

Christmas Cracker 2023

Walsall Music Hub's Christmas Choir Celebration 2023

(28th – 30th November)

Dear Head Teacher / Music Co-ordinator / Head of Music

Walsall Music Education Hub is pleased to announce our School Choirs' Christmas Celebrations for 2023 – “Christmas Cracker”– will take place in the Walsall Arena and Arts Centre's A3 Arena over a 3 day period: 28th - 30th November.

Each day school choirs will take part in an intensive afternoon workshop/rehearsal and evening performance. This is also a CPD opportunity for staff observing high quality choral directing. On each evening a massed choir of approximately 200 young voices will be supported by a live band.

Ula Weber returns for a second year directing all CPD sessions, workshops and performances. Ula is a highly experienced choral director for childrens, youth and adult choirs with an outstanding reputation of high-quality training for staff, not just in vocal delivery, but also in conducting. For more information visit Ula's website:

<https://www.ulaweber.org.uk>

In preparation for the event, The Music Education Hub will provide:

- 'Meet the Music' session(s) with Ula Weber held for school teachers and choir leaders at Walsall Arena and Arts Centre on 13th and 14th September 2023 at 4pm – 6pm. You only need to attend one of these. This will be a vital CPD session for all staff leading or accompanying children in schools.
- All the music and resources will be provided including backing tracks.
- The resources will be suitable for use in your own school's Christmas performances.
- The performances will be accompanied by a professional live band.

To take part in the performance, including the educational workshop, CPD opportunities and access to the resources (which can be used in schools) you will need pay a non-refundable fee of £175.

If you would like your school choir to be involved in this exciting event, please complete the form below or visit our website to sign up: www.walmused.org.uk/schools

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Payment can be made by card over the phone to our Music Administrator or by invoice providing a purchase order number is submitted. We are unable to accept bookings without payment or a valid purchase order number. Full details are on our website sign up page (and below). Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

Any questions please contact Steph Dufty on steph.dufty@walsall.gov.uk

Regards



Steph Dufty
Music Education Partnership Specialist
Walsall Music Education Hub and Service

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BOOKING FORM – CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2023

I would like my School Choir to sing in 'Christmas Cracker 2023' at Walsall Arena and Arts Centre in A3 Arena

I understand that for my school to take part, the school will have to pay the non-refundable entry fee of £175.

Name of School:		
Number in Choir:		
Lead teacher:		
Email Contact:		
Any pupil disabilities, please include details:		

Please rank the performance dates in order of preference (where 1 is your first choice and 3 your least preferred):

Tues 28th Nov. Wed 29th Nov. Thurs 30th Nov.

Please ensure a valid form of payment is made at the time of booking:

I have paid £175 by card by contacting Lizzie Sale on 01922 655579 (available Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11am – 7pm) or lsale@walmused.org.uk		Yes / No
I would like to pay by invoice. My school's purchase order number for this event is:		P.O. number <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/>

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I understand that:

<p>I will need to gain permission for all pupils for video consent and will complete the paperwork, once received, and submit prior to 1st November 2023.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>I will also need to obtain an Exemption Certificate from the Licensing Procedures in line with the Children and Young Persons Act and complete the relevant paperwork prior to the event in order to bring the exemption certificate with me.</p> <p>I understand this will be explained at the Meet the Music Session</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>This event is subsidised by Walsall Music Hub and to do that requires statistical information regarding the number and nature of pupils involved to enable funding for the event from Arts Council England.</p> <p>I will complete the relevant proforma once received.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>

Please return this form to Steph Dufty, Partnership Specialist:
steph.dufty@walsall.gov.uk

Your booking will be confirmed by email to the lead teacher named above.

If you have not had confirmation of your booking within 5 working days, please contact Steph directly on 01922 655563 and/or steph.dufty@walsall.gov.uk

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