

Music for Change is an educational charity that promotes awareness, understanding and respect for cultural diversity through music and the performing arts in order to achieve beneficial change. Intercultural understanding for a better and more tolerant world lies at the heart of all of Music for Change's work.

New artist

Dessislava Stefanova has been performing and teaching the distinctive choral music of Bulgaria in the UK since her arrival here in 2000. An experienced conductor, soloist and ensemble singer, Dessislava has also established a career singing for film soundtracks and theatre. Sessions with Dessislava explore the



landscapes of the voice and the creative traditions of Bulgaria through appropriate material learnt by ear. Full of unusual

intervals and irregular rhythms which are incredibly catchy, fiery and wonderful to play with, the repertoire taught creates colourful harmonies, and there is no need to read music!

"Dessislava did a wonderful job and we wouldn't hesitate to recommend her again". Head teacher, Essex

For further information on Dessislava's workshops, please keep an eye on the ['Artists'](#) page, or contact the [Education Team](#) for more information.

School linking

If you have enjoyed a visit or are planning a visit from one of our artists, why not go a step further and link with a school from a country such as Pakistan, India, Ghana, Poland, Romania or Italy?



For further information: contact [Katy](#) to be put in touch with the British Council.

A new 6 day course for artists

Global Education through the Performing Arts



The course is primarily aimed at musicians, dancers and storytellers with some experience of arts delivery in educational settings who wish to develop their practice to explore innovative ways of encouraging learning and critical thinking around global issues.

There is also the option of accreditation through Canterbury Christ Church University.



This course is organised by Music for Change with the support of funding from the Department for International Development, and takes place in Toynbee Studios, London, from 21st – 23rd and 29th – 31st July.



Fees (excluding accreditation) are:
£75 for concessions
£125 for individuals
£175 for organisations.

There will be a limited number of free places available.

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... A new resource!



Available by October, the **Musical Migration** resource for KS2/3 focuses on the lives and historical contexts of three key historical characters from Kent's BME community - Walter Tull, Sarah Forbes Bonetta and Albert Makuala White.



The resource pack will be available to all East Kent schools, and nationally through our website.

See our [website](#) for more information

Community Cohesion

From September 2008, schools' contribution to community cohesion will be included as part of the inspection process by Ofsted, and the contributions will fall under three sections – promoting common values and understanding, ensuring equal opportunities for all and promoting meaningful interactions between people from different backgrounds.

Community Cohesion is about creating a more tolerant, fair and understanding society, where people can share a common sense of belonging that overcomes their differences. Fun, meaningful and inclusive sessions with experienced UK-based artists whose heritage spans the globe can act as a springboard or as a celebration of work already being done.

See below for suggestions.



Themed Residencies for School and Community Settings

- **Building Friendships (KS2 +)**
Refugee and community integration for schools with a refugee population or a large number of newly arrived pupils.
- **Silence the Violence (Yr 6 +) specifically the transition period)**
Tackling the problem of gun and knife crime, and gang culture.
- **Safe and Sound (KS2 +)**
Awareness raising workshops about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.
- **Eat to the Beat (All ages)**
Healthy eating awareness-raising.
- **Calypso Cleanup (KS2 +)**
Awareness-raising of environmental issues through calypso song-writing.
- **World Wide Words (KS1+)**
Increasing boy's literacy skills through storytelling, percussion and song-writing.
- **Crickets Roots (KS2 +)**
A focused piece of work based on BME sporting heritage.
- **Reel Lives (KS1 +)**
Sessions incorporating the MfC Sierra Leone and Kolkata Reel Lives DVDs.
- **Tablas, Tala and Trees (KS1 +)**
Raising awareness of the environment and interdependency.

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New Term: New Challenges

September can be both an exciting and daunting time for young people, especially those moving classes and settings. Kick-start the year with ...

