

BERKSHIRE

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BERKSHIRE MAESTROS PRESENTS

Musical Summer

COURSES AND MASTERCLASSES
FOR EVERYONE



Berkshire Maestros is delighted to present a Musical Summer

Our **Summer Courses** this year will all be held face to face at our Reading Music Centre, in small group bubbles. These courses have been specially designed to be:

- Socially distant
- Small numbers
- High quality learning experiences
- Enriching and engaging
- Ideal for children aged eight and over
- Something for everyone
- Fantastic value for money

Browse through the courses on offer, and to book your spaces simply click on the [BOOK HERE](#) link at the bottom of the page. Please note that as spaces are very limited you are strongly advised to book early.

We are also offering a number of **EXCLUSIVE** online **Masterclasses**, with world class musicians:

- Tasmin Little (Violin)
- Glyn and Helen Williams (Brass Band)
- Helen Sanderson (Guitar)

These will be held virtually via Zoom. They are open to all ages and abilities and offer a unique opportunity to learn from some of the most influential and important musicians in the world. You can join as a performer or an observer - simply click on the [BOOK HERE](#) link to secure your place

What's On

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Wed 22 July - Fri 24 July

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Mon 27 July - Tue 28 July

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Thu 30 July - Fri 31 July

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COURSE (face to face) or **MASTERCLASS (Zoom)**

Music Production for Video Games

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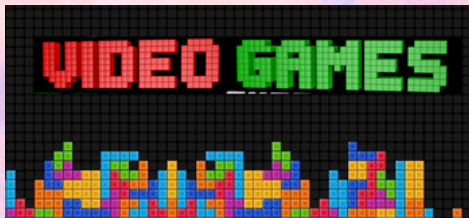
Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 July, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 11 to 18
No experience needed

£120
Three day course

What to bring

- Laptop
- Headphones
- USB memory stick
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

- A three day music technology course focusing on writing music for video games!
- Students will use Cubase software to write their own compositions inspired by their favourite video games, learning how to create complex soundscapes with virtual instruments
- The course will delve into how video game music is created and how much of an impact it has on the feel of a game
- Each student will have the opportunity to have their work showcased on a showreel to be shared on the Berkshire Maestros Facebook page

What you will learn

Students will leave the course with an excellent understanding of using a professional digital audio workstation to create original music using MIDI and virtual instruments. These skills are easily transferrable to GCSE and A Level and serve as an excellent lead on to Berkshire Maestros Music Production Lessons with Rockschoo Grades.

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HERE

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Musicians Wanted - Live Band Workshop

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 July, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 11 to 18, Grade 6 plus
Working towards live stream concert

£120
Three day course

What to bring

- Instrument (voice, drums, keyboard, piano, bass guitar, electric guitar)
- Guitar picks, drum sticks etc.
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

- A three day live band workshop focusing on preparing the students for a live stream concert on Friday afternoon
- Students will be led by an established Soundstage tutor for the duration of the course, helping to conduct and mould them into a fully functioning band, performing a variety of songs in a range of musical styles
- We are looking to select students at a Grade 6 plus level for this very special one-off course that will specifically require a balanced combination of singers, and guitarists, plus one each of keyboards, bass and drums (maximum of eight)
- Students will be offered sheet music and song charts to help aid their journey through the course.

What you will learn

Students will leave this course with a great understanding of working with fellow musicians in a high pressured band environment, with a deadlined performance. The level of musicianship will be high and students will learn valuable tips for on stage techniques. Members of this band may form a regular ensemble in September, with the possibility of participating in our largest events.

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Brass Band Masterclass Glyn and Helen Williams

Thursday 23 July, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

All ages and
abilities welcome

£10
Zoom Masterclass

Masterclass Details

- Pick up your instrument for this Zoom masterclass suitable for all brass players
- Through a mixture of performances, group exercises and Q&A sessions you will learn about the challenges of being a brass band musician, as well as tips and tricks on how to improve your playing
- Course tutors Helen & Glyn Williams from the world famous Cory Band will share their experience as top brass musicians to help you improve your playing and ensemble skills
- Be inspired to hone your skills with these great musicians from the world's number one ranked brass band
- Open to all brass players. All you will need is an instrument, a laptop or tablet and an internet connection!



