



Close to 10,000 young people access Hackney Music Service provision every year

DID YOU KNOW?

A PACKED out Hackney Empire enjoyed performances by some of the best young musical talent in the borough at the annual Music Service Gala.

Around 400 performers, from 40 schools, took part in the event on 2 November, which also hosted the fifth annual Mayor's Music Awards, which celebrates the most promising musicians in the borough.

Stuart Wilkinson, Music Coordinator at Sir Thomas Abney Primary School, picked up the award for excellence in music education practice.

He said: "This award highlights and recognises the hard work that has gone into music education over the past five years. With the support of Hackney Music Service and partners we aim to expand the musical pathways for our pupils and support their musical and social development."

The gala included performances from borough-wide ensembles, orchestras and choirs, as well as school groups and partnerships.

The music ranged from collaborative musical theatre pieces with the Junior Hackney Borough Youth Choir and Hackney Training Orchestra, to a cappella singing from Rushmore, Queensbridge and London Fields primary schools. There was also a great rendition of En Vogue's 'Don't Let Go' by singers from Hackney New School, and a jazz collaboration between Hackney Creative Jazz Ensemble and The Bridge Academy on their version of Chick Corea's 'Spain'.

Rachael Adediran, Head of Music at Skinners' Academy, said: "I just wanted to say how excited I am that our music department won the Ensemble Development Award. The whole team



Winners and performers at this year's music gala Photos: Gary Manhine

The Music Service Gala showcased Hackney's most promising musicians

Hitting the right notes

here are delighted to have had their hard work and their pupil's progress recognised by this award."

Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, added: "There are so many talented young musicians in Hackney, I am proud that we can provide financial assistance for music, as funding lessons, instruments and competitions can be very costly. Music and the arts are just as important as

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maths and English, and I'm determined that money should not be a barrier to any Hackney young person pursuing their dreams, fulfilling their passion for music, and appearing at national arts venues."

MORE INFO

For more about the Hackney Music Service, e-mail: musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk; call: 020 3076 1534; visit: www.hackneymusic.co.uk; or tweet @hackneymusic

And the winners are:

Mayor Philip Glanville announced the music awards results during the gala. The winners were:

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC EDUCATION PRACTICE:

Primary: Joint winners – Sir Thomas Abney Primary School & Gainsborough Community Primary School

Secondary: The Bridge Academy

INSTRUMENTAL FUND FOR ENSEMBLE DEVELOPMENT:

Primary: Joint winners – Gainsborough Community Primary School & Orchard Primary School

Secondary: Skinners' Academy

INDIVIDUAL PUPIL AWARDS:

Eleanor Hickford – Orchard Primary School

Abged Siddig – Skinners' Academy

Tjaudor Coleallison – The Urswick School