

Update from Wiltshire Music Centre: May 2021

- Since April 2020, **Zone Club** went virtual with an average of 20 young adults tuning in each month. Many songs have been created including [‘Take that Ride’](#) and [‘New Christmas \(Zone Club in the World\)’](#)
- **Wiltshire Jazz Academy**, our ensemble for young jazz musicians also moved to virtual delivery.
- In April, we livestreamed a [Virtual My Science Fair](#), (YouTube views: 319) including our popular project competition, in partnership with the University of Bath and funded by the Institute of Physics.
- WMC delivered 4 **West of England Youth Orchestra** digital courses with between 30 – 45 musicians taking part in each; and **Wiltshire Youth Jazz Orchestra** recorded [‘Yes Please’](#) with NYJO
- **School projects:** Wiltshire Music Connect supported a livestream interactive performance for secondary schools, and a primary school folk concert – both giving young people access to live music performance
- The [Wiltshire Youth Choir](#) was launched! So far, 38 young people from 19 schools in Wiltshire have taken part in our online courses and workshops.
- As part of the [Celebrating Age Wiltshire](#) project, we have recorded monthly concerts from the auditorium, sent to our network of older people’s organisations, individuals and care homes. These are freely accessible on our [YouTube](#)
- In September 2020, we used a bounce-back loan to invest in a **state-of-the-art broadcast suite** to enable us to stay connected to audiences through livestream events throughout the pandemic.
- We hosted two digital classical music festivals: **Bath MozartFest** in Nov 2020, and **Bath BachFest** in Feb 2021 reaching audiences across the globe!
- From May 2021 we have re-launched our **Young Artist programme**, supporting talented young musicians through a series of livestream lunchtime concerts.
- From September 2021, we will return to **live concerts at WMC**, committed to working with artists we have had to postpone over the last year.
- **Community Concert:** In September 2020, to celebrate the reopening of WMC, we produced a socially-distanced outdoor Community Concert, with performance from our regular ensembles and local artists, attended by over three hundred families.
- We delivered a virtual campaign to mark the **Bradford Roots Festival** in January 2021 - #MyBradfordRoots engaged local artists and audiences in a virtual sharing of favourite festival memories and new music on social media, including two Facebook Live events
- **Community Focus Group:** In February, we brought together twelve people connected to WMC in very different ways for an open discussion about the centre, how we are perceived and how we can more fully engage and support the community. Feedback was varied and very valuable as we look to what comes next for the centre.
- **Volunteers:** We have remained in contact with our volunteer team through zoom coffee mtgs and events, and cannot wait to see them all back with us.

