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Brent Makes Music 2008

Brent Makes Music 2008 - Be Inspired

Wednesday 2nd July, Wembley Arena, 7.30pm

If you are collecting a performer, please meet them in the Wembley Arena Square after the show

The World In One Borough
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One of Brent Council's Wembley Arena Community Days



 Brent Music Service is a Brent Council service

PROGRAMME

Presenting for you this evening



Music for today and tomorrow. *Be Inspired*



Paul Fensom *Head of Brent Music Service*

Paul started his musical career at the age of 6 taking piano lessons with Marjorie Ringham and playing cornet in the Chalk Farm Salvation Army Youth Band.

On leaving school, Paul joined the Band of Her Majesty's Life Guards and spent six years with the band. Not only did he get the opportunity to play at most of the major concert venues in Europe, but, being in the Household Cavalry Regiment he had the unique experience of learning to play a trombone whilst riding a horse.

On leaving the Life Guards, Paul spent some time playing professionally in London, before accepting a brass teaching post with Brent Music Service in 1979. Paul became Head of Brent Music Service in 1994 and over the past 14 years has helped raise the profile of music education in Brent schools.

He is much in demand as a conductor and adjudicator and has worked with bands and choirs across Europe, Canada, USA and Australia. In 2004 Paul was awarded 'The Mortimer Medal' by the Worshipful Company of Musicians for his services to brass education.

In his spare time, Paul is the musical director of Milton Keynes Brass Band, plays Trombone in a Blues Brothers cover band with three of his ex-pupils and enjoys the trials and tribulations of supporting Watford FC.

Brent Music Service

Brent Music Service provides instrumental and vocal music tuition to over 6,000 children every week. Tonight's performances by 1,500 of Brent's young musicians is evidence of the way in which so many young people can benefit from the service.

Want To Join?

If you have enjoyed this evening's performances, why not get involved and join one of Brent Music Service's ensembles? By joining an ensemble, you can expand your musical knowledge and meet new friends.

We are currently looking for young singers, aged 8-12 to join the Brent Junior Choir. We are also looking for young percussionists aged 11-19 to join Brent Drums.

No previous experience is necessary. Just enthusiasm!

Membership of all other Brent Music Service ensembles is by audition only and our teachers in Brent schools will recommend you for an audition when they feel you have reached the required standard.

If you do not attend a Brent school, but wish to arrange an audition, please contact us.

All BMS ensembles take place at our 3 Evening Music Centres.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**For further details, please visit our website at
www.BrentMusicService.com**





Our Thanks

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has been involved in making Brent Makes Music 2008 such a success. We offer our sincere thanks to the children, teachers, ensemble leaders, parents, relatives, friends, special guests and organisations who have all worked so hard to present this evening's performance to you.

Post-Show Coverage

When the evening's over, you'll be able to relive the excitement with a visit to the official website of Brent Makes Music 2008 at: www.BrentMakesMusic.com

In just a few days' time we'll be able to include a range of photographs, the souvenir programme and hopefully video coverage of the whole event too, all packaged up ready for you to download, view, print and keep. So, please check the website for updates and enjoy Brent Makes Music 2008 over and over again!

Brent Music Service – The Look

You'll hopefully now be more familiar with the new logo and branding of Brent Music Service which was introduced at last year's event.

Since then (and in addition to the special Brent Makes Music website), a new website has been developed to promote and inform everyone about the service. This can be seen at www.BrentMusicService.com. Here you'll find a great deal of information about the music tuition opportunities available through schools and evening music centres run by Brent Music Service.

In addition, following the introduction of the new look uniforms in 2007, the stage presentation has now been enhanced even further with some impressive new music stand banners – giving the performers a more professional and stylish presence when entertaining you.

The future plans are all aimed at providing the young musicians of Brent with an opportunity to experience music-making to its fullest.

Be Inspired and find out how you could be part of it



Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to
Wembley Arena for
Brent Makes Music 2008
The World in One Borough

Tonight's show is being brought to you by over 1,500 of Brent's talented young musicians, and will be taking you on a musical global tour with a wide variety of musical styles and forms for your enjoyment.

The show brings together a massed schools choir and the many Brent Music Service ensembles. In addition, you will also have an opportunity to enjoy the clarinet playing of David Wong, winner of the Brent Young Musician of the Year 2008 competition and experience the world premiere of a specially commissioned piece through the 'One Voice' project – a Brent Council Arts & Festivals Department initiative, bringing the musical artform of beatboxing to the forefront.

Once again Brent Music Service has created an evening of entertainment and outstanding musicianship – an evening when Brent should be truly proud of its talented young people.

