



# Guildford County School

## SPECIALIST MUSIC COLLEGE

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Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Showcase Gala

## 'About Time ...'

G Live March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 7:00pm

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to announce that our annual Showcase Gala for 2019 will be taking place in the prestigious **G Live** venue and we very much hope that you will be able to join us for this special evening. It will be a wonderful celebration of our musically talented pupils and particularly impressive that around 300 of our students will be involved in this event.

**Tickets are £16 and will be available from Friday 1st February, directly from the G Live Box Office – either in person, via the website or over the phone.**

The following ensembles will be taking to the stage, alongside some complimentary solo performances:

**GCS Gospel Choir, GCS Double Reed Ensemble, GCS Upper & Lower Girls Choirs, GCS Trombone Choir, GCS Chamber Choir, GCS Big Band, GCS Boys Choir, GCS Chamber Orchestra, GCS Senior Choir with GCS Staff Choir, GCS Senior Brass, Schola Cantorum, GCS Cello Ensemble, GCS Barbershop, GCS Funk Collective, Percussion Ensemble**

With so many pupils involved, logistics have to be tight.

**A preparatory date for diaries is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, when ensembles will have a final rehearsal in school from 15:30 to 17:30, running through the 'opening number' and 'finale'. Musicians should keep this date clear and will be informed, in due course, if required at this time.

**The actual day – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - will then run as follows; deadlines and more exact timings for specific groups will be confirmed closer to the event:**

- All ensembles will be walked in groups to G Live and use the sign in / sign out system provided. Sixth Formers can make their own way to the venue and return to school through the day if not required.
- All groups will be advised which dressing rooms / spaces they have been allocated and will familiarize themselves with routes to stage. These groups will be supervised at all times.
- Individual ensembles will be advised about lunch arrangements, but it is our aim to ask all the larger choirs to eat at school at break time, before moving to G Live later in the morning. Smaller ensembles may require a packed lunch, which they will eat at the venue. All ensembles will be advised individually of specific requirements.

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Choral Patron: Howard Goodall CBE Patron: Julian Lloyd Webber FRCM Boys Choir Patron: Roger Black MBE

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- The afternoon will end with a **Dress Rehearsal – ending around 4:00pm** - after which all pupils will sign out and be released into the town (just as they would be from school). They should then make their way home, or make alternative arrangements, to eat and prepare themselves for the evening concert.
- All performers will need to **report back to G Live at 6:00pm**, sign in and make their way to their allocated dressing room / space.
- **The concert begins at 7pm and is expected to finish around 10pm.** All pupils **MUST** sign out (unless in Sixth Form) before being collected from G Live.

As you will understand, safety and efficiency are paramount. To help the day run smoothly, after you have digested all the above details, please:

- Fill out the permission slip below, making sure you provide all information requested.
- Return these details **ASAP to:**
  - **Music Office** by hand
  - or
  - **via email to [cam@guildfordcounty.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cam@guildfordcounty.surrey.sch.uk).**

***Lastly .... buy those tickets! There is no limit and they will sell quickly.***

***This is your unique chance to include, share with and entertain as many family members and friends as you like.***

With thanks in advance for your support and cooperation.

Lesley Nicole on behalf of Caroline Gale and the Music Department  
Community Arts Manager Director of Music

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**Please complete FULLY and return to the Music Office, or email to [cam@guildfordcounty.co.uk](mailto:cam@guildfordcounty.co.uk):**

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**‘About Time’**  
G Live - March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 7:00pm

I have read all the details given in the letter above and give permission for my child’s attendance at ‘About Time’ rehearsal and concert.

Pupil’s name: ..... Tutor: .....

Parent / Carer mobile contact for March 29th: .....

Collection (unless 6<sup>th</sup> Form) at end of concert by: .....

Mobile contact if different from that given above: .....

Any important dietary / medical information:  
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Are you are able / willing to be an adult helper **during the day** on the 29<sup>th</sup> March? If so:

Adult’s name: .....

Relationship to which student: .....

email & mobile contact: .....

***Many thanks - we will contact you if we require assistance.***