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The Delectable World of Disney

Junior Strings

Monday 27 - Tuesday 28 July or Thursday 30 - Friday 31 July, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Grade 1 to 4

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

£95

Two day course

What to bring

- Instrument
- Pencil
- Music (printed if possible)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water
- Lots of energy and creativity!



Course Details

Do you know your Incredibles from your Avengers? In need of a bit of Disney magic? Then this is the course for you!

We will start with some warm up activities, moving onto basic music and technical skills, plus plenty of fun and games in group musical activities.

Students are encouraged to work hard but also be free to explore new techniques which they will be introduced to on the course.

There will be an opportunity to share music in a safe environment at the end of the course.

What you will learn

By the end of the course students will have learnt a number of musical skills which they can continue to work on throughout the summer and with their respective teachers in their instrument lessons.

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Senior Strings

Monday 27 - Tuesday 28 July or Thursday 30 - Friday 31 July, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Grade 5 to 8

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

£95

Two day course

What to bring

- Instrument
- Pencil
- Music (printed if possible)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water
- Lots of energy and creativity!



Course Details

The course will work on some baroque and classical chamber music for strings, to include Telemann Canonic Sonatas, Vivaldi Concertos and duets by Mazas.

The course will encompass advanced chamber music skills, develop listening, watching, leading and presenting and how to react and work within a team for the best result of the music.

There will hopefully be a short presentation of work which has taken place on the course.

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Introduction to Music Theory

Monday 3 August or Tuesday 4 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 8 to 12

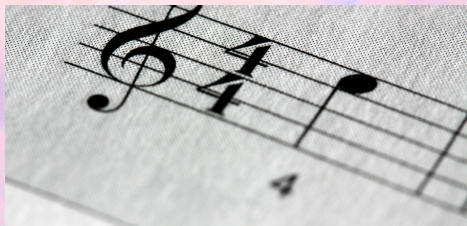
Grade 1 plus on any instrument

£50

One day course

What to bring

- Pencil
- Notebook
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

The ideal course for anyone at Grade 1 standard upwards on any instrument or in singing, this will be a fun day that starts to explore the wonderful world of music theory.

A mixture of games, fun activities and learning, this course will help your child to develop a good level of confidence in basic music theory that will help to accelerate their learning on any instrument.

What you will learn

- Understanding music notation
- Key and time signatures
- The stave, including treble and bass clefs

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Summer Samba

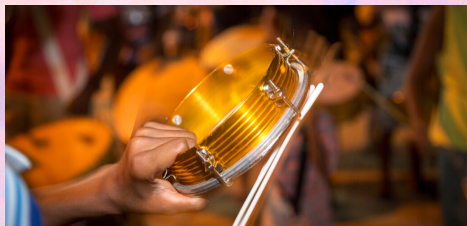
Monday 3 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 10 to 16
No experience needed

£50
One day course

What to bring

- Enthusiasm
- Bright/carnival shirt/t shirt
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

- Experience the exciting world of Brazilian Samba
- Experiment with Samba Instruments
- Explore new sounds and rhythms
- Build confidence and concentration skills
- Work together as a team, make friends and have a great day!

What you will learn

This course will leave you with a real sense of achievement as you all perform a thrilling Samba piece as a group by the end of the day!

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The Drum Kit Experience

Beginner Beats

Tuesday 4 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 8 to 13

No experience needed

£50

One day course

What to bring

- Enthusiasm
- Own sticks if preferred (otherwise we can supply sticks and pads)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

- Learn different rhythms with both hands and feet that make up everything we play on drums
- Learn to play rock grooves - impress your friends with some excellent beats!
- Experience different styles of drumming - Pop, Rock, Latin, Jazz and Funky... and your favourite songs
- Learn about Set-Up, Grip and Introduction to Rudiments and Theory of Drum Music - understanding the building blocks of Drumming

What you will learn

Fulfil your ambition to be able to play some great drum kit rhythms and fills. Have a much greater understanding of timing, tempo and rhythms - whatever instrument you play!

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Creative Composers

Monday 10 August or Tuesday 11 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 11 to 16

Basic understanding from school music curriculum required

£50

One day course

What to bring

- Your own instrument (guitar, strings, percussion)
- Enthusiasm for creating new music
- Notepad and pencil
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

An inspiring, practical and immersive one day course helping Key Stage 3 students prepare for the composition coursework element of GCSE music. During the day we will:

- Explore different styles of composition including orchestral, pop and music for film and video games
- Learn how to generate original musical ideas and motifs
- Build knowledge of harmony to create different moods within a piece
- Learn how to develop and extend musical ideas
- Develop skills in structuring a piece of music

What you will learn

By the end of the day participants will...

