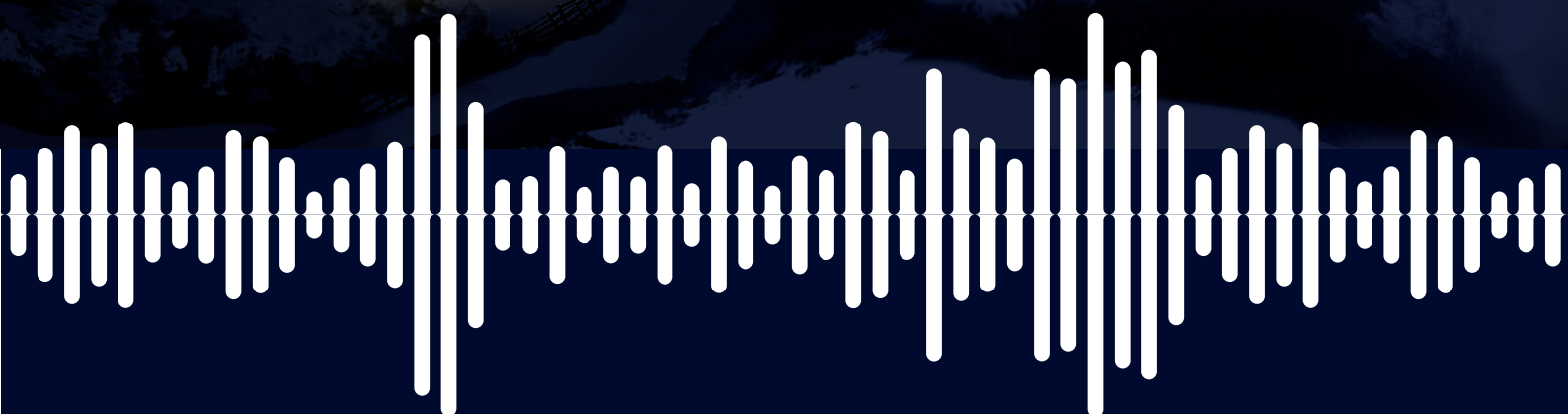




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ONE VOICE

FESTIVAL OF SINGING

Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 December 2025

Brighton Dome



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Get on board! One Voice 2025 takes us on a fantastic musical journey of song, crossing centuries, seas and cultures

The One Voice Festival of Singing is a year-round educational partnership programme between Create Music, the Hub Lead Organisation for the Sussex Music Hub, and Glyndebourne, supported by De La Warr Pavilion. One Voice gives thousands of local school children the chance to learn to sing and perform together on stage with the Glyndebourne Chorus, Glyndebourne Sinfonia and Create Music musicians.

One Voice 2025 will see more than 2,400 children from over 80 schools, take part in 11 concerts across the region, performing at one of three leading iconic arts venues on the South Coast: Glyndebourne, De La Warr Pavilion and, for the first time this year, Brighton Dome.

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAMME:

Schools' Choir

People Get Ready	Curtis Mayfield arr. Issy Adams based on Kirby Shaw; orch. Jacy de Sousa
Girls and Boys Carol	<i>Personent Hodie</i> from Piaae Cantiones (1582) arr. Issy Adams and Sam Glazer; orch. Jacy de Sousa

Schools' Choir and Create Music Youth String Ensemble

Sednalo e Djore Dos	trad. Bulgarian arr. John Barber and Belinda Sykes
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Schools' Choir

I Saw Three Ships	trad. arr. Alexander L'Estrange; orch. Jacy de Sousa
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Create Music Youth String Ensemble

Allegro and Pastorale	from Christmas Concerto by Arcangelo Corelli
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Schools' Choir

My Candles/ Hanukkah Holiday	trad. Hassidic arr. Robert Schultz /Linda Swears; medley arr. Issy Adams and Sam Glazer; orch. Jacy de Sousa
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Melissa Gregory with Schools' Choir and Create Music Youth String Ensemble

Habanera from <i>Carmen</i>	Georges Bizet; lyric translation John Rutter; orch. Jacy de Sousa
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Create Music Youth String Ensemble

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day	trad arr. Björn Kleiman
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Schools' Choir

Talj Talj	Rahbani Brothers arr. Issy Adams and Jacy de Sousa
Silent Night	Franz Gruber arr. Alan Bullard; orch. Jacy de Sousa

Create Music Brass Ensemble

Christmas Swing	Matt Kingston
Charlie Brown's Christmas	Vince Guaraldi arr. Paul Murtha
Merry Christmas Everybody	Holder and Lea arr. Rob J Hume

Schools' Choir and Create Music Brass Ensemble

Deck the Hall	trad. arr. Issy Adams and Marcus Plant
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Schools' Choir

Christmas Magic	Lucy Armstrong and Helen Arney
Wonderful Christmastime	Paul McCartney arr. Issy Adams based on Alan Billingsley; orch. Jacy de Sousa

ONE VOICE FEATURES PERFORMANCES

BY SCHOOL CHOIRS FROM:

2 December, 5pm

Denton Community
Primary School and Nursery
Ditchling (St Margaret's)
Church of England Primary School
Goldstone Primary School
Middle Street Primary School
Our Lady of Lourdes RC School
St Andrew's CE Primary School
St Bernadette's RC Primary School
West Blatchington Primary School
Woodingdean Primary School

2 December, 7.45pm

Benfield Primary School
Brunswick Primary School
Cottesmore St Mary's RC Primary School
Elm Grove Primary School
Hangleton Primary School
Harbour Primary and Nursery School
Mile Oak Primary School
Queen's Park Primary School
Saltdean Primary School

3 December, 5pm

Aldrington CofE Primary School
Downs View Special School
Hertford Junior School
Rudyard Kipling Primary School
St John the Baptist Catholic School
St Mark's CE Primary School
St Martin's CE School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
St Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School, Brighton
Willingdon Primary School

3 December, 7.45pm

Balfour Primary School
Downs Junior School
Hove Junior School
Moulsecoomb Primary School
Peter Gladwin Primary School
Rocks Park Primary School
Stanford Junior School
St Luke's Primary School
Westdene Primary School

With thanks to...

We would like to thank the following, without whom this event would not have been possible: School Choir leaders, Head Teachers, De La Warr Pavilion, Glyndebourne and Create Music vocal leaders and musicians.

Glyndebourne's Learning & Engagement programme is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.



With additional thanks also to all donors and supporters of Glyndebourne's Learning & Engagement programme. Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival, De La Warr Pavilion and Glyndebourne are supported by Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation

WELCOME FROM **BRIGHTON DOME,** **BRIGHTON FESTIVAL & CREATE MUSIC**

What a joy it is to welcome you to the One Voice Festival of Singing 2025

– an evening that celebrates creativity, community and the extraordinary energy of young voices.

Create Music, part of Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival, works in close partnership with Glyndebourne and the De La Warr Pavilion to make One Voice happen each year. Together, we share a commitment to celebrate, foster and inspire the performance of live music as a vital force at every age of life. None of this would be possible without the amazing teachers across our schools, the support of Head Teachers, the dedication of the Create Music team and our brilliant partners. Most of all, tonight belongs to the incredible young musicians performing on stage – their passion and enthusiasm light up every note. The songs you'll hear travel across time and cultures, from soulful classics to festive favourites – each one a reminder of how music connects and unifies us all.

Lucy Davies

Chief Executive, Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival

Isabelle Adams

Artistic Director, Conductor

Issy Adams is a choral leader, vocal teacher and singer with many years' experience of working with people of all ages in different community settings and musical venues. She has conducted massed children's voices at the Royal Albert Hall for the BBC Proms, at Wigmore Hall and for Spitalfields Music in newly commissioned collaborative works for community singers and professional musicians. She has led vocal projects for ROH, ENO, Dartington International Summer School and The Sixteen. Issy is the founder and conductor of the weekly-rehearsing *Singing with Friends* choir - a Wigmore Hall-based group for families living with dementia; leading them in regular performances including at Buckingham Palace and appearing on BBC Radio 3.

Since 2024, Issy has been in post as Singing Strategy Manager for Create Music. She is enjoying working with schools and colleagues across Brighton & Hove and East Sussex, and growing vocal opportunities in our communities. One Voice is a year-round project for her and she is delighted to have finally made it to the concerts!





Mel Scott
Assistant Conductor

Mel Scott is a qualified teacher and primary music specialist with over 18 years' experience. She has led and developed music and arts in schools and their communities and has worked with choirs and instrument groups for children from early years to teenage. She has also conducted massed children's choirs at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells.

Mel is a trained singer, having studied with professional tenor and teacher, James Anderson. She has worked as a professional actor and singer, including in London Fringe and theatre in education tours, and has sung with a number of choirs, as choir member and soloist, working with a range of professional conductors.

In 2022, Mel joined Create Music and is now their Music Curriculum Lead Teacher, working with children and teachers across Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.



Melissa Gregory
Mezzo-Soprano, Glyndebourne

Australian mezzo-soprano Melissa Gregory is a graduate of the Royal Northern College of Music and the Queensland Conservatorium. She was a Welsh National Opera Associate Artist for the 2023/24 season and is currently based in the UK. Melissa was awarded the Lady Fairfax La Scala Opera Award in 2024, spending part of the 2024/25 season at La Scala, Milan, covering Meg Page *Falstaff* and Olga Eugene *Onegin*.

Melissa returned to Glyndebourne Festival Opera in 2025, covering Varvara *Kát'ya Kabanová* and Zweites Blumenmädchen *Parsifal*. She previously sang Praskowia *The Merry Widow* in the 2024 Festival and covered Zaida *Il turco in Italia* for the autumn tour. She also performed Soeur St Charles in *Dialogues des Carmélites* and has covered Dorabella *Così fan tutte* and Margarita Xirgu *Ainadamar* for Welsh National Opera.

