



YOUNG ARCHER



Hot stuff!

A group of Archer Academy students are pictured at the Royal Albert Hall just before their performance at the Barnet Arts Education Trust event on 23 April. The school was chosen to provide the choir and narrators for the debut performance of Pete Yarde Martin's choral and orchestral work 'George and the Dragon'. Parents and teachers report that they did a fantastic job.



In good voice: The winning Vox choir from Coldfall Primary

Singing stars take gold

Vox, the all-boys choir at Coldfall Primary School, took first prize in the North London Music Festival at St James's Church in Muswell Hill, winning a gold medal for each of the boys and £100 for the school.

The choir faced stiff competition of an extremely high standard from a host of other primary school choirs in the area. Each performed two songs to a packed audience of over 500 people. Vox performed Diamonds by Josef Salvat and Thinking Out Loud by Ed Sheeran.

The judges said: "Vox was outstanding. They sang with arrangements which showcased both the collective and individual talents of the boys involved. It was a truly excellent

performance."

Vox is a non-competitive choir which includes any boy who wants to join from years 4 - 6. It currently has 29 members and is run by teaching assistants Joelle Phillips and Warren Castle.

Joelle said: "We are so delighted at this result. It has been an absolute pleasure to help this incredible group of boys achieve something that many could only dream of. At the start of the year, many of our boys were very shy, far from the powerful voices we saw on stage."

Frankie Badaesonyi, aged eight, said: "We practised really hard and I really loved being given the chance to take part. We learned lots about singing and harmonies. I'm so happy we won."

Ben takes the rap

Ben Hains, 17, won the MC Trophy at this year's Boroughs United event at the Hackney Empire. Ben, of Hertford Road, is a rapper, using only his own material, and he won in front of a packed theatre of 1,600 people. The judges awarded him the trophy for his performance and the lyrical content.

Ben is a full-time student at the DJ and MC Academy in Bounds Green and also provides DJ-ing, beatboxing and rapping workshops in companies, schools and colleges.

Boroughs United is staged annually, bringing together children and young adults from every borough of London to showcase their skills in dancing, singing, and the spoken word.



Winner: Ben Hains with his Boroughs United trophy.

Triple joy for young music makers

Three groups from the Hampstead Garden Suburb-based Youth Music Centre had wins in the 2015 Spring Grove Music Festival and took home a cash prize of £750.

These young musicians meet every Saturday morning for orchestral playing, theory, voice lessons and Choir. The centre takes children from as young as 24 months into their highly successful Junior Musicianship classes.

The centre is now looking for keen wind players and is holding an assessment day on 7 June at Stephens House, East End Road. More details from www.youthmusiccentre.org

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- **MusicalTots:** Wednesdays 11am at the Old White Lion and Fridays 11am at The Five Bells N2. [Katemusicaltots on facebook.](https://www.facebook.com/katemusicaltots)
- **Phoenix Cinema activities,** Bringing up babyscreenings, Weds, 11am; Kids Club, Sat, 12pm; Toddler Time, Tues, 11am. Full details from box office on 020 8444 6789.
- **Stepping Stones,** music and play for 0-3s. Tues 10am, East Finchley Baptist Church. Liz 07836 284538.
- **Teddy Bears' Music,** singing for 0-3s in Holy Trinity Church, N2; Thurs 9.45am & 10.45am. Camilla 07900 988149.

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