- Perform and record their new piece as a group
- Be confident using a variety of musical strategies for developing their own composition ideas
- Take home a 'Composers' Toolkit' of musical devices which they can use at home and at school

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Folk It Up

Monday 10 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 12 and over
Good understanding of
your instrument needed

£50
One day course

What to bring

- Your own instrument (strings, guitar, percussion, keyboard, ukulele, mandolin)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

Folk music is all about communication, energy and fun.

From learning tunes by ear, to layering up riffs to create unique arrangements, this course is all about getting creative with folk melodies from the British Isles and further afield.

What you will learn

This course will teach you how to work aurally with folk music, to communicate with an ensemble and how to develop creative arrangements of folk tunes.

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Piano Course - At The Movies

Tuesday 11 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 8 to 12
Up to Grade 2

£50
One day course

What to bring

- Your own keyboard, power supply and music stand (there may be a limited number of keyboards available for use)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

Come and improve your piano and keyboard skills! This course is ideal for pianists up to Grade 2 who are able to play and read bass clef C to high C confidently.

We will be warming up, learning some fantastic pieces all together, and having a go at some improvisation.

There will be plenty of parts so there will always be something you can play easily.

What you will learn

- Playing as part of a group
- Improvising
- Improving your sight reading

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Guitar Masterclass Helen Sanderson

Wednesday 12 August, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

All ages and
abilities welcome

£10

Zoom Masterclass

Masterclass Details

- Calling all guitarists! Join in this online masterclass with Head of Guitar Performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Helen Sanderson
- Learn through group sessions how to improve your technique and get important advice on your daily warm up routine
- There will be an opportunity for some students to present a solo piece to Helen and gain tips and tricks on how to improve their performance
- Helen will share her experiences as a prestigious performer, composer and educator. Ask questions on how to improve your guitar playing and musicianship
- Open to all guitarists. All you will need is an instrument, a laptop or tablet and an internet connection!



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Make Some Noise!

Junior Percussion

Thursday 13 - Friday 14 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 9 to 14
Grade 1 to Grade 4

£95
Two day course

What to bring

- Own sticks (if preferred, otherwise we can supply)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

The aim of this course is to introduce percussionists and kit players to the opportunities of playing tuned percussion.

Students will learn how simple it is to pick up the basics and how exciting the results can be.

No tuned percussion experience is necessary, just an understanding of stick technique and bags of enthusiasm!

What you will learn

Students will work on one or two pieces during the day, and will learn confidence and skills on tuned percussion instruments.

They will work towards a performance at the end of the second day.

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Guitar Groove - Juniors

Monday 17 - Tuesday 18 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 8 and over
Beginner to Grade 1

£95
Two day course

What to bring

- Guitar
- Footstool
- Clip on guitar tuner
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

A chance to spend two days playing guitar in an ensemble at Berkshire Maestros' Reading HQ.

We will learn and practise a diverse range of repertoire and performance skills.

There will also be warm up and technique sessions on both days.

What you will learn

At the end of the course, the students will feel more confident about playing in an ensemble and be ready to join one of our music centre guitar groups. They will also have a warm up routine they can use to help their practice sessions at home. The course will conclude with a short performance.

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Double Bass Day

Monday 17 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 12 and over
Grade 3 plus

£50
One day course

What to bring

- Your instrument
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

A great opportunity to develop your skills working together with other Double Bass players.

We will be working with chamber music written specifically for Double Bass ensembles, and with excerpts from the orchestral repertoire.

What you will learn

A greater understanding of musical communication in a chamber music setting, how to improve your tuning, sound production and abilities to play together in a section of Double Basses.

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Piano Course - Jazztastic

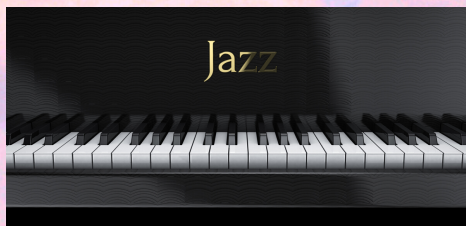
Tuesday 18 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 8 to 12
Up to Grade 2

£50
One day course

What to bring

- Your own keyboard, power supply and music stand (there may be a limited number of keyboards available for use)
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



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We will be warming up, learning some fantastic pieces all together, and having a go at some improvisation.

