

A Child of Our Time – Performance Opportunity

Take part in a pioneering musical event at The Bridgewater Hall where YOU are the composers, creators and performers

The Royal Northern College of Music is recruiting young people aged 15-25 who have an interest in any kind of music, dance, theatre or film. This culturally diverse group will work together to create and perform a new multi-media performance piece at The Bridgewater Hall on Wednesday 26 March 2014.

The piece will be created by the group, composer Michael Betteridge, RNCM students and multi-media artists. It will respond to themes within Michael Tippett's *A Child of Our Time*, in particular the Kristallnacht pogrom against the Jews in 1938. Tippett wrote *A Child of Our Time* as a message of hope and optimism against poverty, war, oppression and prejudice. This project will give you the chance to deliver your messages to today's society.

There will be some focus on working with 'voices' in the broadest sense but you don't need to be a singer – we would also love to hear from instrumentalists, dancers, actors, artists and film-makers.

You will perform your powerful and dramatic work on all levels of The Bridgewater Hall from 6.45-7.20pm on Wednesday 26 March. You are then invited to come to a full performance of *A Child of Our Time*, starting at 7.30pm, performed by RNCM students.

We also hope to perform a variation on this piece at the Imperial War Museum North in July 2014, marking the anniversary of the First World War.

Creative sessions and rehearsals will take place on the following Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm at a venue in central Manchester, to be confirmed. It is important that you attend as many of these as you can as the piece will be created within these sessions.

28 January	4 February	11 February
18 February	25 February	4 March
11 March	18 March	25 March

There will also be an intensive day on **Monday 17 February** for those that can make it.

If you'd like to be involved in this event or would like more information please contact us using the details below. We look forward to working with you.

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