- Calypsos – write a class anthem to create a sense of collective identity
- Drumming – work together with teachers and pupils to immediately create a sense of team work and build confidence
- Storytelling – tales of friendship and respect for each other from around the world

Black History Month

Black History Month takes place every year during the month of October, and its aims are to highlight and celebrate the achievements and hidden histories, of the black community. Captivating storytelling, energetic drumming and fun-filled dance sessions can help kick-start or conclude the month's activities. If you have any other particular thoughts as to how we could link in with your school, let us know!

... The artists

Usifu Jalloh, H Patten, Winston Nzinga, George Fiawoo, Kenny Mangena, Lucky Moyo, Emmanuel Okine, Alexander D Great, Black Voices, Seckou Keita, Nicky Reid ... the list goes on! See our website for more info.

Winter Celebrations / festivals

Throughout November and December, there are many festivals that are the perfect catalyst for cross-curricular learning, and a focus for the awareness of diversity within the school community. Music for Change artists have a wealth of knowledge about customs and traditions from around the world, and can add a vibrant colour to your festive celebrations!

Mid-Winter celebrations all have their own individual music traditions and folk tales, and many of the festivals focus on 'light'. Whether secular or sacred, many combine traditions from various civilisations over time – Christmas for instance is often seen a mix of Christian, Pagan and folk traditions, and it is celebrated in countries across the globe!

- **1st October - the Islamic Eid Al-Fitr and the end of the Ramadan fast**
- **17 October – Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights**
- **21 December - Winter Solstice, Yule**
- **22 December - Hannukah, the Jewish festival of lights**
- **25 December – Christmas Day, a Christian holy day marking the birth of Jesus.**
- **31 December - Hogmanay**

The Global Calendar what's happening next term?

Why not work with Music for Change to celebrate some of these events?

Every year we have requests from groups to work with our artists during Fairtrade Fortnight, Refugee Week, One World Week, Black History Month, Book Week - the list is endless! Through arts-based group activities you can create the perfect opportunity for increased cultural awareness, cohesion, and most importantly, celebration!

Get in touch!



The Global Calendar at a glance

08 Sept International Literacy Day
14 Sept Racial Justice Sunday
19 Sept Clean Up the World Weekend
21 Sept International Day of Peace
26 Sept European Day of Languages
01 Oct Black History Month
05 Oct World Teacher's Day
06 Oct Children's Book Week
10 Oct World Mental Health Day
24 Oct United Nations Day
11 Nov Remembrance Day
16 Nov International Day for Tolerance
17 Nov International Education Week
24 Nov Islam Awareness Week
01 Dec World Aids Day
02 Dec International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
10 Dec International Human Rights Day
18 Dec International Migrant's Day

BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award

BBC Radio 2 has launched the 2009 Young Folk Award and is looking for people aged between 15 and 20, performing folk, roots and acoustic music from any culture.

For more information and full entry guidelines visit www.bbc.co.uk/folk, email: info@mrscasey.co.uk, or call 01629 827012.

2012 news

The London 2012 Games education developments

The domestic education programme will be the official London 2012 education programme and will launch on 17 September 2008. With the development of an international citizenship programme, young people all over the world will be engaged in a conversation about the Olympic and Paralympic values.

'Pass the Passion' a Torch Song for Dover!

Back in April, Alexander D Great facilitated a song-writing session for the Dover Torch Campaign conference for 120 school children organised on behalf of KCC by Future Creative CIC as part of the Kent...

...Campaign for the 2012 Games. Funded by Sing Up (the Music Manifesto National Singing Programme, produced by Youth Music with AMV, BBDO, Faber Music and The Sage Gateshead, supported by Government), the song will lead the way in a campaign that is being led and designed by the young people of Dover, now known as 'Pass the Passion'. Watch this space!

Footage of the day can be found at



Kent.TV. Kent County Council is also launching their '20 in 12 Learning Programme' in September

to coincide with the launch of the national London 2012 learning programme.



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