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## ***Brent Makes Music 2007*** **1,300 Young Musicians of Brent to Perform at Wembley**

Over 1,300 young musicians from the London borough of Brent have the exciting prospect of performing at Wembley Arena on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.30pm. This landmark concert is the brainchild of Brent Music Service and incorporates a world premiere of 'Conjure Tales', a specially commissioned musical narration to mark the bicentenary of the Abolition of Slavery. Tickets for this unique event are available by phone, through Wembley Arena Box Office 020 8902 4141, priced at just £8.00 for adults (£10.00 if purchased on the night) and £5.00 for children and senior citizens (£6.00 if purchased on the night). Tickets can also be purchased in person from the box office.

Paul Fensom, Head of the Brent Music Service commented: "To enable so many of Brent's young musicians to perform in this key venue is like a dream come true for everyone involved. This will certainly be a highpoint of their music making and a memory that will stay with them forever."

Brent Music Service is a formalised council service and through Brent Council's links with Wembley Arena, this world-renowned venue has been made available to them for this extravaganza of music making. However, the organisation is still having to raise substantial funds to cover all the sound, lighting and peripheral requirements to enable this event to enjoy the success it deserves.

In reaction to this, Paul Fensom remarked: "We are looking to any individuals, businesses or organisations who could help towards the costs of staging this event. In addition to the obvious promotional benefits of supporting an event like this, it is also a prime opportunity for anyone involved in the community to make a significant difference to so many youngsters' lives – helping to create a positive memory they will never forget". All offers of support should be directed to Clair Tomalin (telephone: 07970 484 067).

Brent Music Service has been providing instrumental and vocal music tuition in and out of schools for the borough for the last 13 years, offering musical education to over 70,000 students during this time. Its commitment to making music accessible for every pupil in the borough with their Year 3 recorder programme has earned them respect throughout the country. Additionally, the service's out of school ensembles offer the added benefits of expanding players' musical knowledge and developing teamwork and friendships. As a result of their commitment to such initiatives, the presentation of *Brent Makes Music 2007* by 1,300 children at Wembley arena is true evidence of the way in which so many young musicians can benefit from the service.

The concert will include performances from school groups, the winner of Brent Musician of the Year 2007 and Brent Music Service ensembles which include an orchestra, steel band and concert band. The second half of the concert will be dedicated to the world premiere of 'Conjure Tales', created by writer June Hamilton and composer Eric Angus. The item is based on the short story, "Sister Becky's Child", by the black American author Charles Chesnutt (1858 – 1938), dealing with human beings in slavery dreaming of freedom and the moving story of a slave mother's quest to be reunited with her baby.

Composer, Eric Angus remarked: "As this year marks the bicentenary of the Act to abolish the British slave trade, I felt it would be appropriate to embrace this poignant topic. To have 1,000 youngsters performing 'Conjure Tales' will be a spectacle in itself, but it makes it even more significant that they can use the enjoyment of music to learn such important lessons from the story they are presenting. They are the future and if they can learn to make the world a better place through music, I feel honoured to be part of that education."

This is an immensely exciting project which has been made possible by the determination of Brent Music Service and the support of Brent Council. With such a magnificent event, performed at such a celebrated venue by so many youngsters from the borough of Brent – buy your tickets now and help to ensure that ***Brent Makes Music***.

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