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Dear Making Music member,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Eastern Bulletin, the bi-monthly email update for all Making Music Eastern members.

If you are aware of any MME members not receiving this publication, or if other members of your group would like to be included on the circulation list, please contact me at joanna@makingmusic.org.uk.

Best wishes,

Joanna Sleight
Eastern Development Officer

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this first edition of E-Bulletin. I hope you will find it easy to use and full of interesting information and exciting opportunities.

As this is the first edition, I am very interested to know what you think and what else you would like to see included. Please do drop me a line (joanna@makingmusic.org.uk) with your feedback and ideas.

Please also forward this e-bulletin on to other members of your committee. If any of them would like to be included on the e-mail distribution list in future, please let me know.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT...

...which of course means that Making Music has a whole range of Christmas cards and goodies to help you generate some income for your group this year.

Visit <http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/html/460.shtml> to find out more.

ACCORD WORKSHOPS

Throughout 2008 and 2009, we will be encouraging you to get together with the regional committee, with me, and most importantly with each other.

I will be organising Accord workshops around the region, which will be your opportunity to find out about all the exciting things Making Music (and more specifically yours truly) can do for you. It will also be a good chance to meet with other local music-makers and share ideas about local issues.

There will be some funding available for those who attend and wish to continue to build collaborative relationships with other music groups.

Contact me at joanna@makingmusic.org.uk to find out more.

REGIONAL AGM

Marian Davidson, Regional Chair

The 2008 regional AGM will take place in Hitchin on Saturday 12th April. The Hitchin area Accord workshop will take place in the morning, followed by tea, coffee, nibbles... oh, and the AGM too.

The area representatives for Bedfordshire and Essex will be retiring from the committee at the 2008 AGM. If you would like to get more involved with Making Music and help shape the events and projects for the Eastern Region, please contact me at m david@waitrose.com for more information.

For more details about the 2008 AGM, visit:
http://www.makingmusiceastern.org.uk/event_conference.htm.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Liz Noble, Webmaster

There are articles now available on the MME regional website, written by our Regional Development Officer whilst working in the South East region. The articles cover press relations, recruiting new members and sponsorship.

To find out more, visit: http://www.makingmusiceastern.org.uk/event_training.htm.

FUNDING FACTSHEET

A Funding Factsheet for the Eastern Region will be available in late December on the regional website. The Factsheet includes information on funding available from Local Authorities, trusts, foundations and other fundraising tips.

To find out more, visit: http://www.makingmusiceastern.org.uk/event_training.htm.

REACH OUT DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Marian Davidson, Regional Chair

There is still time for your group to supplement your funds by providing live music to 'hard to reach' sections of the community. Applications to take part in the Reach Out project need to reach the Regional Secretary by 29th February 2008, with all activities to be completed by 30th June 2008.

To find out more, visit: <http://www.makingmusiceastern.org.uk/reach.htm>.

YOUNG CONCERT ARTISTS

Sarah Rogers, Head of Membership Services

The time of year is fast approaching when another round of young artist will compete for the Phillip and Dorothy Green Young Concert Artists Award.

If you know of any young artists who might be interested in applying, or if you would like to find out how your group can benefit from the scheme, To find out more, visit:
<http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/html/78.shtml>.

TAKE IT AWAY!

The Arts Council has an ongoing initiative which aims to make music-making more accessible.

Take It Away provides loans up to £2,000 for the purchase of any musical instrument, with repayment in 9 monthly installments... completely interest free!

To find out more, visit: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/takeitaway/>.

MUSICLEADER

Youth Music is planning to launch their successful training and development programme MusicLeader in the Eastern Region in 2008. The training courses, which will be provided for a nominal fee or free of charge, will be aimed at supporting any music makers in the Eastern Region who have an interest in working with young people.

If you have suggestions for what kind of courses you would like to see, or are interested in attending the courses, please contact me at joanna@makingmusic.org.uk.

YOUR NEWS

Lastly, but certainly not least, if there is anything which you would like to share with other members around the region through e-bulletin, please do get in touch.

Any news or articles for the next edition of e-bulletin need to reach me (by e-mail to joanna@makingmusic.org.uk) before Friday 30th January 2008.

If you would like to get in touch with any member of the committee for more information on any of the above information, or with any queries at all, please visit here for a list of contact details:
<http://www.makingmusiceastern.org.uk/contact.htm>.

All that remains to be said is that I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and don't eat too much Christmas pudding!

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If you have any feedback or suggestions or have received this in error, please contact Joanna Sleight, Eastern Development Officer on joanna@makingmusic.org.uk.

This is a pilot email which we will develop from your feedback.