

BRITTEN PEARSON
ARTS



Join us at Celebration 2022

Monday 7 - Saturday 12 March 2022

Introduction

Here you will find everything you need to know to enter your school / community group in this amazing festival for young peoples' music making.

brittenpearsarts.org/take-part/schools/celebration

Did you know?

**1,400
children
take part**

Approximately

Snape Maltings and the Britten-Pears Foundation joined together in April 2020 to become Britten Pears Arts

Snape Maltings was made into the amazing venue we use today through the vision and dedication of **Benjamin Britten and his partner Peter Pears**

Over 37,000 young people have performed at Celebration over the years

The Main Concert Hall burnt down in 1968 and was rebuilt in 1969, in time for that year's Aldeburgh Festival

Due to Covid-19, there were no Celebration performances in 2021

**The first
Celebration
was held in
1987**



What is Celebration?

- **Celebration is our annual festival for schools and young peoples' music groups in Suffolk**
- **Each year Celebration welcomes over 45 groups to perform at the world-famous Snape Maltings Concert Hall**
- **The festival celebrates the wonderful music-making happening in maintained schools and young people's community music groups across Suffolk**
- **The festival welcomes children up to age 18**
- **Groups are selected for each evening's programme to include children of all ages and stages of learning**
- **All genres, styles, and traditions of music are welcome, including your own compositions**
- **As well as your own performance, all groups join together to perform a finale piece as part of a massed choir**

Bring the **imagination and **creativity** of the young people you work with and take centre-stage to perform on one of our Celebration dates, in the world-famous Snape Maltings Concert Hall**



Take your first steps towards Celebration

- Devise a performance idea that celebrates music-making in your school or community group
- Ensure that your performance has a focus on live music and is no longer than 10-minutes in length
- Check the key dates with your school / group's diary and make a commitment to participate in the entire Celebration performance package
- Consult and confirm with your Headteacher / community group leaders that your group has permission and support to take part
- Complete the online application form

The Celebration package

Alongside performing on stage at the world-famous Snape Maltings Concert Hall during the week of Celebration, you will be able to participate in many other performing arts opportunities devised for you and your group. These include:

- An exciting programme of continuing professional development opportunities for you, and pre-performance opportunities for our young musicians to enjoy
- Professional technical and stage support to maximise your performance
- Finale workshop for your school / group on your performance day at Snape
- Singing with a 200+ strong choir as part of the Finale on your performance night
- Opportunity to join a local and national network of other music initiatives and activities
- Ongoing support from the Britten Pears Arts Community Team to develop music in your school / group
- Participation and support towards:
 - Artsmark
 - Arts Award
 - Children's engagement with the Suffolk Children's University

Above all Celebration is an amazing experience for you and your young people which will provide memories of success and achievement that will last for years to come



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How to apply

APPLY ONLINE AT

brittenpearsarts.org/take-part/schools/celebration

You will need to give us some information such as:

- **Who will be performing:** age / year group / name and type of group
e.g. choir, orchestra, folk-band
- **As much detail as you can about your performance / programme**
- **The dates your school/ group can perform**
Community groups can apply for Saturday only
- **A school / group email that is regularly checked**
- **Headteacher / community group leader consent**

For more information or questions email
celebration@brittenpearsarts.org

**Deadline for applications:
Friday 5 November 2021**

Key Dates for your diary

Friday 5 November 2021
Application deadline

Wednesday 24 November 2021
Application responses sent to all groups

Friday 26 November 2021
Celebration Information Pack, including details of CPD and pre-performance opportunities sent to groups

Friday 3 December 2021
Deadline to confirm acceptance

Monday 17 January 2022
Deadline to return:

- Technical details form
- Child Performance Licensing (BOPA) details
- Headteacher absence authorisation
- Film and Photograph permissions

Monday 7 February 2022
Deadline for schools' ticket booking at reduced rate

7 – 12 March 2022
Celebration performance week



Please note:

Britten Pears Arts will ask for evaluation and monitoring feedback throughout the process, including after the Celebration performance.

During Spring Term 2022 there will also be several pre-performance and CPD opportunities for schools and community groups to take part in.

We are required to comply with Child Performance Legislation and submit the ages and gender of all performers participating in Celebration to the local authority. We will support you in this process if your group is selected.

While we would like to capture photographs of all Celebration performers, we understand that this isn't always possible, so please don't let this discourage you from applying.

We are able to accommodate young people and staff with all accessibility needs. Please let us know if you have any specific requirements you would like us to know about.



The 2022 Finale

We are excited to welcome back Emily Barden who wrote 2020 Vision, the finale piece used in our last Celebration.

For the 2022 Finale Emily will be composing a high energy piece that reflects young voices, what they want to say and how they want to say it. With some elements written by young people, the piece will present plenty of opportunities for your children to express their creativity and performance skills in massed celebratory song.

Composer: Emily Barden

Emily is an experienced choral leader, songwriter and arranger, predominantly working with young voices and adult community choirs. She regularly leads Big Sings, massed choral events and song-writing projects with national young people's music organisations. A published songwriter, Emily has written many Sing Up Day anthems sung by young voices around the world.

Apply Now!

Submit your application using the form on our website.

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