking part. This will help cover the cost of the performance resources, live band, photography, and videography.
* Schools will have the opportunity to request an **in-school support visit** from a member of the TBMH vocal team. These will be at a cost of £50 per session.
* We also invite schools to run internal Christmas **poetry** competitions with their students, with the winning students having the opportunity to read their poem at the Christmas Festival. This year we are setting a theme for submitted poems, and the theme will be ‘Music and Wellbeing’. The reading competition is optional, but we hope that schools will be excited to take part.

More information surrounding the performance days will be shared closer to the time, however the Tri-borough Music Hub team are here to support every step of the way to ensure no school feels overwhelmed, and everyone enjoys the performance experience.

**Timeline**

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| Deadline to submit school application | Monday 26th Sept |
| Confirmation of school allocations: ***NOTE****: We will need a minimum of 9 schools to proceed with this digital event.* | By Friday 30th Sept |
| School Music Leader attends twilight CPD | Wednesday 19th October |
| Equipment packs with schools | Week of 1st November |
| Support visits (according to availability) | 1st to 27th November |
| Dress Rehearsal Day | Monday 5th December |
| Festival Performance Day 1 | Tuesday 13th December |
| Festival Performance Day 2 | Wednesday 14th December |