

All Change at NMW...

Since our last newsletter there have been many changes here at NMW. Matthew Gunn, who was with the company for more than 9 years and our Artistic Director for over 4 of those years, left us at the end of December 2003 to move onto pastures new as Head of CIMA in Cambridgeshire. Following a restructure of the company, Ema Holman was promoted from position of Programme and Development Manager to General Manager.

Jane Wells, original founder member of NMW and longstanding Arts Development Worker resigned to concentrate on her own, ever expanding, composition work. However, much to our delight Jane has agreed to a co opted role on our Board of Directors so her invaluable artistic and community music knowledge will not be lost to us. Jane will also continue to run the popular NMW workshop, In Vocal Mode, once a term in Fakenham as well as working with NMW on specialist projects.

Our Finance Officer, James Saunders retired at the end of March 2004 after 3 hectic years. Due to a reduction in our funding for 2004-05 we were unable to replace the post of Finance Officer and duties were split between the remaining administrative staff and volunteer help from financial expert, Nick Roche.

Finally, Norfolk Music Works would like to record our thanks to John Peel. He kindly agreed, in the early days of Norfolk Music Works, to act as a 'figurehead' patron and we have been most grateful for his support. Like everyone who knew him and enjoyed his seminal work we were sorry to learn of his sudden death.



FM project - see main story inside on page 2



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WANT A WORKSHOP?

NMW can offer workshops in

- AFRICAN DRUMMING**
- GAMELAN**
- SAMBA**
- STEEL PANS**
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- MUSIC TECHNOLOGY**

We can tailor workshops to suit individual needs.
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ema@musicworks.org.uk or call the office on
01485 609009 Tuesday – Thursday

FM project success

Due to changes in regional funding from Arts Council England (ACEE), NMW received no funding from ACEE during 2004-2005. With less funds NMW made the decision to reduce staff and focus on one very large pop project, Fen Music, as well as the specially requested projects run in partnership with local organisations and groups. These provided a total of over 600 music sessions for groups and individuals in Norfolk.

“I thought it would be quite scary and embarrassing like if there were all these great singers and there was me but it’s so different when you actually get here – they kind of like take your shyness away and replace it with confidence.”

FM

Building on the success of previous years, the main NMW project for 2004 was a pop project called FM (Fen Music). Funded jointly by the Music Life Project (Youth Music) and FensLeAp Leader+ this was a project aimed at teenagers in the West Norfolk and East Cambridgeshire area - a completely new geographical area for NMW. With workshops from July to December aimed at beginners through to performing bands, this was a project on a grand scale. Taster days were followed by more skill specific sessions, through to intensive weekend workshops and informal performances. A sell out gig in September at Downham Town hall, was the finale of the music workshops for the local bands. The gig, headlined by Rebelation saw Birkenhead, Acsendia, Idler’s Ignition, Rebound, Counter Strike, Abstract, and singer/songwriter Jasper Taylor perform their best to date and gained fantastic reviews in the local press. A live recording was made of the night and a CD can be obtained from NMW for £5 including p+p.

Music business know-how and secrets were then explored in open seminars with music industry professionals for those ready to start promoting themselves. The project was a great success and NMW is currently trying to secure funding for similar projects around Norfolk. An evaluation of the entire FM project was undertaken by an independent arts consultant, Irene Macdonald and will be available shortly.

To see more pictures from the project see our website www.musicworks.org.uk

“To be able to write a song and then play it to people and get people to even dance to it... that’s the best thing you can do... it’s just such an excellent feeling having a chance to play to people... put on more gigs like that definitely.”



NMW Sang Their Sox Off!



"The Wheels on the Bus" by Annabel

The NMW Preschool Book and CD "Sing Your Sox Off" was launched in November 2004 in the Children's section of the Millennium Library at the Forum in Norwich. The Pre School Music Association (PRESMA)

and NMW joined together with library goes to enjoy a day of Preschool singing and fun inspired by the music book and CD. The book, illustrated by children taking part in the yearlong project, has both traditional and original songs chosen by the participating groups and is laid out with full lyrics and melodies to enable parents, carers and teachers to use them as a music resource. The accompanying CD is a delightful record of the children singing those songs selected. Copies of Sing Your Sox Off are available for £10 + £1.50 p+p from Norfolk Music Works.

