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**From:** Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Norman Davies

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## 500 strong choir premier their voice

Over 500 Solihull school children will be singing loud and proud at the premier performance of the *Voice Thief* on Monday night, 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The massed choir, made up of pupils from primary schools across the borough, will perform alongside actors and dancers from the boroughs secondary schools for the world premiere performance of the musical at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

The musical has been specially commissioned for Solihull Music Service and funded by the Arts Council.

Written by Sue Furlong, "*Voice Thief*" is the story of a young boy in Voom Galaxy who has his voice stolen by Boring Beat the evil villain, and the voyage of self discovery that follows.

Rehearsals for the show have been going on for the last 4 months and we know that the performance will be an exciting climax to a lot of hard work.

"*Voice Thief*" will be performed in the second half of the show, with Solihull Youth Wind Orchestra, Junior Jazz Matters, string orchestra Con Brio and guitar group Fingers and Frets opening the evening of entertainment.

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Norman Davies said: "Good luck to all the performers, I am really looking forward to seeing the show, especially the huge choir.

"This is an exciting project which has brought together children from schools all over the borough. The large cast has allowed many children who have never performed on stage before, to get involved in music, make friends and most importantly have fun."

The show starts at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £9/£6 and can be booked through the Solihull Music Service on 0121 743 2483.

**For more information contact the press office on 0121 704 6136.**

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