

Sandbach concert series

Extra Information for Music Teachers

Sandbach Concert Series is an opportunity for your students to experience playing on a stage to a warm and receptive audience. The concerts are booked for the current series and so it is possible to plan for the year ahead.

Each young person or Ensemble/Group play for a maximum of **4 to 5 minutes** each during the 30 minute Spotlight Concert from 7pm to 7.30pm. We try to select Spotlight musicians with similar **instruments or sound** from accordion to voice to zither.

Please contact our Spotlight Director who is Kevin Birch to arrange possible places for your students spotlight@sandbach-concert-series.co.uk Kevin co-ordinates all the Spotlight Concerts and also runs through the rehearsal on the night.

A copy of the **parental consent form** can be emailed to you to give your students, and they can also be downloaded from the website.

No less than two weeks before each concert, we need:

- the names of who is playing
- their parental consent form
- what they are playing
- any piano accompaniment music

When we arrange a grand piano, it is a very high quality tuned instrument on hire for the evening. On other occasions we use an electronic piano for just accompaniment.

Ticket Prices: Teachers responsible for their young students are free to attend the concert and are encouraged to stay to enjoy the professional concert. The young people taking part, and their families, are encouraged to stay and enjoy and be inspired by the professional concert. The young people are also free whilst their first parent or guardian have a reduced price of £3 to attend the concert.

Security: From Series 4 in 2013 to 2014 we have new security measures in place. Teachers and Spotlight musicians must sign in on your way in and also sign out when you leave.

Dress Code: Reflecting the professionalism of the Sandbach Concert Series, **smart dress** is required for the Spotlight Performers (no jeans – school uniform is suitable).

Professional musicians: are contracted to be present and listen to the Spotlight Concert. The professional musicians have greatly appreciated listening to the Spotlight Artistes and as such, usually give feedback during their concert in the second half. Spotlight performers (and their families) are encouraged to stay for the **whole concert**, listening to the professional artists who can provide great **inspiration**.

Plan ahead!

Check our
programme for
this year and
book your
students in for
the Spotlight
Concerts

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