

Musical experiences from across the globe...

Redbridge Music Service is continuing to develop a comprehensive and wide-ranging World music programme. Young people are able to enjoy music from many different cultural traditions and discover how to play a range of instruments. The areas taught currently include music from:

- South East Asia
- India
- Africa
- South America

In addition the Music Service provides a Folk Music group which gives pupils the opportunity to learn a range of Folk Music from around the World.

The Folk Club 'Fiddles and Co' study traditional and folk music from many different parts of the world including Eastern Europe, Western Europe and the USA. The Redbridge Music Service recital programme also includes a World Music recital group which visits schools in Redbridge on a weekly basis.

South East Asia

Redbridge Music Service Gamelan comes from South East Asia.

The Service was one of the first organisations in the country to purchase a Gamelan Orchestra (a collection of metallic percussion instruments used in South East Asian countries such as Bali and Java).

The instruments were made especially for Redbridge Music Service and shipped from Java in 1995 and are housed in the John Savage Centre.

Hundreds of people from junior, secondary and special schools visit the John Savage Centre to experience this fascinating, hands-on experience. Sessions are usually booked by individual schools via the Redbridge Music Service office.

India

Redbridge Music Service now employs a number of specialists to teach a range of Indian musical instruments in schools, including Tabla and Citar. The availability of lessons on Indian instruments may vary from school to school. As with instrumental lessons from other traditions, schools can choose which instrumental groups they purchase when they make their annual bid for hours from the Music Service.

Africa

Schools have the option to purchase African drumming sessions. Our team of specialists can visit schools to provide regular or one-off sessions. African Music Club takes place at the John Savage Centre. There is no need to have any previous musical experience and as long as pupils live or go to school in the London Borough of Redbridge they can apply for a place. There is currently just one session a week so places may be limited.

South America

Schools have the option to purchase Samba lessons. This bright, vibrant style of drumming is often associated with South American Carnival. Regular or one-off sessions can be arranged.

There is also a South American Music Club which takes place on at the John Savage Centre. There is no need to have any previous musical experience and as long as pupils live or go to school in the London Borough of Redbridge they can apply for a place. There is currently just one session a week so places may be limited.