



# NORTHERN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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## MAKING MUSIC VISUAL: A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME WITH NCO, ACCENT MUSIC HUB AND SCHOOLS

Our recent Education project, bringing together the NCO, Accent Music Education Hub and schools across Warrington, was a huge success. Led by our principal double bass **Jamie Manson**, and presented by our Artist in Association **Matthew Sharp**, we spent several months visiting the participating schools, working on compositions, interpretive dance and visual arts responses to Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring. The results, including a brand new composition, were presented at the prestigious Parr Hall in Warrington in July.

**Janice Pounds, Music Education Commissioner at Accent MEH** said "The Making Music Visual Project was one of the highlights of my career – an excellent example of creative collaboration between education and the Northern Chamber Orchestra. Accent MEH congratulates all colleagues and students who worked so hard to make this project such a success and we look forward to sharing this work at a local and regional level."

**NCO General Manager Charlie Rowley** said "I have to confess I didn't really know what to expect when I was invited to the Making Music Visual final performance. In 30 years of working in the arts I've attended a lot of schools work, but this genuinely took it to another level. The digital painting synced to the music, the sheer number and discipline of the dancers, the pupil's compositions weaved into a new work – I was blown away. Congratulations to Accent Music Education Hub for conceiving of a project of this scale and ambition. And congratulations to the all the participating pupils for rising to it. Stirring, stirring stuff."

**We would like to thank ForViva for their generous support of this project. For further information about financially supporting our Education and Outreach work, please contact Charlie Rowley on 0161 247220 / [charlie@ncorch.co.uk](mailto:charlie@ncorch.co.uk) or visit [www.ncorch.co.uk/support-us/corporate-support](http://www.ncorch.co.uk/support-us/corporate-support).**

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## ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND AWARD

We are extremely grateful to Arts Council England for its recent generous grant to present our programme at the beautiful Stoller Hall, Manchester where we are Orchestra in Association. This award will enable Manchester audiences to also enjoy some of the excellent soloists from our Macclesfield series.

## NEW GENERAL MANAGER: INTRODUCING CHARLIE ROWLEY

"I've now been in post for three months and, to appropriate the slogan of a burger chain, I'm loving it. In my first week I had the privilege of sitting in the stalls of Buxton Opera House listening to the Orchestra rehearse. As the hairs on the back of my neck stood up, I rather smugly congratulated myself on my career choices. Having previously dabbled in the classical world, managing concert halls in Ulverston and for Opera North, this is my first Orchestra. I now have a cause. More people deserve to hear the work of this outstanding band of musicians."

To contact Charlie, email [charlie@ncorch.co.uk](mailto:charlie@ncorch.co.uk), or give him a call on 0161 247 2220.



## NEW SEASON ANNOUNCED

Our new season of concerts has now been announced. As always, we welcome soloists of international standing, including cellist **Raphael Wallfisch**, pianist **Martin James Bartlett** and percussionist **Colin Currie** to the stage. We will also be celebrating **Beethoven's 250th birthday** during the season. Concerts take place at **Macclesfield Heritage Centre, The Stoller Hall** in **Manchester**, **St John's Church** in **Buxton**, and other venues across the North West. To view the full listings, visit [www.ncorch.co.uk/concerts](http://www.ncorch.co.uk/concerts)

**If you are interested in sponsoring a concert, please contact Charlie Rowley on 0161 247 2220 or [charlie@ncorch.co.uk](mailto:charlie@ncorch.co.uk).**

## MIND MUSIC - NCO IN THE COMMUNITY

our work with people living with dementia continues with our **Mind Music** programme. Our sessions in care homes across the North West have included singing familiar songs with the residents, some short performances, and activities with percussion instruments. Of the sessions, one staff member commented that "the musicians were absolutely amazing with the patients, getting them to join in with the singing and the instruments, the patients and staff really enjoyed it."

**Thank you to CDL Software for supporting these sessions. If you would like to help us bring projects like this to more care homes, please contact Concerts Manager Jonathan Thackeray on 0161 247 2220 or [jonathan@ncorch.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@ncorch.co.uk).**

