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# Barlines

The monthly newsletter from The Love Music Trust

## Diary Dates

Schools' Music Competition

First Rounds:

Tuesday 2nd February -

Wilmslow High School

Wednesday 3rd - Ruskin High School, Crewe

Thursday 4th - Eaton Bank Academy, Congleton.

Final rounds:

Tuesday 1st March and

Wednesday 2nd March - Venue TBC.

To enter, please visit [lovemusictrust.com/competition](http://lovemusictrust.com/competition)

Monday 8th February

Deadline to sign up for *Play it Again* lessons (primary schools) for lessons starting after February half term. Sign up here:

[lovemusictrust.com/play-it-again](http://lovemusictrust.com/play-it-again)

Tuesday 22nd March -

SingFest and Choral Celebration Concerts at the Victoria Hall, Hanley.

Wednesday 23rd March -

Barney Bear and Schools' Music Competition Winners Concerts at the Victoria Hall, Hanley.

Thursday 24th March - LMT

Music Education Conference at the Lifestyle Centre, Winsford.

Saturday 25th and Sunday

26th June - LMT Celebration Weekend at Clonter Opera.

Hello and welcome to the December edition of *Barlines*, the monthly newsletter from The Love Music Trust! We would welcome submissions from schools and ensembles for next month's edition so please get in touch with Lydia, [lkitchener@lovemusictrust.com](mailto:lkitchener@lovemusictrust.com) or on 01270 766214.

In the meantime, we at The Love Music Trust would like to wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Brett Beats His Way to the BBC!

Percussionist Matthew Brett has secured his place in the Category Finals of the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Matthew, a member of the LMT Percussion Ensemble and a Year 10 pupil at Sandbach School, successfully completed two auditions this term, fighting off national competition. He will now perform at the Dora Stoutzker Hall, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff on Tuesday 8th March. This concert will be televised on the BBC later in the year. To reach this stage in the competition is a fantastic achievement and we would like to offer our congratulations to Matthew. We wish him all the best for his performance in March!



## Percussion Ensemble Playathon

Members of the LMT Percussion Ensemble played continuously in a gruelling twelve-hour Play-a-thon on Saturday 21st November. Their aim was to raise money to fund an exciting commission from BBC award-winning composer Andy Scott. This composition will be performed by the ensemble at the opening concert of the RNCM's 2016 Day of Percussion in February.

The percussionists raised over £800 for their fantastic efforts!

## Cheshire East Schools' Music Competition 2016

We have now received more than 25 entries for the competition. If your school would like to enter but you haven't yet sent us your form, please do so by the beginning of January. More details can be found here: [lovemusictrust.com/competition](http://lovemusictrust.com/competition).

## Spotlight on... Congleton Youth Orchestra

Every month we will be featuring one of our own ensembles or a Partner Ensemble to tell us their recent news. This month we are delighted to introduce Louis Crossley, chairman of Congleton Youth Orchestra:

"The CYO comprises of 100 members ranging in ability from beginner standard to Grade 8 and Diploma level. For the past two years, utilising funding from The Love Music Trust, they have taken a group of young musicians to the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester for a music workshop. This year the Seniors enjoyed a day of composing and performing - without even writing or reading a single note of music. They spent the day using graphic scores and replacing traditional musical notation with symbols for the sound required. The members enjoyed an interesting day which included a tour of the Bridgewater Hall.

.If you would like to know more about the CYO then please feel free to visit their rehearsals which take place on a Saturday morning, or alternatively you can visit their website at [www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org.uk](http://www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org.uk) for more details."



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### Rainow School singers are 'Choir of the Year'!

The Rainow School Choir enjoyed an amazing experience recently when they were asked to perform at Chester Cathedral's Spirit of Christmas show in aid of the NeuroMuscular Centre. The choir were the winners of the Dawson's Music Choir of the Year competition, a Cheshire wide contest to select a school to sing at the event. They successfully competed against some large and prestigious schools and they were proud to be the first Cheshire East school to ever win this award!

Their performance at the black tie event in the Cathedral was part of a huge fundraiser for the NeuroMuscular Centre and

was hosted by Matthew Kelly and supported by many other stars of stage and screen.

Headteacher Mark Bertinshaw commented, 'The children were absolutely brilliant on the night. To sing in front of over 1000 guests in a huge cathedral was an unforgettable experience. They conquered their nerves to give a fantastic performance of "Ding Dong Merrily on High" (or 'Gloria' as most of the children call it!) and 'Midnight', a modern Christmas carol. The teachers and parents were so proud of the children. Congratulations to everyone on such a great performance.'

The pupils have a number of exciting performances lined up over the next few weeks and are looking forward to receiving their prize of musical equipment to the value of £500 from Dawson's Music as well as the competition trophy.

### Calling all Music Teachers and Music Co-ordinators!

The next LMT Music Education Conference will take place on Thursday 24th March, at the Lifestyle Centre in Winsford. More details to follow in the new year. Please look out for an email from the LMT!

SingFest 2016 tickets are selling quickly! You can buy yours from [lovemusictrust.com/singfest](http://lovemusictrust.com/singfest) - tickets are £6 each. The concerts take place on Tuesday 22nd March at the Victoria Hall, Hanley. Rehearsal details can be found at [lovemusictrust.com/singfestrehearsals](http://lovemusictrust.com/singfestrehearsals)

The Barney Bear Celebration Concert tickets have just been released! You can buy yours from [lovemusictrust.com/barneybear](http://lovemusictrust.com/barneybear) - tickets are £6 each. The concerts take place on Wednesday 23rd March at the Victoria Hall, Hanley.

The Love Music Trust is the lead partner and fund holder for the music education hub in Cheshire East.