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Summer's almost here!



After only three weeks of drum clubs at Craigentenny Primary their young drummers took to the stage for their first performance, the music concert at Craigentenny Primary on Monday 15th June. Just a week later a specially organised performance took place at Ferryhill Primary for their drum club.

Both performances had a number of very nervous drummers before taking the stage... but with four blasts of a whistle the nerves had blown away. Both dived into a thunderous short set... their volume was almost matched by the volume of the applause from an enthusiastic audience.

Both Miss Kinnaird (Depute Head at Craigentenny) and Mr Crabb (Head at Ferryhill) were both glowing in their praise of the young people but also commented on how much they were enjoying the after school drum clubs.

The opportunity was created by A.R.Ts Afternoon through funding from Creative Scotland's Youth Music Initiative!!

What a great way to kick off the summer and start the very first A.R.Ts Afternoon newsletter.

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The Finger on the Pulse



HELLO!!

Welcome to in first newsdesk, 'The Finger on the Pulse', in A.R.Ts Afternoon's first newsletter. This is the place to find where the pulse is at...

A CHARITABLE STATUS

In August 2014, A.R.Ts Afternoon was awarded Charitable Status by OSCR (The Office of the Scottish Charity Register). Thank you to those involved in taking the application forward and for your hard work in gaining this status for A.R.Ts.

THE DRUM CLUBS

A.R.Ts Afternoon has successfully made a bid to the Youth Music Initiative, a Creative Scotland funding stream, to create a number of free Drum Clubs around the City. The project kicked off at the end of April with taster sessions at Ferryhill Primary. A club started soon afterwards. The Headteacher, Mr Crabb, commented that it was the largest up take of an afterschool club and that it was great to see so many young people enjoying themselves. In June 2015, we will be opening up our third free Drum Club. Look out for further news/ articles on this as the project progresses. Exciting times!

PULSE PERFORM

Pulse of the Place have continued to be a busy band. With the 'gig' season fast approaching, it seems appropriate to have a quick glance back.

The two biggest gigs of the last year

were the Glasgow West End Festival and the first Edinburgh Carnival.

Both were great events to play at with huge audiences. We also took 'busking slots for the first time in the Edinburgh Festival using slightly smaller bands... Thanks Beth for setting these up. Our flashmob at the airport was great fun with some gutsy acting performances (you what I mean Fraser!). Our other big gig was Edinburgh's Light Night (our third year running) but this

time with some tap dancers!

WEST END FESTIVAL AND HOOTS

We performed on Saturday 6th June at West End Festival as part of Oli Furness Hoots project with other Scottish Youth Street Bands. Our own Sarah Kelly has written the drum part of the massed youth band performance!

Thank you to Michael Dale for his continued support.

Also thanks to The Edinburgh Samba School for offering to help out and get us to the West End Parade this year.

The Samba community is ace!





Jordan Ferguson

Jordan has just turned 18yrs and has been with Pulse since he was in Primary School. My first real memory of Jordan is him trying to climb into a small cardboard box. Over the years his confidence has grown and this can be evidenced through the roles that he has taken on. He dusted down his best dress to be Snow White in a show before playing some mean air guitar (his best instrument at the time). There are so many things to mention but there is just not the space... Everything from make-up to hot air balloons, Jordan has been willing and able to take part to the fullest extent. Sarah suggested that Jordan apply for the Global Grooves course. Jordan's application was so strong that he was the only young person recruited from Scotland. In the time I have known him, he has taken every opportunity offered to him and made it into something positive and good.



Jordan has just left Pulse of the Place to join The Edinburgh Samba School. We wish him well and success in whatever he goes on to do... Jordan, there is always an open invite to play Shotts and run up and down those hills backwards!!!

Thunder & Lightning @ The Jam House

Pulse rocked up to the Jam House on St Patricks Day to lend a little thunder to our friends in Siamsoir and the Irish Dance Academy. The group photo (right) has the Pulse drummers in their red cloaks. Can you spot them? The show included a spectacular acapella drum and Irish hard shoe collaboration. Possibly a taste of things to come!



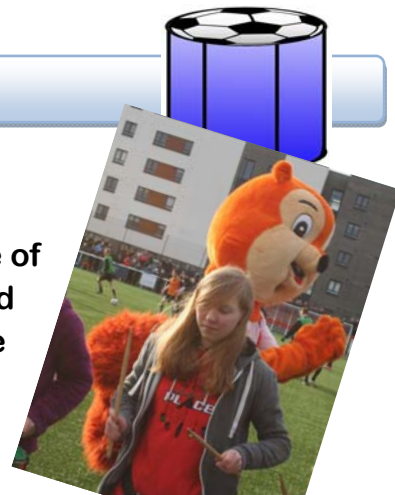
CARNIVAL

Our next edition will be a Carnival Special, focussing on the Edinburgh Carnival and other festivals. Watch out for a special feature on Glasgow West End and Pulse of the Place's part in Hoots on the Street first national Youth Street Band....

DON'T MISS IT

INSPIRED!!!!

Cast your mind back to 2012 and the London Olympic Games. One of the overriding aims of the games was to create a Legacy that would like on after the games had finished. New stadia were built and the Olympic Park was created. Alongside all of that was the 'Inspire Mark', to show a mark of quality of community projects that had been inspired by the Games. The Inspire Mark was awarded by LOCOG (London Organising Committee for the Olympic & Paralympic Games) and signed off by Lord Sebastian Coe.



Behind you!

In Scotland only 93 projects received the Inspire Mark, our own Olympic Project, 'Move to the Pulse of the Place', was one of those 94 projects. Spartans F C were another project based in Edinburgh to receive an Inspire Mark... Now you know your history... it's enough to make your hearts go...



A fantastic crowd

Wind forward to Saturday 7th February 2015 at Ainslie Park where Spartans inspiring and historic cup run had brought to the Scottish Cup fifth round... one match away from the Quarter finals and Berwick Rangers stood in their way. Kenny Cameron Spartans Youth Organiser gave Pulse a call to enlist their support. Of course we were honoured to have been asked and hoped that we could drum up a touch of Brazilian magic to spur Spartans on.

The atmosphere at the game was electric and alongside Spartans youth section the team were cheered on throughout the game. Unfortunately it looked like Spartans were going out of the cup until Ally Mackinnon popped up in injury time to score an equaliser.

Our teaming up on that day was a part of that Olympic Legacy and maybe opened doors for a future partnership working.



Not cold... not cold... not cold

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