

# MMA

MUSIC TEACHING PROFESSIONALS



## What's on 2016-17



**John Padley**  
MMA President

Welcome to our What's On Guide for 2016 – 17. It is a pleasure to be able to offer so much support to you in your roles working with music students. In addition to one of our strongest years of INSET and our excellent annual conference, we also encourage you to look at our competitions, the Festival of Singing and it would be great if you can join us for our special **Ensemble 100** gathering on 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Gresham Centre in London.



**Kate Davies**  
INSET Coordinator

Over the last few years The MMA has worked hard to increase the content, regularity and quality of the INSET support that we offer to music teachers across the UK. This academic year I am very pleased to announce nine daytime gatherings for music teachers and department staff covering a wide range of professional development. In addition our annual conference ensures a focussed and intensive three-day course which we believe is comparable to any other INSET available.

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHERS

Thursday 1st September / Nottingham Girls' High School  
Monday 5th September / Godolphin and Latymer School, London

Both of these INSET days are relevant for instrumental music teachers and will include work on playing related injuries and performance nerves as well as an exam forum with Trinity College and ABRSM.

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### PRIMARY & PREP FOCUS

Thursday 22nd September / Edgeborough Prep School, Surrey

This INSET will be relevant for Primary and Prep School Teachers but will also interest those working with Upper Voices. Sessions include The Dalcroze Method in the classroom and a repertoire workshop with composer Bob Chilcott.

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### FESTIVAL of SINGING for PRIMARY & PREP SCHOOLS

Monday 10th October / Brighton Dome

A celebration of Choral Singing for Primary and Prep school children, under the guidance of Alexander L'Estrange. Massed workshop and featured performance of "Zadok Rules – Hallelujah!". See [www.mma-online.org.uk/festivalofsinging](http://www.mma-online.org.uk/festivalofsinging) for more information.

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### MUSIC AND SOUND at the University of Surrey: Exploring the Creative Music Technology, Music and Sound Recording programmes

Wednesday 12th October / University of Surrey, Guildford

A day for teachers and students to visit the Department of Music and Media at the University of Surrey. There will be practical sessions for students and teachers, the opportunity to meet and speak with lecturers, admission tutors and current students.

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### ANNUAL INSET DAY for MUSIC ADMINISTRATORS

Friday 14th October / St Paul's School for Boys, London

The popular day for music administrators and teachers involved in music department administration. Together with the valuable sharing of good practice and department management techniques, the day has in the past included management software, copyright licensing, fees, instrument hire, plasma screens and social media in school.

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### ENSEMBLE 100

Friday 4th November / Gresham Centre, London

A celebration of 100 issues of the MMA magazine Ensemble and an opportunity to meet MMA members and guests from music education in central London. In addition we will celebrate the history of the MMA with an illustrated timeline, guest performances and the launch of the special 100th issue.

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### THE MMA COMPOSITION COMPETITION

A new competition started in 2016 with a Junior category for pupils in school years 7-9 and a Senior category for pupils in school years 10+.

### THE JEREMY HIBBINS PRIZE

In memory of MMA member, honorary treasurer and headmaster Jeremy Hibbins, this is an academic essay prize for pupils in school years 10+.

**Details of competitions will be announced in the Autumn term of 2016.**

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### PRIMARY, PREP & SENIOR SCHOOLS

Thursday 9th February / Bedford School

The content of this day will be confirmed in due course but will include sessions suitable for Primary, Prep and Senior Schools.

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### COMPOSITION DAY

Friday 10th February / City of London School for Girls, London

A day of composition workshops providing invaluable experience for young composers to experiment and discuss ideas with leading practitioners. With two categories (Junior - ages 12-14, Senior - ages 15-18) the day will be full of tips and ideas as to how to respond to composition briefs such as art and stories, use improvisation as a vehicle for composition, write successfully for instruments, and achieve highly at public exam level.

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### PRIMARY, PREP & SENIOR SCHOOLS

Tuesday 7th March / Merchant's Academy, Bristol

The content of this day will be confirmed in due course but will include sessions suitable for Primary, Prep and Senior Schools. Merchant's won the MMA sponsored Music Education Expo award for the Best Music Department in 2016 and we are very pleased that they have agreed to host this INSET.

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### MMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st May / Wells Cathedral School, Somerset

The MMA Conference is a widely respected annual gathering of professionals in music education with a comprehensive and diverse programme of some of the best speakers in the UK. **For the latest information please visit [www.mma-online.org.uk](http://www.mma-online.org.uk)**