Upcoming engagements include Dorabella *Così fan tutte* for Opera Project and the title role in *La Cenerentola* for Diva Opera's tour to South Africa and Scotland. Melissa was awarded 3rd Prize in the 2024 Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyngé Bel Canto Awards, and previously won the Bampton Classical Opera Young Singer of the Year and the inaugural London Choral Sinfonia Leach Award. She is also a Samling Artist.

Melissa's concert work includes a London Handel Festival Finalists Recital at the Charterhouse, and mezzo-soprano solos in the Verdi *Requiem*, Beethoven's *9th Symphony*, Bach's *Magnificat*, and Mozart's *Requiem*, broadcast in Australia and internationally.



CREATE MUSIC YOUTH ENSEMBLES

Create Music Brass Ensemble

Directors: Marcus Plant and Sarah Leeves

Create Music Brass Ensemble has been brought together especially for One Voice 2025. It features intermediate and senior brass students from across Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.

Would you like your child to be part of a music ensemble? Find out what groups they can join [here](#).

Create Music Youth String Ensemble

Director: Stephen Giles

Create Music Youth String Ensemble features some of the most advanced young string players in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Rehearsing weekly in Lewes with their conductor Stephen Giles, this ensemble performs at prestigious venues across the country.

Would you like your child to learn to play an instrument? Find out how they can have lessons in school with Create Music teachers [here](#).

Create Music House Band

Musical Director/Piano: Eira Owen

Flute: Victoria Hancox

Clarinet/Saxophone: Björn McAteer-Dahlberg

Trumpet: Marcus Plant

Trombone: Sarah Leeves

Guitar: Chris Webber

Bass: Rory Collins

Drum Kit/Percussion: Grant Allardyce





CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENT **CLAIM THEIR ONE VOICE 2025 DIGITAL BADGE!**

Every choir member taking part in One Voice 2025 will receive a special Digital Badge to celebrate their musical achievement. Digital Badges are a fun, modern way to recognise your child's participation in this year's festival, and they can be shared with family and friends and included in school records.

Claim Here ▶

Why claim a Digital Badge?

It's an official record of your child's participation in One Voice 2025

Badges can be shared online or printed as a keepsake

Celebrate and showcase your child's musical journey



CREATE MUSIC

Create Music is part of Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival, and the Hub Lead Organisation for the Sussex Music Hub. The Sussex Music Hub reaches more than 53,000 young people through tuition and live performance opportunities throughout Brighton & Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex. Create Music work with all schools in the area, currently engaging with 96% of them, providing continual professional development to 500 teachers as well as inspiring the next generation of musicians. The Sussex Music Hub is made up of Create Music and West Sussex Music Trust, working collaboratively to deliver the ambitions of the National Plan for Music Education.

Our mission is to centre the voices of children, young people and adults in our cities, towns, and villages, inspiring engagement with a diverse range of music genres and activities. We develop and showcase our young musicians by connecting them with teachers, youth workers, creative practitioners, and cultural workers, and provide access to information, expertise, space, and resources to facilitate learning and innovation in music. We envision a future where children and young peoples' lives are forever transformed by the power of music, the value of belonging, and opportunities without barriers.



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Glyndebourne Youth Opera

Want to get involved? Join Glyndebourne Youth Opera! GYO is a year-round programme that provides local young people (aged 9-19 within a 25 mile radius of Glyndebourne) with world-class performance opportunities and engaging opera and performance workshops.

Find out more and sign up to the mailing list by visiting our website or contacting the Learning & Engagement department on takepart@glyndebourne.com
glyndebourne.com/GYO



GLYNDEBOURNE

Glyndebourne is an opera house in the heart of the Sussex countryside. Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2024, it is now one of the finest and most celebrated opera houses in the world, delivering performances to some 150,000 people across a summer Festival and an autumn season, plus a year-round programme of Learning & Engagement activity. Glyndebourne is a charity; the company's work is funded by Box Office income, Members and supporters, with valued Arts Council England support for learning and engagement work. Through its Learning & Engagement programme Glyndebourne collaborates with people of all backgrounds to create extraordinary artistic experiences, with the aim of sparking a lifelong interest in opera and finding and supporting the talented artists of the future.

FOUR TIMES THE IMPACT

HELP CHILDREN ACCESS MUSIC EDUCATION

Every child deserves the chance to make music, but for many families, costs can be a real barrier. **This week, your support will go four times as far** and help children across the region learn music without barriers.

Until midday Tuesday 9 December, every pound you donate to Create Music's Bursary Scheme will be doubled through the Big Give – and with a local trust doubling the final total, **your gift will be quadrupled.**

"The bursary has given [my child] an opportunity he would never have had to learn an instrument and has really developed his love and appreciation of music. It's been wonderful being able to watch him learn and encourage him in this passion. I'm in awe of his ability!"

- Parent of bursary recipient

Visit <https://bit.ly/3JysnoZ> to give the gift of music today and help children access the life-changing power of music education.



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