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What you will learn

- Playing as part of a group
- Improvising
- Improving your sight reading

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Guitar Groove - Seniors

Thursday 20 - Friday 21 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 11 to 16
Grade 2 to 5

£95
Two day course

What to bring

- Guitar
- Footstool
- Clip on guitar tuner
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



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Build Your Own Ukulele

Thursday 20 - Friday 21 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Age 8 to 13

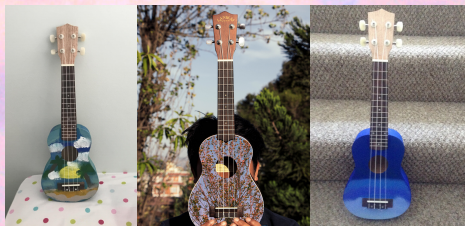
Beginner to intermediate

£95

Two day course

What to bring

- Old clothes or apron for painting
- Packed lunch, snacks, water



Course Details

A chance to build your own ukulele!

The course is aimed at those aged 8 upwards and would suit those who are:

- a newcomer to the ukulele and need guidance and inspiration
- looking for a smaller, more manageable instrument as a first step towards playing guitar
- already learning guitar and want to widen their musical palette and enhance their skills

Whatever your motivation, you will benefit from our expert tuition, make friends with like-minded individuals, make great music and have lots of fun! It is not necessary to be able to read music or play any instruments before signing up to this course – all experience levels are welcome.

What you will learn

During this course, you will learn to:

- Build and design your own ukulele
- Learn the ukulele basics
- Master some popular tunes

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Grade 5 Theory Course

Tuesday 25 - Thursday 27 August, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Age 11 and over
Grade 3 plus**

£250
Three day course

What to bring

- Pencils
- A rubber
- A sharpener
- A ruler
- Packed lunch, snacks, water

Music Theory - Grade

5

An intensive, three-day music theory course and refresher day to prepare students for the ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory exam.

Tuesday 25 - Thursday 27 August 2020
Tuesday 10 November 2020

Course Details

Berkshire Maestros is delighted to be offering another intensive three-day music theory course to prepare students for the ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory exam. The course is aimed at young people of secondary school age who need to pass Grade 5 Music Theory ahead of their Grade 6+ practical, or students wanting to enhance their theoretical knowledge in preparation for GCSE Music. The course is open to all students, including those who are not students of Berkshire Maestros. Students enrolling for this course must be at least Grade 3 standard on their chosen instrument/voice.

Please see our website for more details:

www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/Music_Theory_Course.html

What you will learn

Students need to commit to working through all the homework set, including seven past papers (provided). There will be a refresher session between 5.00pm and 8.00pm on **Tuesday 3 November 2020**. The ABRSM Music Theory exam will take place on **Tuesday 10 November 2020**.

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Violin Masterclass Tasmin Little

Thursday 27 August, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

All ages and
abilities welcome

£10
Zoom Masterclass

Masterclass Details

- Join us for this exciting violin masterclass from one of the world's leading violin solo performers.
- Tasmin will share with you her experiences from a multi award winning and varied solo career that includes performances in some of the most prestigious venues in the world.
- There will be an opportunity for some students to present solo pieces to Tasmin. Others may prefer to observe but will still gain a lot of knowledge on how to improve their violin playing
- Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to meet and learn from a world class musician
- Open to all violinists. All you will need is an instrument, a laptop or tablet and an internet connection!



Photo: Benjamin Edlovega

BOOK HERE

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Are you interested in learning a musical instrument?

Berkshire Maestros offers the highest quality musical education delivering instrumental and singing lessons. Tuition covers all instrumental families; brass, guitar, keyboard, percussion, strings, woodwind and voice, across a wide range of styles and genres.

We offer small group and one-to-one instrumental and singing lessons at all levels, usually in schools and in our music centres across the county.

Our lessons are currently delivered online via Zoom, however we are following government guidance and are hoping to return to face to face teaching for the Autumn term.

For more information about the lessons and activities we offer, please visit our website at www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

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