

Welcome to Eastbourne Music Centre

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MUSIC

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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EAST SUSSEX MUSIC

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Music Centres provide opportunities to play in groups, bands and orchestras. There are choirs too, for those who love to sing. The Centres offer a fun and sociable environment where learning is accelerated with the support of expert tutors.

A wide range of activities take place on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings after school, and concerts take place throughout the year so that our young musicians can grow in confidence and discover the thrill of live performance.

Marcus Plant
Music Centre Leader

“What an amazing concert tonight. Every group, every tune, every child. Thank you.”

Photography by Rohan Van Twest

JOINING A MUSIC CENTRE

School age children are welcome to become members of our Music Centres and access the groups, bands and choirs appropriate to their experience and age, together with tuition on their chosen instruments.

They also have access to a great social atmosphere away from the pressures of the normal school day.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The termly fee is £75. This allows pupils to join as many appropriate Music Centre activities as they wish. A £5 registration fee is payable for pupils not currently registered with East Sussex Music. Assistance with fees is available to families in receipt of certain benefits (please refer to the application form online for details).

Applications should be made online at eastsussexmusic.org

YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS

Saturday mornings subject to viability

This fun course lays the perfect foundation for young children from age 3 to 7.

Through a wide range of activities, including games, songs, music & movement and percussion children develop aural awareness, co-ordination, memory, spatial awareness and concentration in addition to musical skills.

For those who wish to join Young Music Makers only, the termly fee is £22.

CHOIRS

Singing is fun and is a central activity at Music Centres.

JUNIOR CHOIR (YEARS 3 TO 6)

Saturdays

YOUTH CHOIR (YEARS 6 TO 13)

Saturdays

This choir sings a range of music from classical to contemporary, gospel and spirituals, jazz and show tunes. There is no audition for membership. All you need is an enthusiasm to sing.

The Youth Choirs from all Music Centres have taken part in the BBC Live Children In Need broadcast.

For those who wish to join a Music Centre choir only, the termly fee is £42.

FOR GUITARISTS

GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Saturdays • Ratton School

This new group is for young guitarists to develop their technique and ensemble skills. They will have the opportunity to perform in concerts each term and join up with other groups occasionally at music centre.

FOR STRING PLAYERS

These groups enrich and develop the skills children are learning in their weekly lessons and give them the opportunity to play in a bigger group.

BRONZE & SILVER STRING GROUPS

Saturdays

These violin ensembles are a fantastic way of music making with other string players. Young violinists will develop their technique through a wide variety of fun music and perform in lots of concerts throughout the year.

GOLD STRING ENSEMBLE

Saturdays

This group meets as a violin group and a cello group, as well as working together as a training orchestra, in preparation for the String Orchestra at a later stage. Pupils who are Suzuki Book 2 or Grade 2 level are invited to apply.

FOR MORE ADVANCED STUDENTS

STRING CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Mondays • 6.00–6.30pm

Performing chamber music is one of the most rewarding of music making activities. These ensembles provide more experienced players the opportunity to play in trios and quartets.

EASTBOURNE STRING ORCHESTRA

Mondays • 6.30–8.00pm

The String Orchestra is one of the music center's premier ensembles. It explores the standard string repertoire in a variety of styles. Regular sectional coaching is included and sections of the orchestra will have opportunities to study and perform pieces on their own. Suitable for players of an equivalent standard of Grade 4

FOR WIND, BRASS, KEYBOARD & PERCUSSIONISTS

JUNIOR FLUTE

Saturdays

These ensembles are for all flautists in their initial stages of learning. They will have their first opportunity of performing in a larger group and in music centre concerts.

INTERMEDIATE WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

Saturdays

This exciting ensemble is for all flautists, clarinettists and saxophonists playing at Grade 2-4 standard. They will play a variety of musical styles with many other students from the area.

BRASS ROOTS ENSEMBLE

Saturdays

This is a fantastic opportunity for all young brass players from beginners up to Grade 3 standard to play in a band and perform in concerts.

ADULT GUITAR

Parents can also enjoy the chance to make music. This is for guitar players of all levels, from beginners to competent players.

EASTBOURNE YOUTH BRASS

Mondays • 6.00–7.30pm

For all brass players from Grade 3 standard. Pupils will explore the wide variety of brass music and have the opportunity to perform in a wide range of concert venues.