End of an era

Having delivered well over 2000 music sessions to thousands of young people aged 18 and under in Norfolk, the Music Life Project (MLP), is to end in April 2005. MLP was a 4 year project funded by Youth Music and involved NMW, Creative Arts East and Community Music East, with input in the early days from The Benjamin Foundation and the Mancroft Advice Project. MLP was one of the first Youth Music Action Zones (YMAZ's) to be created with the aim of getting Norfolk's young disadvantaged people involved in music making. Funding by Youth Music helped NMW to kick start the fantastic band nights and band exchanges from 2001 onwards as well as hundreds of preschool activities and after school multicultural workshops which proved so popular.

Some MLP projects NMW has delivered during 2004-2005, alongside our community and partnership work:

- FM pop music project - Downham Market
- Young Carers Music Club - King's Lynn
- Dyscoverers Story Book project - King's Lynn
- Buttercups Pre School Music Club - Middleton
- After School African Drumming - Middleton Primary School
- Corpusty Music Club - Corpusty Primary School
- Pre School Singing & Music Club - West Walton
- Anthony Curton Reception Singing and Music Mornings
- Band Nights - Fakenham High School
- Pop in Lunch - Fakenham High School
- Band Nights - Hamond's High School, Swaffham
- Band Nights - Downham Market High School
- Gateway Junior Club Samba - King's Lynn
- Multicultural Tasters - Children's Fund

NMW working in partnership

Community partnership support and demand as well as careful management and planning has enabled NMW to continue providing first class community music workshops throughout Norfolk during this difficult year. African drumming sessions, pop, indie and rock, music technology, samba, vocal and preschool music are all in demand from groups wanting to bring fun and creative music making activity to their community. Many local community groups are applying for funds to run projects and deliver quality music workshops and events in partnership with NMW. By using our administrative expertise and trained musicians when planning and raising funds for a project many are finding the partnership approach to organising music events helps to deliver an enjoyable and worthwhile experience to their groups and participants. From small playgroups through to larger youth service groups, schools and residential care homes Norfolk Music Works is able to help plan and provide realistic budgets for projects with trained CRB checked staff to run sessions. If you would like more information on the range of workshops and activities we are able to provide please contact Ema Holman at ema@musicworks.org.uk

NMW 2004/05 partners...

- Ashville House Residential Care Home
- Gateway Seniors Club, King's Lynn
- Henrietta Club - Residential Care Home
- West Walton Family Learning - New Opportunities Fund
- (NOF)
- Wisbech Rose Fair
- Hamond's High School
- Fakenham High School
- West Walton Primary School
- Middleton Primary School
- PRESMA (Pre School Music Association)
- CIMA



Participants learn about Music Technology and make their own CD and Video with Les Chappell

Keep on...

Norfolk Music Works will continue to develop community partnerships in order to deliver exciting, creative and accessible music workshops to people of all ages in rural Norfolk, as it has since 1990. From preschool to pop, from African drumming, steel pans and samba to music technology and DJing, the list goes on!



Grimston School enjoy learning how to play the Indonesian Gamelan

During 2005 NMW will be seeking further funding from Arts Council England East, and employing an arts consultant to review the entire organisation and the activity we provide, to make sure we continue to offer you the very best we can with the funding we receive. As a result of the organisational review NMW will be reducing activity for the summer period and concentrating on the programme for the autumn onwards. Our new programme is planned from September 2005. For activities from April to June please contact us or check out our website www.musicworks.org.uk

28 May 2005 10am–12noon

IN VOCAL MODE

Unaccompanied group harmony singing

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NMW also uses freelance musicians and artists to deliver events and projects. If you are a freelance musician/artist and would like to find out about working with NMW please contact Ema Holman ema@musicworks.org.uk

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Music Wise

Community Music East and Creative Arts East will be starting a new project called Music Wise with funding from Youth Music for a third Youth Music Action Zone to continue providing music events and activities for young people aged 18 and under. Further information can be obtained from CME on 01603 628367, email: enquires@cme.org.uk or www.cme.org.uk

Are you interested in volunteering with NMW?

If you would like to get involved in NMW why not find out about joining as a volunteer. If you have experience in the arts, working with community groups of any age, experience in finance, fundraising, human resources and have a few hours a month to spare in order to share your expertise, then we would like to hear from you. Although we could not pay for your time we would be able to cover expenses such as travel. If you would like to find out more about working with NMW please contact Ema Holman ema@musicworks.org.uk

King's Lynn Community Samba Band

Meet throughout the year for great music and a friendly atmosphere

Suitable for 12yrs +

2005 dates to be confirmed

For more info check out our website

www.musicworks.org.uk

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