

## Royal Birmingham Conservatoire LEAP Ensemble Invitation Letter

We are really pleased to inform you that you have been nominated by your Head of Music Service / Music Teacher to take part in Royal Birmingham Conservatoire's LEAP Ensemble visit on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Malcolm Arnold Academy**. We hope you can join us!

### **Who are Royal Birmingham Conservatoire's Learning and Participation (LEAP) Ensemble?**

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire's LEAP Ensemble delivers high quality, engaging and accessible performances and workshops for young people and community audiences.

Made up of students, alumni and staff of RBC, the 25-piece chamber orchestra with vocalists carefully selects and crafts its repertoire to be fun, creative and educational for many different audiences. The LEAP Ensemble works regionally and nationally with partners at Music Hubs, schools and the charity sector to provide world-leading participatory workshops and concerts. You can see the LEAP Ensemble in action by following this link: <https://youtu.be/rwaAnnG7ZH8?si=1lfQg5Fxmzmh85ry>

### **What will the day involve?**

The day will begin with several fun and interactive warmup games, aimed at introducing everyone and 'breaking the ice!' Afterwards, you will be introduced to and rehearse a variety of LEAP Ensemble pieces through a series of sectionals and orchestra/vocal rehearsals, coached by staff and students from the LEAP Ensemble. The day will culminate with a 45-minute sharing event, performing the repertoire that has been rehearsed for your family and friends to enjoy.

Here is a link to sheet music and backing tracks:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h1rhwl\\_8WkMi5TPYnFrYbbM6VTRgJ656?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h1rhwl_8WkMi5TPYnFrYbbM6VTRgJ656?usp=drive_link)

### **Who is the event suitable for?**

The music is composed and arranged by professional composers, creating parts that utilise each instrument/voice to its fullest. As such, we recommend that instrumentalists invited to this event are of grade 5+ standard.

We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting opportunity and look forward to meeting you soon.

Please fill out this short form to sign up: <https://forms.office.com/e/gUBuWUiFXX>

Best wishes,

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