

Information for Applicants

**Southwark CYM Saturday Music
Centre**

and

**Southwark Blue Note
CYM Saturday Music Centre**

Introduction

The Southwark CYM Saturday Music Centre was opened in November 1999. Since opening it has grown and developed in size and provision for the pupils. The success of this development is evident in the progress of the pupils and the enjoyment of all involved, including pupils, parents/carers and staff. To accommodate the large number of children waiting to join, a second centre, the Southwark Blue Note CYM Saturday Music Centre, was opened in January 2002.

As an integral part of Southwark's programme of music education, the centres are affiliated to the Centre for Young Musicians (CYM) based at Morley College, which continues to play a key role in music education throughout London.

The centres are open to pupils between the ages of 7-11 years who live in the London Borough of Southwark.

Both centres aim to provide all pupils with a broadly based music education that serves both to enhance their enjoyment and appreciation of music and to engender a greater understanding of music making in a variety of contexts.

All pupils take part in weekly sessions of general musicianship, have instrumental tuition in focused groups and take part in ensemble playing.

Attendance at both centres is **free** for all pupils and the centres also offer **free loan** of instruments.

The centres are open from 9.30am -12.30pm on 30 Saturdays per year at,

Southwark CYM Saturday Music Centre
St. Thomas the Apostle College
Hollydale Road
London
SE15 2EB

and

Southwark Blue Note CYM Saturday Music Centre
Aylwin Girls School
55 Southwark Park Road
London
SE16 3TZ

Waiting List

There is a waiting list for places at the centres. Exactly how long each individual applicant may have to wait is difficult to predict since it is dependent on whether a suitable place can be found within the desired instrumental group. The average waiting time is currently **12 months** (all applications are dealt with in strict chronological order of their receipt).

Who is eligible to apply?

All children aged 7 - 11 years, living within the London Borough of Southwark are eligible to apply. No special expertise or experience is required but participants will need to commit themselves to attending their centre **regularly** on Saturdays during term-time **throughout the year** and to follow up the centre-based work with additional practice etc. as appropriate. **Pupils' attendance and punctuality are monitored and recorded.**

Annual reports of pupils' progress, achievements, attendance and punctuality are sent to parents/carers and the headteachers of pupils' schools.

Those pupils receiving instrumental tuition at either centre may be loaned an instrument, although they are not allowed to take it home immediately. When instruments are taken home for practising, pupils and their parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their safety and care.

N.B. Pupils receiving instrumental tuition at the music centres may not have lessons on the same instrument with other teachers as this can often cause confusion and hinder progress.

What do the activities involve?

- * **Ensemble Playing** - takes place in instrumental groups i.e. string ensemble, recorder consort, wind band, gamelan or percussion ensemble.
- * **General Musicianship** - takes place in groups of between 15 - 20 students and explores basic elements of music including improvisation skills, performing skills and group composition.
- * **Instrumental Tuition** - takes place in groups of varying sizes according to stage of learning and the specific instrument being taught.

As the centres develop they will be continually expanding their range of activities and are keen to respond to the individual needs and wishes of participants.

Facilities at the centres

Pupils attending either centre have access to an outdoor playground at break times.
No pupil is allowed off the premises between their start and finish times.

Unfortunately, there are no refreshment facilities at either of the Centres, therefore students are advised to bring a drink and snack for their break.

Although there are at present no special access arrangements for the disabled, no-one wishing to attend the centre will be prevented from doing so for this reason. Please telephone Andy Grappy on 07932 328775 or Roshana Langdon on 0781 3679072 during normal office hours to discuss your particular needs.

Tutorial Staff

Tutors at the Southwark CYM Saturday Music Centre include:

Dave Beany, Sandra Dyer, Mick Foster, Andy Grappy (Head of Centre), Tom Haines, Paula Kirby, David Levale, Shelley Levy, Pat Livingstone, Helen Neilson, Gabrielle Prince, Kate Robinson and Hattie Webster.

Tutors at the Southwark Blue Note CYM Saturday Music Centre include:

Katie Ash, Andy Channing, Detta Danford, Aris Daryono, Katrina Fountain, Yoshi Inada, Helen Karelis, Roshana Langdon (Head of Centre), Pablo Paracchino and Bidy Samuels.

How to apply?

Application forms should be available from schools. Alternatively they can be obtained from:

**Sheila Pollard
School Improvement Division
Schools Services
John Smith House
144-152 Walworth Road
SE17 1JL
Tel: 020 7525 5297**

All applicants should complete the applicable sections of the form. The headteacher of the applicant's school must complete section 5 before returning the form to:

**Head of Music Centre
C/o: Sheila Pollard
School Improvement Division
Schools Services
John Smith House
144-152 Walworth Road
SE17 1JL**

N.B. Application forms must be signed by a parent/carer to ensure the child's regular and punctual attendance and must also be endorsed by the headteacher of the applicant's school.

Queries

If you have any queries about the centres or wish to discuss any aspect of its work and its suitability for your child, please contact either,

Andy Grappy (Head of Southwark CYM Saturday Music Centre) on **07932 328775**
or

Roshana Langdon (Head of Southwark Blue Note CYM Saturday Music Centre) on **0781 3679072**.