

Dear Parents

The Durham Brass Festival, which was scheduled to take place between 10 and 19 July, had to be cancelled earlier this year as part of the ongoing national effort to reduce the spread of coronavirus. However, Durham County Council has decided to take the festival online and are delighted to invite you to take part in this year's school workshop programme. The new, online, free festival, will feature many of the BRASS favourites from around the world, including firm favourites, Mr Wilson's Second Liners, Spanish amigos Artistas Del Gremio, and the UK's own Backchat Brass.

The school programme will consist of five workshops, one per day over the last week of term, Monday 13 – Friday 17 July and each workshop will be broadcast on the BRASS website at 1pm. They will stay online all week if you are unable to take part on the day. Take a look at the programme below, we hope your school is able to join in, and if you are able then please also send this out to parents, as families may want to join in on the workshop programme, as well as the wider programme of performances and online music lessons from Durham Music Service which can be found here

- <https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/brass-whats-on/>

Monday 13 July 2020 at 1pm: **Mr Wilson's Second Liners**



Now a firm favourite of the festival, Mr Wilson's will deliver an entertaining workshop for young people and introduce a range of brass instruments.

Click link below to access the workshop:

<https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/brasspost/mr-wilsons-second-liners/>

Tuesday 14 July 2020 at 1pm: **Artistas Del Gremio**



Artistas Del Gremio are a Spanish street band known for their lively performances. The band will demonstrate harmony, chords, consonance and dissonance.

Click link below to access the workshop:

<https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/brasspost/artistas-del-gremio-spain/>

Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 1pm: **Bandakadabra**



This fantastic Italian street band will demonstrate the difference between Swing playing and Straight playing in brass music.

Click link below to access the workshop:

<https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/brasspost/bandakadabra-italy/>

Thursday 16 July 2020 at 1pm: **Back Chat Brass**



In their fourth year at the festival, Back Chat shows you how dynamics work in brass music and the power of loud vs soft.

Click link below to access the workshop:

<https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/brasspost/backchat-brass-uk/>

Friday 17 July 2020 at 1pm: **Mouv 'n' Brass**



This popular French 'dancing brass band' will demonstrate all aspects of rhythm – beat, meter, tempo, syncopation – and beat styles in different musical genres.

Click link below to access the workshop:

<https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/brasspost/mouv-n-brass-france/>

And if you wish to sign up to the Brass Festival mailing list, please enter your email in the box on this page - <https://www.brassfestival.co.uk/the-festival/>