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Stephen Perse Foundation Community Music School Early Years Music Classes

For children aged 3+
run by Kodály expert Miranda Zwalf



Kodály Musicianship

- A practical hands-on approach to learning music
- Entirely child-centred with singing at its heart
- Suitable from birth but is effective for any age and ability
- Musical learning through singing games, rhymes and movement
- An opportunity to play simple tuned and untuned percussion instruments



The classes develop all the basic elements of music:

- Beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, mood and character, form and style, listening skills, musical memory

The tools used are relative solfa (do, re, mi) and hand-signs as well as rhythm names (ta, titi etc).

This foundation provides a solid grounding for learning an instrument if desired.

In addition to the musical there are general benefits including:

- Self-confidence, concentration, physical and mental coordination, creativity, team-work, turn-taking, language skills, memory, listening skills

As the children progress they learn more advanced rhythmic and melodic skills including how to:

- Read and write musical notation
- Hold a rhythmic or melodic ostinato
- Hold a part in 2-part music
- Compose and improvise

Children work with their own age group and develop their skills over the years with the same peer group, forming lasting friendships.

Miranda Zwalf

Miranda, who is also a flautist, undertook several years of training with David and Yuko Vinden of the Kodály Centre of London and was awarded the CKME (Certificate of Kodály Music Education) from the British Kodály Academy with Distinction. She has taught Kodály to children at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and is Lecturer in Kodály Musicianship at Birmingham Conservatoire.



Fees for 2013-14 are £5.80 for each 40 minute session (10 sessions per term)

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