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*Make Some Noise, 1 of 24 Youth Music Action Zones (in England and Wales) provides activities across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent for children and young people with little access to music making. Our mission is to create a sustainable approach to high quality music delivery, to develop strategic partnerships and to advocate for music as both a recreational and developmental opportunity for young people aged 0 – 18.*

Welcome to Issue 11 of the Update. The Updates provide a snapshot of some of the projects delivered in partnership with Make Some Noise. The icons highlight further information available at the click of a button.

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## City Songbirds

The summer term saw the City Songbirds increase in confidence and in reputation as they performed in several school based activities, summer fairs and events such as the City Arts Strategy and Arts Mark, and the icing on the cake, the Teddy Bear's Picnic.

All the City Songbirds groups performed together at their Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Italian garden at Trentham Gardens. Singing a variety of songs, some from Youth Music's Singbook and some commissioned especially for the groups, these young children (aged 5 – 7yrs) sang in front of an audience of more than a thousand people.

Amongst their siblings, parents, grandparents and friends was the Lord Mayor of Stoke who was charged with selecting the 'Best Dressed Teddy Bear'.

**"One of the great achievements of the Teddy Bear's Picnic concert is the opportunity for tutors, families, schools and the wider community to come together in a unique and exciting venue, sharing their children's talents and love of music. I am incredibly proud of our City Songbirds!"**  
**Carole Drew,**  
**Head of Foundation and Primary Vocal Development, Stoke City Music and Performing Arts Service.**

# Staffordshire Songbirds

On 2nd July the Staffordshire Songbirds joined school choirs, the Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra from Staffordshire Performing Arts in a summer event, 'Staffordshire Sings' at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. This truly massive celebration of song was an wonderful opportunity for the Staffordshire Songbirds to sing their songs together in a prestigious venue.

## MusicLeader WM

On 8th September, tutors involved in delivering the City Songbirds and Staffordshire Songbirds projects will attend a Singing Playgrounds training day, run by Ex Cathedra. Make Some Noise, in partnership with MusicLeader West Midlands, hopes that this training day will provide valuable resources for the Songbirds' tutors.

## Youth Operatunity

The three Youth Operatunity groups have had a very busy few months:

- Invited by Opus 1 Music opera company, the Lichfield group performed alongside the cast in La Boheme and Tosca.
- Participants from the 3 groups were bussed to Lichfield to see 'The Nose' at the Lichfield Garrick theatre. With tickets kindly donated by the Lichfield Festival, this trip provided a first time opera experience for many.
- All 3 groups held an informal sharing in front of family, family and funders before they took a rest for the summer.

**"It's been the most exciting thing I think I've ever done in my (20 year) teaching career." Julia Prince, Dove Bank Primary School (a Staffordshire Songbirds School).**

**"There won't be any workshops over the summer?! We want a break from school but not from this!" Youth Operatunity participant.**



# Early Years Music

We continue to provide childcare practitioners with opportunities to develop their music making skills and increase their confidence and enthusiasm towards delivering singing and music activities in their settings. Through our partnership with the EYCU for Staffordshire County Council we have been expanding this provision for practitioners and early years children across Staffordshire. Two new music leaders have joined our early years team and will soon begin delivering elements of our programme.

“A most valuable course. I came here assuming I wasn’t musical. I returned to my setting with a very positive attitude to using music throughout every area in the setting.”  
EarlyYears practitioner.

If you would like further information on our projects not featured in Issue 11 please use the links below:

[Access All Areas](#) - New Music Creation and Production

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