

EDUCATION PROJECTS



We work with all ages and abilities and are happy to devise an individual concert or workshop. We recommend that you contact us directly to discuss your exact requirements - See below for examples of sessions which can be tailored to suit your needs.

Workshops

Introduction to Stringed Instruments

This session is designed to introduce children of all ages to stringed instruments. There will be a mixture of music, interactive activities and information. It may be possible, depending on numbers, for children to try some of the instruments under supervision. We can use a string quartet plus double bass or the full orchestra depending on your budget and wishes.

Introduction to Woodwind Instruments

This session is designed to introduce children of all ages to woodwind instruments. There will be a mixture of music, interactive activities and information.

The Orchestra

This session focuses on the orchestra as a whole and can include strings, woodwind and brass instruments. There will be a variety of music, interactive activities and information. We are able to supply worksheets for after the event and can adapt it to fit into your curriculum where appropriate.

Performing opportunities for young musicians

'Side by Side' Project

The idea behind this workshop is to give young people the chance to play alongside professional players in a rehearsal and concert. We can tailor this project to suite various age ranges and abilities and can provide material in advance. We offer a full day or an afternoon workshop and will do a mixture of sectional and full rehearsals where appropriate.

The combined orchestra will rehearse a number of pieces and perform them in a concert for other children/parents. The Westminster Chamber Orchestra can also perform on their own as part of the concert if desired.

Chamber Music coaching

We offer a full day or half day of chamber music coaching for children of all ages and abilities, though we would recommend a minimum standard of Grade 2. We welcome both pre-formed ensembles and ensembles formed for the event. Individual members of the orchestra will work with small groups of children, rotating, so that each group has the benefit of different coaches. At the end of the session the groups will play a concert to each other and parents. We are able to supply music and welcome applications from schools without an existing chamber music programme.

Concerts

Children's concerts

The orchestra enjoys performing for children and can design a wide variety of concerts for children, from themed events to family concerts. We are able to link our music in with the school curriculum if you so wish.