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**KS2 Singing Festival – Level 2**

**Sheffield Cathedral**

**Tuesday 11th December 2018**

Sheffield Music Hub and Sheffield Cathedral would like to invite your school to participate in a Singing Festival to give your children the opportunity to perform high quality age appropriate songs as part of a choir of up to 250 young voices.  This Level Two Singing festival is for classes or year groups who have attended a singing festival before and where teachers feel ready to move them on to the next level of challenge.

Up to two classes of KS2 children will work with their class teacher and Sheffield Music Hub’s Laura Steelyard - an experienced children’s singing leader. Your children will work towards the following objectives: Developing expression and characterisation in your children’s performance; Beginning to sing in harmony using match songs and simple part singing; Developing singing technique through focus on diction, dynamics, phrasing etc.

Further details are as follows:

**In school sessions from a Sheffield Music Hub Singing Specialist**

You will receive two visits to your school from Laura Steelyard. She will work with the class(es) who are learning the songs, and with their *class teachers* to help them feel confident and fully prepared for the final performance.

**A final massed choir rehearsal and performance at Sheffield Cathedral**

Your children will come together with up to 250 children from other primary schools to sing together for a morning or an afternoon at Sheffield Cathedral. Parents and Carers are invited to attend the performance to celebrate the fantastic achievements of the children.

**A CPD session for as many members of your staff as you like!**

A CPD twilight session will be held at Sheffield Music Hub’s new dedicated learning space at Stadia Technology Park from 4-6pm on **Wednesday 3rd October**. It is expected that the **class teachers** of the children who will be performing attend this session, and we also invite any other members of your school staff to join them: bring the whole team if you want to! Attendees will learn the songs for the Festival, and be guided to develop their teaching practice with great techniques for teaching songs to children and working with young voices. This project will have the biggest impact on your school’s music strategy if non-music specialists can access this CPD session.

**A song resource you can use with your whole school**

The Singing Festival will use teacher friendly resources from a specialist publisher of school singing materials, which you can keep in school and continue to use long after the Singing Festival is finished. And because you can send as many of your staff as you like to the CPD session, the *whole school* can benefit from this project.

**All of this for just £95**

Singing Festivals are heavily subsidised by Sheffield Music Hub using money from the Arts Council England Music Education Hubs Grant. We ask each school to make a contribution of £95 towards the Festival. This covers all of the elements outlined above (CPD, in school teaching sessions by Music Hub specialists, a high-quality reusable resource, and a performance opportunity with live band in a prestigious concert venue).

**Timetable**

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| **Date:** | Wednesday October 3rd 2018 |
| **Time:** | 1600 - 1800 |
| **Venue:** | Sheffield Music Hub, Block C, Stadia Technology Park, 60 Shirland Lane, Sheffield. S9 3SP. |
| **Process:** | CPD Session led by Sheffield Music Hub. Your designated class teacher(s) **must** attend, but any other staff are welcome. |

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| **Date:** | October and November |
| **Time:** | Negotiable |
| **Venue:** | Your School |
| **Process:** | Music Hub Singing Specialists will come to your school twice to work with your chosen class(es). Your class teachers will teach the children the skills and songs needed for the performance throughout the term. |

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| **Date:** | Tuesday 11th December 2018 |
| **Time\*:**  **\*** Precise timings subject to slight change. | **0915**: Arrival  **0930 – 1040**: Rehearsal  **1100 – 1140**: Performance (open to parents arranging free tickets in advance on a first come, first served basis)  *~ or ~*  **1300**: Arrival  **1305 – 1410**: Rehearsal  **1430 – 1510**: Performance (open to parents arranging free tickets in advance on a first come, first served basis) |
| **Venue:** | Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street, Sheffield, S1 1HA |
| **Process:** | Final Rehearsal and massed choir performance. |

**Transport**

We ask that the school takes responsibility for safe transport of the children to and from Sheffield Cathedral, and we will be in touch after you’ve signed up to let you know details about parking and logistics at the Cathedral.

**What you need to do now**

Please sign up online at www.sheffieldmusichub.org by Friday September 14th. If you have any further questions, please contact Peter.Taylor@Sheffield.gov.uk, or by phone on 0114 250 6861 (Monday to Thursday). We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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