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LMM: Learning

Since 2008 LMM has worked with **over 670 primary school children** and their families on a weekly basis. For most of these children LMM provides the only option for high quality musical instrument tuition that is both accessible to families on a low income and affordable for state schools.

LMM board member **Shaun Bailey** explains: *"In areas of economic deprivation and low morale, music plays a vital role in breaking down restrictions of background, wealth and culture. The discipline of playing an instrument teaches numerous transferable skills. Inspiring a child to pursue excellence reinforces their self-belief and drives their ambition."*

LMM has trained over 25 graduates from leading European conservatoires (Royal College of Music, Royal Academy of Music, Paris Conservatoire) and our teaching is being recognised as some of the best of its kind in the country. In partnership with the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of music LMM is developing a training module on group string tuition for undergraduates.

LMM has established a programme for the most gifted students from under-represented communities called Pathways led by Professor Itzhak Rashkovsky which has had **remarkable results** with children winning places at specialist music schools (Chetham's School of Music), junior conservatoires (Royal College of Music), and music scholarships to state and independent schools.

LMM: Artists

Launched in 2009 the innovative LMM Award was conceived as an alternative to the traditional violin competition. Its aim is to support and nurture the careers of the very best young musicians from around the world. The musicians (all violinists) are invited to accept the award by a panel of distinguished musicians who have received recommendations from conductors, teachers and musicians from across the globe. As an indicator of the quality of the recipients our award holders have gone on to become BBC New Generation artists and recipients of the Borletti Buitoni prize as well as winning plaudits from audiences and critics alike. The award comprises mentoring, recital and concerto opportunities and commissions of new works.

In addition to all of these things the Award Holders are given time to develop a practical understanding of community outreach by working with our schools and in the communities around the schools. For London Music Masters it is vitally important that the next generation of young soloist is as comfortable performing off the concert platform as they are on it.

London Music Masters is proud to have **five world class ambassadors:**

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Nadine Benjamin, Colin Currie, Benjamin Grosvenor, Anthony Marwood and Tai Murray. These are artists with established international careers who share our core values and beliefs. The Ambassadors promote the work of LMM but also engage with it personally. They work with our students and Award Holders, give concerts and talks in support of the work and act as inspiring role models for the organisation and all who are connected with it: parents, children, teachers, Award holders.

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