

National Learn to Play Day Saturday March 31st, 2012



Free Music Instrument lessons for the Public

Music for All, the charity of the UK musical instrument industry is proud to announce the first, annual, National Learn to Play Day taking place on March 31st, 2012.

On this day, the UK's musical instrument shops will open their doors and offer free instrument "taster" lessons to the general public.

There are 15 million people in the UK that either want to play an instrument or used to play one. The Day is designed to welcome people into music shops and to inspire them to get playing. People are often surprised to discover that they ARE musical and simply need a musical "experience" to get them inspired to start playing.

The Day will offer free lessons on a variety of instruments, supported by music teachers and additional guidance on getting started learning to play music. The UK's instrument manufacturers will also be supporting the event with staff, instruments and special offers!

The charity is also proud to have partnered for the event with the Musicians' Union, Arts Council England's Take it away scheme and MusicTeachers.co.uk

Full details of the event including participating shops can be found at

www.learntoplayday.com

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Music for All

The charity of the UK musical instrument industry with the mission of “Making More Musicians”. This is achieved by:

- * Promoting the substantial and wide ranging benefits of music making
- * Bringing “Learn to Play” experiences to people of all ages and backgrounds
- * Being committed to addressing the needs of community and diversity, especially those who do not have access to music making
- * Developing partnerships with like minded organisations

MusicTeachers.co.uk

MusicTeachers.co.uk, the largest online database of UK Music teachers and accompanists. With over 10 years experience in connecting teachers and pupils, it is the leading online way to find a music teacher.

Musicians' Union

The Musicians' Union represents more than 32,000 professional musicians in the UK and its members who teach music are provided with a range of valuable benefits, including: £10m of Public Liability Insurance, £2,000 of equipment cover, a dedicated Teachers' Section, a biennial Teachers' Conference, teaching contracts, legal services, specialist health care and support materials.

Take it away

Take it away is an initiative from Arts Council England that aims to get more children and young people playing music by providing interest free loans for the purchase of musical instruments and associated goods. The scheme is open to adults buying a musical instrument for a child under the age of 18, and 18-25 year olds who can apply in their own right. Take it away is currently available through a network of over 300 musical instrument retailers across England.

For more information, go to:

www.musicforall.org.uk or visit the Music for All Facebook site

www.takeitaway.org.uk

www.themu.org

www.musicteachers.co.uk