“It’s fantastic to see so many brass players all together, the sound blew me away!”

PERCUSSION 12

Saturdays

The Percussion Group is for all percussionists who are in their initial stages of learning. They will get the opportunity to build upon their existing skills and also explore different percussion instruments.

PERCUSSION 35

Saturdays

The Percussion Ensemble will give more experienced percussionists the opportunity to play a variety of percussion instruments and perform in concerts throughout the year.

SAMBA BAND

Saturdays

Being part of a Samba Band will encourage an even stronger sense of pulse and rhythm for musicians and improves confidence when performing, besides being great fun! Pupils of any or no experience from age 8 are welcome to join.

EASTBOURNE YOUTH CONCERT BAND

Saturdays

The Concert Band is one of the music centre's premier ensembles. It explores the vast and exciting repertoire of music for this combination of instruments and regular sectional coaching is included. The band performs regularly in concerts throughout the year. Musicians who are Grade 5 or above are welcome to audition.

THEORY OF MUSIC

Understanding the theory of music is vital for anyone who aspires to become a fully rounded musician. Theory is essential in understanding musical structure and enhances the reading and interpretation of music.

MUSIC THEORY

Monday Evenings

Theory classes are suitable for pupils who are approaching Grade 4-5 on their instruments. Pupils may enter for the Grade 5 theory exam at an additional charge.

Some of our courses require an audition for entry, and our staff would be delighted to discuss this with you and advise which group(s) would be appropriate for your child. Please telephone 01273 261540 or email esm@brightondome.org

Parents and carers of Music Centre pupils are welcome and encouraged to observe lessons.

It is especially helpful for parents of younger pupils to attend sessions as this can help increase the effectiveness of home practice.

UNLESS INDICATED,
THE VENUE FOR ALL
ACTIVITIES IS:

Ratton School, Park Avenue
Eastbourne BN21 2XR

WIDER AREA ENSEMBLE

This group draws their membership from more than one Music Centre area.

SOUTH DOWNS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Friday • 6.00–8.30pm • Priory School, Lewes

The South Downs Youth Orchestra meet for weekly rehearsals during term-time. This orchestra sets itself the challenge to perform great music of the classical repertoire. They have performed overtures by Beethoven, Dvorak, and Mendelssohn, and symphonies by such composers as Schubert, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich. They have also performed the film music from Star Wars, and Mission Impossible and Harry Potter. The orchestra is committed to performing new music, and frequently play music written for the orchestra by local composers.

They perform throughout East Sussex, and have played at the Royal Albert Hall and St John's Smith Square in London. The orchestra benefits from a team of tutors who give their time and experience to working with the orchestra at rehearsals on Friday evenings.

Auditions take place throughout the year. If you play an orchestral instrument and are Grade 6 standard or above, why not apply?

Apply online for SDYO
at eastsussexmusic.org

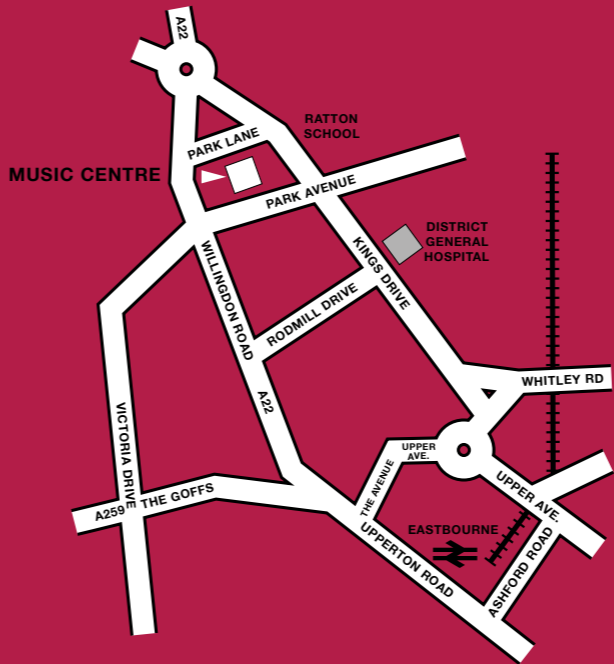
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