



# Music Man Project

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**As seen at the London Palladium, Royal Albert Hall and on TV, multi award-winning, world record-breaking musicians with learning disabilities welcome you to our musical family.**

The Music Man Project is an international music education service for children and adults with learning disabilities, providing accessible music tuition leading to inspirational performances.

Run by volunteers, the charity gives grants for accessible arts education, promotes equal access to performance, carries out research and raises awareness of the achievements of disadvantaged people in the arts.



*“As I stood briefly on the stage and looked at the audience’s faces, I was so moved by the families, seeing their child do things they could never have thought possible.”* The late Sir David Amess

From one student  
to the **Royal Albert Hall**

The Music Man Project was founded in 1999 by Disability and Access Ambassador for Arts and Culture and Churchill Fellow, David Stanley BEM. He taught the song *I am the Music Man* to a friend with Down’s Syndrome and established a weekly Music School with local charity, Southend Mencap. He promised his students that one day they would play the Royal Albert Hall. 20 years later, 200 Music Man Project students from across the UK performed *Music is Magic at the Royal Albert Hall* to an audience of 3000 people, supported by massed choirs, orchestra and celebrity guests. It was the largest ever celebration of accessible music-making in the country.

## A **Guinness World Record** at the **London Palladium**

The Music Man Project has performed two *Sunday Night at the London Palladium* variety concerts. The first featured an original musical called *From the Asylum to the Palladium* in which the students told their journey from isolated patients in mental hospitals to stars of the West End. In the second they broke the Guinness World Record for the largest ever

triangle ensemble, reaching 1521 triangles with the help of a capacity audience and a member of the Royal Family.



*“It’s like drinking a glass of happiness”*

Simon Cowell

## In the **Media**

The Music Man Project featured on BBC Radio 4, appeared on BBC I alongside Mr Motivator, sang Christmas Carols live on ITV’s Good Morning Britain, and received a standing ovation and 4 yes votes from celebrity judges on Britain’s Got Talent.

## 3 is the **Magic Number!**

Three Music Man Project students opened the National Lottery’s 25th birthday TV advert. They



were an instant hit with everyone involved in the production, from the casting agents to the acclaimed director, Michael Gracey (*The Greatest Showman*). Their performance brought the Music Man Project to millions of people.

## Musical Role Models for **10,000 School Children**

The Music Man Project delivers inspirational performance workshops to mainstream Primary School pupils, taught by leading musicians with a learning disability. Over 10,000 children have learned diversity awareness and acceptance by singing, signing, playing and dancing with the famous Music Man Project Student Ambassadors.



## Connecting a Unique **Global** Community

The Music Man Project has launched regional teaching hubs in counties across England and in every nation of the UK. It has reached communities thousands of miles away in South Africa, India, Nepal, USA and the Philippines. Regional projects are officially licenced for free, enabling them to use The Music Man Project brand and to access exclusive music, teaching resources and performance opportunities.

The Music Man Project explores how far the universal language of music can be used to free the constraints placed on people with a learning disability across the world, joining them together through song, country by country.



## Music is Magic with the **Royal Marines**

The Music Man Project recorded a charity single with Her Majesty's Bands of The Royal Marines, part of a unique collaboration to connect elite military musicians and people with learning-disabilities through the universal language of music. The partnership is supported by Music Man Project Patron, Penny Mordaunt MP and global PR company, TEAM LEWIS.



## Building a Momentum for **Change**

Referenced in the Government's new National Plan for Music Education and presented to the United Nations in New York, The Music Man Project is a global beacon of accessible Arts and Culture for others to follow. Thanks to The Music Man Project, people with learning disabilities are role models, capable of entertaining audiences in their thousands at the world's most prestigious performance venues. They herald a step-change, from consumers of culture to talented creative artists who show what they can do rather than what they need.



## Praise for the **Music Man Project**

*"The most worthwhile use of my song I could imagine"*

Kimberley Rew (composer of Love Shine A Light)

*"Exceptional opportunities for pupils"* HMI, OFSTED

*"The most joyous time we've ever had. They spent their life being told to be quiet."* DIYA Foundation, India

*"Truly inspiring, joyous, warm and engaging."*

Royal College of Music

*"A wonderful music education service"* UK Prime Minister

*"The joy that you brought to the event was unmatched and a highlight"* Naidex Disability Show at the NEC

*"Inspirational and amazing. Better than the Last Night of the Proms!"* Royal Albert Hall Audience Member

*"Wonderful music making. A fantastic and joyful concert."*

BBC Ten Pieces

*"I was absolutely blown away. Just brilliant!"* Lee Mead



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Support The Music Man Project  
and help us **fulfil more dreams!**

- A performance on Broadway, New York
- A purpose built headquarters
- Further expansion across the UK and around the world



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