



Listen Up!

as 1500 young performers from the London Borough of Merton present another astonishing Music is for Life event at the Royal Albert Hall.

Amidst the 70th anniversary celebrations in 2015 marking the end of World War II, young people in Merton have given much creative consideration to what this means in human terms.

Their thoughts are reflected through a diversity of musicmaking and storytelling including a 1250 voice all age choir, 250 strong concert band, jazz orchestra, massed strings, guitars and percussion ensemble, and a special school orchestra celebrating the work of young musicians from across the disability spectrum.

Concert highlights include Radio Retro, a dynamic new jazz suite by Pete Letanka for Merton Youth Jazz Orchestra, tracking eight decades of popular 'hits' from the 1940's to the present day.

The concert finale features the world premiere of **Backstories**, which explores the challenges and joyful rewards of intergenerational communication through an innovative music and drama commission. Original music and lyrics by Pete Churchill, Sam Chaplin, Nikki Franklin, Phil Merriman and Adam Saunders. Story and direction by Mark McGann and Drama Direct.

Presented by Merton Music Foundation as a Merton Music Education Hub initiative and in partnership with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the event is supported by the London Borough of Merton, Arts Council England / Department for Education / Grants for the arts, Youth Music, and The Taylor Family Foundation.

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Tickets: £32.00 (£35.14), £28.00 (£31.06), £25.00 (£28.00), £22.00 (£24.94), £20.00 (£22.90), £18.00 (£20.86), £14.00 (£16.78), £12.00 (£14.74)

Half price concession for Under 16s on all prices

The higher prices above includes a RAH payment handling fee of 2% of the total booking and a £2.50 per ticket transaction processing fee when booked over the phone or online. Bookings made in person will be charged at the lower prices.

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