

Faster, Higher, Stronger



Hertfordshire's Five Gold Rings and The Purcell School created a unique dance and music collaboration called "Faster, Higher, Stronger" whereby dancers, musicians and composers worked together in a series of workshops to create a piece for three celebratory events in July.

The dancers, musicians and composers were drawn from different Housing Association areas, supported by others from Mid-Herts Centre for Music and the Arts and the Purcell School.

This was a fantastic and invaluable experience for young dancers. Participants learned how to work with other dancers, composers and musicians to create innovative works, learning a specially commissioned choreography to live and fresh music.



The dancers were led by Trinity-Laban trained dancer Natasha Hubert who brought together ideas and choreographed the dances.

The musicians and composers were led by Aidan Goetze, Head of Music Technology and Head of Composition at the Purcell School for Young Musicians (www.purcell-school.org) and Hannah Grayson, Director of the innovative inter-arts collaborative group Music Off Canvas - (www.musicoffcanvas.com).



Natasha Hubert with musicians from Music Off Canvas



Young composers and musicians from Broxbourne came to the Purcell School and shared their ideas with pupils from the school, who used their own instruments and the school's recording studio to develop and document their work. All the young people greatly enjoyed collaborating together, and several workshops were organised to create the music for *'Faster, Higher, Stronger'*

The dates of the workshops ran from Tues 15th May to Sat 23rd June.

On Mon 2 July there was a spectacular First Performance at the Purcell School of Music

Tues 3rd July – Performance 2 at Broxbourne Civic Hall

Mon 9th July - Performance at Watford Palace Theatre



This excellent, inspiring project led to three exceptional performances of new music and dance, all of which were greatly admired and appreciated by more than 1,400 people in Hertfordshire

Thank you so much!

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