

NOTTINGHAM MUSIC HUB PANDEMIC TIMELINE

How the hub adapted & continued to provide exciting music making opportunities for children & young people in Nottingham City (March 2020 to March 2021)

18 MAR 2020	Schools asked to shut down by the UK government
21 MAR 2020	First ONLINE rehearsal for RHYO! 50 young people joined the Robin Hood Youth Orchestra's first online rehearsal
23 MAR 2020	National Lockdown announced by the government
24 MAR 2020	First digital lesson shared on YouTube to continue music education in Nottingham City – followed by 200+ videos created by NMH staff for city pupils
30 MAR 2020	Introduces 'Two Minute Lessons': a series of videos featuring 2-minute lessons on different instruments (starting with the piano!)
31 MAR 2020	Sheku Kanneh-Mason sends a lovely message of support to RHYO
3 APR 2020	Launches Easter Challenge for city pupils: sing & dance to the hub's charity single <i>If Every Child Could</i>
9 APR 2020	Two Minute Lessons continue with ' pots and pans ' drumming
14 APR 2020	Music hub features on BBC Radio Nottingham about music making opportunities for YP during lockdown
27 APR 2020	Two Minute Lessons start with percussion
29 APR 2020	Hub staff record Happy Birthday over Teams
30 APR 2020	Hub staff honour NHS & key workers with their performance of Somewhere Over the Rainbow #ClapfortheNHS , also featured on BBC Nottingham Radio the same day
30 APR 2020	Two Minute Lessons continue with Singing
6 MAY 2020	Kopanica , a traditional Bulgarian Dance tune, premieres on YouTube – an incredible feat of coordination and performance featuring 50+ members of the fantastic RHYO
7 MAY 2020	RHYO's amazing Kopanica performance airs on BBC Radio Nottingham on Upload!
11 MAY 2020	Introduces a School Challenge Board to motivate city pupils to continue their music education over Lockdown, engaging schools in a friendly competition to score points
15 MAY 2020	After attracting praise from all over (including the Bulgarian Embassy in London and music professors from Nebraska University), RHYO's Kopanica gets featured in LeftLion & on 'Ey Up Notts'!
18 MAY 2020	Easter Challenge ends with a video montage of If Every Child Could
21 MAY 2020	Team leader Helen Murray featured on the Music for Education and Wellbeing podcast
23 – 24 MAY 2020	NMH ensembles, staff & city pupils participate in Nottingham's first ever 2-day digital creative event Nottstopping Festival
11 JUN 2020	First live streaming lesson trialled for Mellers Primary

12 JUN 2020	RHYO Intermediate record Apache - NMH staff prepared online resources, tutorials and tech guidelines so students could record their parts
15 JUN 2020	Launches Babethandaza , a city-wide music challenge for schools
15 JUN 2020	Introduces 'Music Maestros', project supporting young people who wanted to take a grade exam during Lockdown
23 JUN 2020	Kopanica featured on the ABRSM website
26 JUN 2020	NMH CEO and RHYO students speak at national Music Mark conference session on remote rehearsals during the pandemic. Special video created for this featuring RHYO, Nottingham city schools with Lincolnshire and National Youth Jazz Orchestra
15 JUL 2020	An incredible lockdown performance of ' Into the Unknown ' by RHYO and their partner youth orchestra from Karlsruhe, Germany: Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe
16 JUL 2020	Into the Unknown featured on BBC Radio Nottingham's Upload
17 JUL 2020	RHYO start fundraising for the music hub in a 'Lockdown to Karlsruhe' event
20 JUL 2020	Holds ' Summer Celebration ', a virtual event featuring recorded performances by RHYO, Interconnect and a performance of a joint city-wide project <i>Babethandaza</i> , featuring children from primary & secondary schools & NMH ensembles
21 JUL 2020	RHYO & Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe's performance of Into the Unknown features on BBC East Midlands Today
27 JUL 2020	Launches MusiQuest 2020: The Search for the Lost Chord with CBBC's Andy Day, a musical challenge for city pupils
11 AUG 2020	Introduces new ensemble "RHYO InterConnect" for young musicians ages 9 – 14
1 SEP 2020	Schools reopen in the UK after govt. announcement
19 SEP 2020	RHYO InterConnect online rehearsals start
8 SEP 2020	NMH staff features on NottsTV Ey Up Notts to talk about MusiQuest 2020 and RHYO's fundraiser
14 SEP 2020	RHYO's first socially distanced live rehearsal!
21 SEP 2020	Area Bands start online rehearsals
22 SEP 2020	Introduces 'How to train your dragon' for RHYO & secondary school pupils
30 SEP 2020	All 66 schools we worked with in 2019-20 sign up to work with us again in 2020-21 showing their commitment to music
2 OCT 2020	Launches Sing City 2020 – online edition! Singing competition for young people (11 – 19) in Nottingham City
13 OCT 2020	Receive £120,000 from the #CultureRecoveryFund to support more young people to make music safely through the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic
20 OCT 2020	NMH's Claire Dyer and ROB.GREEN feature on NottsTV to promote Sing City 2020
31 OCT 2020	Second National Lockdown announced by the Govt. but schools remain open
5 NOV 2020	ROB.GREEN hosts workshop for Sing City entrants on song writing, vocal range, performances & more
10 NOV 2020	NMH partners with Open Orchestra for a new project to enable young people with profound learning difficulties to take part in music making

16 NOV 2020	Launches 'Festive Fundraiser' to support music making projects and events in the city
27 NOV 2020	Sing City winners announced
1 DEC 2020	Hub Pub Quiz takes place online, with 14 teams participating in the fun and raising over £100
17 DEC 2020	Christmas in the City goes online – with over 2,000 performers representing more than 60 schools in Nottingham City
20 DEC 2020	RHYO and City Schools (excerpts from Christmas in the City) featured at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Service and Notts TV – in total 13,000+ people saw performances from Christmas in the City
4 JAN 2021	Festive Fundraiser ends, raising £810 pounds for music making projects in Nottingham City
5 JAN 2021	Third National Lockdown comes into force, with all schools shutting down as well
6 JAN 2021	NMH to collaborate with MEHEM on ' Uprising ' a 3-year project to improve music provision for pupils with additional needs
8 JAN 2021	Relaunches MusiQuest: the Search for the Lost Chord due to popular demand!
11 JAN 2021	Starts live weekly lessons (daily every weekday at 11 am and 1:30 pm!)
9 FEB 2021	Partners with BeatFeet to offer music provisions for KS1 & nursery aged children
24 FEB 2021	Grace Smith from the English Folk Dance & Song Society & staff Mae run a workshop on folk music with RHYO
1 MAR 2021	Introduces ' Music in Nottingham ', an interactive musical map of Nottingham celebrating music in different cultures across the city
8 MAR 2021	Starts teaching back in schools!
10 MAR 2021	Launches ' Noise from the Lockdown Generation ' in partnership with YCA & Young Hustlers

We are so proud and grateful for the fantastic music hub staff, partner organisations, schools and wonderful Nottingham City families to have helped us overcome incredible challenges and continue to spread the joys of music throughout this difficult time. Here is hoping for brighter and more musical days to come!