



The Poetry of Music CPD Session & Workshops

Overview

Following the success of the inaugural project *Poetry of Music* last year, a collaborative project between the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) and Keats House, the former home of poet John Keats, we will be returning in our 2026/27 season. Designed to spark creativity in the classroom, the project helps teachers develop their approach to classroom composition, songwriting, drama and cross-curricular learning through the poetry and life of John Keats, led by LSO Animator's Rachel Leach & Tim Yealland MBE and supported by LSO musicians.

'I personally enjoyed the creation of our poem. We came up with unique, creative ideas which the members of LSO combined to make poetry. The workshop was very engaging and practical.' - KS3 Student

CPD

Teachers are invited to take part in CPD session, offering practical ideas for teaching composition and demonstrating how poetry and literacy can inspire musical creativity. The session is supported by a set of resources to help teachers apply what they've learned in the classroom.

CPD session is open to all staff with any amount of prior musical or teaching experience at both KS2 & KS3 level.

Keats House Workshop

Teachers who attend the Autumn CPD session, will have the opportunity to bring a class to Keats House in the **Spring Term** for a workshop. Led by Rachel Leach & Tim Yealland MBE, and supported by LSO Musicians, the day will include a tour of Keats House, giving students the chance to connect with Keats' poetry and former home, before working with the LSO to create their own original composition and performative work. Max class size, 30 students. *(Limited number of workshops available)*

LSO Schools Concert

Those who receive a workshop will also receive an invitation to attend our Key Stage 2 or 3 Concert in the Spring Term for free. Not compulsory, but highly recommended!





Cost

The CPD session, workshop, and attendance at the Key Stage Concert are **free**.

Dates & Times

CPD Session: Tuesday 6 October, 16.30-18.30

Keats House Workshop: Dates in the Spring Term TBC, approx. timings 10:30-14:00, timings can be amended depending on travel required.

KS2 Concert: Tuesday 2 February, 10.40-11.40 or 12.00-13.00

KS3 Concert: Wednesday 3 February, 10.40-11.40 or 12.00-13.00

Venue

Both the CPD session and Spring Workshops will take place at Keats House: **Keats House, 10 Keats Grove, London, NW3 2RR**

Key Stage Concerts take place at the **Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8DS**

Getting There

Keats House: The nearest stations are Hampstead Heath (Overground), and Hampstead and Belsize Park (Northern Line). Buses 1, 24, 46 and C11 all stop nearby.

Barbican Centre: The nearest stations are Barbican (Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan, Circle lines), Moorgate (Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan, Circle, Northern lines, Elizabeth Line), Farringdon (Elizabeth line) & St Paul's (Central line). Buses 153, 4, & 56 all stop nearby.

Additional Details

The CPD is open to teachers and educators from all schools within Greater London. Workshops are open to state Primary & Secondary Schools within Greater London.

To apply

Registration for the CPD is now open to all schools, and you can sign-up [here](#). Or via the QR code below:



Contact

If you would like more information or a workshop application form, please contact: Adam Grady, Schools Programme Manager at adam.grady@lso.co.uk 020 7566 2874

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