It is a tremendous privilege for our pupils to be able to perform at such a prestigious music venue and we would like to thank both the Wembley Arena and Brent Council for allowing us to be a part of the Wembley Arena Community Day programme.

**Thank you for joining us for an evening
to remember, a very special evening
when *Brent Makes Music!***





Winner of Brent Young Musician of the Year 2008

David Wong

David secured the title of Brent Young Musician of the Year 2008 by qualifying for the final competition through his audition in January. He then performed at the March finals and faced very difficult competition from the five other finalists.

After very encouraging and congratulatory comments to all the competitors, the adjudicators' decisions were announced awarding David Wong of Westminster School the title of 'Brent Young Musician of the Year 2008' for his engaging clarinet performance of Debussy's 'Premiere Rhapsodie', accompanied by Anna Mitchell on piano.

A former student of Brent Music Service's Saturday morning school, David Wong took up the clarinet at the age of 8. A mere 6 years later he can be proud of already having achieved Grade 8 (Distinction) on this instrument and a host of memorable solo performances which include St John's Smith Square Hall and a charity concert at the Hilton Hotel in aid of the Tsunami victims.

His musicianship has also expanded to violin and piano for which he holds Grade 8 in each and saxophone for which he has reached Grade 7. His musical inspirations include clarinettist Professor Karl Leister and when asked what his musical ambitions were, his honest reply was "Too early to say really, but at the moment I just want to enjoy making excellent music".

Tonight's Performers

Massed Primary Schools Choir: Anson Primary School, Barham Primary School, Braintcroft Primary School, Brentfield Primary School, Donnington Primary School, Fryent Primary School, Furness Primary School, Kensal Rise Primary School, Kingsbury Green Primary School, Leopold Primary School, Lyon Park Junior School, Mitchell Brook Primary School, Newfield Primary School, Oakington Manor Primary School, Oliver Goldsmith Primary School, Our Lady of Grace R.C. Junior School, Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Primary School, Park Lane Primary School, Preston Park Primary School, Princess Federica C of E Primary School, Salusbury Primary School, St Andrew & St Francis C of E Primary School, St Joseph's R.C. Junior School, Wembley, St Joseph's R.C. Primary School, NW10, St Mary's C of E Primary School, St Robert Southwell R.C. Primary School, Stonebridge Primary School, Sudbury Primary School, Uxendon Manor Primary School, Wembley Primary School, Wykeham Primary School

Vocal Soloist (*Freedom is coming*): Filipa Braganca (Claremont High School)

Brent Teachers' Choir: Leader - Dorothy Stewart

Flute Soloist (*Kang Dong Flower Song*): Anna Lincoln (Salusbury Primary School)

Brent Junior Ensembles: Head of North Centre - Aessi Gunawardhana, Head of South Centre - Joss Campbell, Head of West Centre - Jody Sapsard

Brent Special Schools: Leader – Jenny Cooper with students from Hay Lane, Manor and Grove Park Special Schools and brass players from Oliver Goldsmith

Brent Dhol Drummers: Leader - Jagdeep Sing-Sehra with students from Alperton Community School and Claremont High School

Brent Drums: Leader - James Gardner with students from Claremont High School, Cardinal Hinsley R.C. High School and Convent of Jesus & Mary Language College

BMS Staff String Quartet: Sarah Crisp (1st Violin), Aessi Gunawardhana (2nd Violin), Neil Valentine (Viola), William Rudge (Cello)

BMS Stage Band: Martin Turner (MD/Keyboard), Oli Blackman (Drums), Daniel Smith (Bass), Ben McDonnell (Guitar), Dan White (Trumpet), Tyler Vahldick (Trombone), Jenny Britton (Flute/Saxophone)

The 'One Voice' Project

Shlomo, artist in residence at the Southbank Centre and vocalist extraordinaire, has been commissioned to work with local choirs and vocal groups of all ages to experiment with the different cultural sounds Brent has to offer.



Tonight's performance is an extract from the full 20 minute presentation which will be performed at the Brent 'Respect Festival' at Roundwood Park on Sunday 6th July.

'One Voice' with Shlomo, features *Brent Gospel Choir*, *Brent Junior Choir* and *Claremont High School Singers* (Directed by Simone Michael for Brent Music Service), *C-Hear Collective* (Directed by Rose Smikle), *Granville Plus Youth Arts Centre Vocal Group* (Directed by Christina Stubbins & Noel Simpson), *Nossa Voz* (Directed and arranged by Gui Tavares) and *The Heard* (Directed and arranged by Becky Jones).

