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## **KS2 Singing Festival – Christmas Crackers**

**Firth Hall – The University of Sheffield  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Sheffield Music Hub and The University of Sheffield 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 One Singing festival is for classes or year groups who are new to Singing Festivals. They are also perfect for teachers who are new to teaching singing.

Up to two classes of KS2 children will work with their class teacher and Sheffield Music Hub's Peter Taylor - an experienced children's singing leader. Your children will work towards the following objectives: Singing in tune and singing together; Learning songs off by heart; Learning how to make a beautiful sound.

Further details are as follows:

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

You will receive two visits to your school from Peter Taylor. He 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 Firth Hall**

Your children will come together with up to 250 children from other primary schools to sing together for a morning or an afternoon at The University of Sheffield's Firth Hall. 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 **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. It is expected that the **class teachers** of the children who will be performing attend this session, and we also



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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 a selection of songs from Out of the Ark's high quality, tried and tested resources. All of the songs come with vocal and backing tracks, fully interactive whiteboard lyrics that allow you to skip between verses and choruses, lyric sheets you can print, and teaching tips to help you get the most out of the experience. 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.

### Cost to Schools

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 **£120** 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).

In addition to the £120 contribution, we will provide you with one concert ticket for each child taking part at a cost of £3 per ticket: This ticket is to allow friends and family to attend the performance, and you may choose to give or sell these to parents and carers at a price of your choosing.

#### Pricing example for 2 classes taking part:

Singing Festival fee: £120  
 60 tickets at £3 each: £180  
 Total cost: £300.

In this case, Sheffield Music Hub will charge your school £300, but you have the opportunity to recoup much or all of this by selling your 60 tickets to your families.

### Timetable

<b>Date</b>	Thursday September 26 <sup>th</sup> 2019
<b>Time</b>	1600 - 1800
<b>Venue</b>	Sheffield Music Hub, Block C, Stadia Technology Park, 60 Shirland Lane, Sheffield. S9 3SP.
<b>Event</b>	CPD Session led by Sheffield Music Hub. Your designated class teacher(s) <b>must</b> attend, but any other staff are welcome.

<b>Date</b>	Throughout October and November
<b>Time</b>	Negotiable
<b>Venue</b>	Your School
<b>Event</b>	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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<b>Date</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Time*</b>	0915: Arrival 0930 – 1045: Rehearsal 1100 – 1140: Performance <i>Or</i> 1245: Arrival 1300 – 1415: Rehearsal 1430 – 1510: Performance
* Precise timings subject to slight change.	
<b>Venue</b>	Firth Hall, The University of Sheffield, Western Bank, S10 2TN
<b>Event</b>	Final Rehearsal and massed choir performance.

### Transport

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

### What you need to do now

Please sign up online at [www.sheffieldmusichub.org](http://www.sheffieldmusichub.org) by Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any further questions, please contact [musichubprojects@Sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:musichubprojects@Sheffield.gov.uk), or by phone on 0114 250 6860 (Monday to Friday – except Wednesdays). We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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