

Solihull Music Service

Solihull Music Service is committed to working in partnership with schools and pupils to assist them in all forms of music making. It also enriches the lives of pupils and the community through the provision of a wide range of music making opportunities.

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John and Nichola Ruddick
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Solihull Arts Complex– for their long and continued support.
Birmingham Music Service
Solihull Music Service
The performers!!
The audience!!

For further information:

www.myjo.co.uk

www.solihull.gov.uk/musicservice

ww.solihull.gov.uk (Arts Complex)

www.services.bgfl.org/services/music

(Birmingham Music Service)



Solihull Music Service Presents

a

Big Band Bash

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Solihull Arts Complex



Tuesday February 10th 2009
7.30pm

Featuring Jazz Ensembles from
Birmingham and Solihull.

Presented by
Richard Jones
Manager of Events and Ensembles
Solihull Music Service

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Birmingham and Solihull Music Service's Big Band Bash!! Following a successful concert last year, it was decided to make this an annual event at the Solihull Arts Complex. The concert will showcase young students performing jazz music. There are four bands performing for you this evening.

1st Half

Junior Jazz is directed by Anthony Jones

The show will start with the Solihull Junior Jazz Ensemble. This band has gone from strength in the last year. This band was created last year to act as a feeder band to Jazz Matters, but is gaining a strong reputation in its own right. They have appeared at the Birmingham Town Hall and have featured in many other local concerts...please welcome back to the Arts Complex...Junior Jazz Matters.

BSJE is Directed by John Ruddick

Finishing the first half is the Birmingham Schools Jazz Ensemble (BSJE). This is Birmingham's premier Jazz Ensemble and , they have performed at prestigious venues such as the Symphony Hall and Birmingham Town Hall to name a few!!

Their continuing success is down to the dedication of their conductor John Ruddick, supported by his wife Nichola. John has spent most of his working life, either playing as a professional musician or conducting bands. For 30 years the Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra (MYJO) has been considered to one of the best big bands in the country and has produced some of the worlds top musicians.....this is all down to the hard work of John Ruddick. Anthony and myself both played for MYJO and we hope to pass on the experience and skills we have learnt to future young musicians.

Interval will be for 20 mins

2nd Half

BSTJE is directed by Richard Jones

This will start with the Birmingham Schools Training Jazz Ensemble (BSTJE). This band is the feeder band to Birmingham's premier Jazz Ensemble. They have worked really hard since September with a virtually new line up and I hope you will enjoy their performance!!

Jazz Matters is Directed by Anthony Jones

Finishing the concert are the fabulous Jazz Matters. This is Solihull's premier Jazz ensemble and since being formed, just five years ago, they have performed at prestigious venues such as the Warwick Arts Centre, NEC, Symphony Hall and Birmingham Town Hall.

Their success has been down to the tremendous hard work by their musical director Anthony Jones. Anthony does a tremendous amount of work for the Solihull Music Service and has helped produce many young and exciting musicians in Solihull. Due to his success in Solihull, Anthony has been appointed as musical director for the Sandwell Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Students from all bands will meet parents in the foyer/bar area after the show