

# ANIMATE ORCHESTRA

## LOOKING AHEAD

Animate Orchestra is a ground breaking and innovative project that was designed to address the drop off of instrumental learning between primary and secondary school. Originally launched in 2011, Animate Orchestra was dubbed 'a Young People's Orchestra for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' and with funding from the [Esme Fairburn Foundation](#) and [Youth Music](#), it has developed and flourished. Animate Orchestra is open to any instrumental learner regardless of ability, is an opportunity for young people to create their own music and incorporates 'non-traditional' instruments into the orchestra.

Animate Orchestra is unique in its scope, ambition and incorporation of music technology as a section of the orchestra

Since the first launch event, hundreds of young people have been involved in Animate Orchestra and we have seen many exciting projects including collaborations between the orchestra and other art forms, involvement in the [BBC Proms](#) and many other high profile performances.

As well as funding, a key to the success of Animate Orchestra is due to the strong partnership between Trinity Laban, [London Philharmonic Orchestra](#), [Greenwich Music Hub](#), [Lewisham Music](#), [Lambeth Music Service](#) and [Southwark Music Service](#), which allow a pooling of resources to drive the project forward.

As with all successful projects, we have taken time to evaluate and assess the offer to make sure it is still relevant, ever innovative and meets the aims of all involved. With this in mind, looking to the future, Animate Orchestra has to change in response to the current climate, the priorities of all the partners and the funding of the project.

With agreement from all partners who have been involved, Trinity Laban will be driving forward the future of Animate Orchestra. This means that the Animate Orchestra offer will look slightly different to how it has in the past but will retain the core values of being an open and inclusive creative orchestra aimed at supporting transition for instrumental learners from primary to secondary school.

Please look out for future Animate Orchestra courses which will run in school holidays across the year and will include opportunities for young musicians of different experience.

The aims of Animate Orchestra are:

- To create a progression route for motivated and talented young musicians to support continued instrumental learning
- To represent the diverse talents and ideas of children and young people, giving artistic input into the music they make and perform,
- To inspire young people, through creative music projects and opportunities to perform alongside world class professional musicians

We thank you for being involved in the Animate Orchestra journey this far and hope to see you at a future project.