

Youth music tours to the heart of Normandy



Musique Anglo-Normande



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Our monthly newsletter looks ahead to future tours, reviews past tours, shares interesting info on the venues and activities we organise, with a moment to focus on one of groups that are touring to our beautiful Pays d'Auge. Enjoy!

Multi-level *Projet Orchestre Géant* “a la Venezuela!”

The final preparations are underway for one the biggest projects ever undertaken by the Ecole de Musique ‘Erik Satie’, Honfleur. With the visiting Radley College Symphony Orchestra we have been gradually signing up French children of all ages to participate in a multi-level orchestra using a selection of works from the BBC Ten Pieces repertoire. At the time of writing we are at 108 participants, and we are looking forward to filling the huge Greniers a Sel concert hall in Honfleur with music on Sunday 12th February at 5pm.

“The Erik Satie municipal music school (Honfleur) is delighted to welcome the Radley College Symphony Orchestra for a concert on the 12 February 2023 at Honfleur’s ‘Grenier a Sel’. It provides an opportunity for our students to perform in a full symphony orchestra”

“L’école municipale de musique Erik Satie, est heureuse d’accueillir pour un concert, le 12 février 2023 au grenier à sel de Honfleur, l’orchestre Symphonique du Radley collège . C’est une chance pour nos élèves de pouvoir bénéficier de ce beau projet et de jouer en orchestre symphonique ”

Philippe Simon, Directeur Ecole de Musique Erik Satie, Honfleur



Focussing on....

BEAT tour, July 2023

The young musicians from Barnet Education Arts Trust will enjoy a fun-filled tour to us in July. Staying at the beautiful Domaine de Soignolles, they will be performing at the Basilica of Saint Therese in Lisieux, a D-Day Landing Beaches performance at the Juno Beach Centre, and a concert in central Honfleur. Excursions to the Bayeux Tapestry, Cerza Zoo, and Normandy’s largest theme-park Festyland will make for a brilliant week of music and fun!



“Musique Anglo Normande have listened carefully to all our questions and requests, and arranged an itinerary which perfectly fits our needs. Their communication has been brilliant, every step of the way, and we are really looking forward to our tour in the summer”

Sophie Boden, Head of BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust)



Having lots of fun at....

Festyland!

We love Festyland! This is Normandy's largest amusement park, complete with a Viking theme running throughout. The size of the park is perfect for a packed half-day of fun, with over thirty different rides suitable for a wide range of ages.

Based just to the West of Caen, we often schedule this visit back-to-back with either Bayeux (for the Tapestry Museum and Cathedral) or the D-Day Landing Beaches, both places which can incorporate musical performances. The surface area of the park is relatively compact, meaning that students can explore at their leisure without getting lost, and four restaurants are available for lunches and snacks.

Performing at.....

Juno Beach Centre

A tour to the Pays d'Auge can also incorporate a visit to the D-Day Landing Beaches, and there are many different locations and museums to choose from.

The Juno Beach Centre at Arromanches-les-Bains is a fascinating place to visit, the students learn about the events of D-Day and can also have a guided tour of one of the bunkers.

This can lead onto a musical performance on the beachfront promenade outside the museum, which is always a busy area in the summer months.