This fantastic collaboration has fused the ideas of one of the UK's most talented beatbox artists with a dynamic range of vocal and musical forms from in and around the borough to create a truly spectacular 'One Voice' performance.

Brent Council commissioned this ground-breaking performance to celebrate Brent's unique cultural diversity as part of Brent's cultural offer celebrating the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Brent Music Service are particularly proud of their own Brent Junior Choir being an integral part of this project.

The Human Beatbox Artist

Shlomo



In August 2004, Shlomo was invited by Icelandic singer Björk to beatbox on her all-vocal album *Medulla*. The track, *Oceania*, was performed at the Opening Ceremony in Athens. With an estimated viewing audience of 4.5 billion, this makes Shlomo the most heard beatboxer in history!

Shlomo then went on to tour the UK, Europe and Canada with London Hip Hop act *Foreign Beggars*, before making a solo appearance on *Later... with Jools Holland* in late 2005.

Recently Shlomo has pushed the boundaries of beatboxing with his live performances which feature him beatboxing and drumming at the same time, plus expanding his set with original material performed using a loop sampler.

2007 marked the creation of 'Shlomo and the Vocal Orchestra', the human beatbox choir. The choir went on to perform to 15,000 people at the Big Chill Festival in August 2007, and has continued with a busy schedule throughout 2008.

Also in 2007, Shlomo was appointed as Artist in Residence at the Southbank Centre, where he ran a concert series called 'Music Through Unconventional Means'. This has also just been presented at the famous Glastonbury Music Festival, featuring the Vocal Orchestra and star guests in a 2 hour collaborative extravaganza.

Also a talented jazz drummer and classically-trained percussionist, Shlomo treats the art of beatboxing as a form of music and a means for creative expression.

PROGRAMME

Music from South Africa & Ghana

FREEDOM IS COMING & SANSA KROMA

Featuring: Massed Primary School Choir & Brent Teachers Choir
Directed by: Arranger: Paul Fensom
Kerri Stephens

Music from Jamaica

WATER COME A ME EYE

Featuring: Pupils from the BMS Year 3 "Music'sCool" programme
Directed by: Arranger: Jo Drake
Alison Richards

Music from China

KANG DING FLOWER SONG

Featuring: Massed Primary School Choir
Directed by: Arranger: Victor Johnson
Janette Hutchinson

Music from Britain

BRITISH ISLES SUITE

Featuring: Brent Junior Ensembles
Directed by: Arranger: Paul Fensom
Sam West

Music from America

HUMMING BIRD

Featuring: Brent Junior Choir
Directed by: Arranger: Jeremy Jackman
Simone Michael

Music from England

RISSELDY ROSSELDY

Featuring: Brent Junior Choir, Mount Stewart Junior School Choir & Salusbury Singers
Directed by: Arranger: Jay Broeker
Simone Michael

Music from Poland & Jamaica

MEDLEY

Featuring: Brent Special Schools
Directed by: Arranger: Jenny Cooper
Jenny Cooper

Music from India

DHOOM AGAIN

Featuring: Massed Primary School Choir & Brent Dhol Drummers
Directed by: Arranger: Eric Angus
Helen Greenham

Music from Brent

ONE VOICE

Featuring: One Voice Choirs
Directed by: Shlomo

Music from Germany

QUINTET in Bb MAJOR, (Opus 34)

Featuring: David Wong - Brent Young Musician of the Year 2008
Composer: Carl Maria von Weber

Music from Africa

DRY YOUR TEARS, AFRIKA

Featuring: Massed Primary School Choir & Brent Youth Orchestra
Directed by: Paul Fensom
Words: Bernad Dadie,
Music: John Williams

Music from Brazil and the Caribbean

BATTUCADA FUSION

Featuring: Brent Drums
Directed by: James Gardner
Devised by: James Gardner

Music from America

TOGETHER

Featuring: Massed Primary School Choir
Directed by: Jo Drake
Words: Matthew Gerrard, *Music:* Robbie Nevil
Arranger: Eric Angus

Music from Finland

FINLANDIA

Featuring: Brent Youth Orchestra
Directed by: Kerri Stephens
Composer: Jean Sibelius *Arranger:* Owen Goldsmith

Music from America

DANCING IN THE STREET

Featuring: Massed Primary School Choir
Directed by: Simone Michael
Music & Lyrics: M Gaye,
M Stevenson & IJ Hunter
Arranger: Eric Angus

Interval of 20 minutes

Please collect performers from the Wembley Arena Square outside (not the stage)