

# BBC MUSIC DAY

is coming !

BBC Music Day is returning for its third year on Thursday 15 June 2017, celebrating music's ability to unite communities across generations, and this year bell-ringers have been asked to play an even bigger role.

The sound of bells, with their power to bring communities and generations together, was a feature of last year's BBC Music Day, with over 200 bell-ringing groups taking part.

This year's theme is the power of music, and the day will feature broadcasts on BBC TV, Radio and digital services from 6am to midnight.

Bob Shennan, Director of BBC Radio and Music explains:

*"BBC Music Day is a unique opportunity for people to celebrate music and musical talent, whether attending one of the many events taking place or tuning in at home."*

Last year's BBC Music Day was supported by a number of stars including Duran Duran, Izzy Bizu, Laura Mvula, and Nile Rodgers, who performed at the Eden Project in Cornwall on BBC Music Day.

Meanwhile, BBC Local Radio (in partnership with BBC Outreach) marked BBC Music Day 2016 with Take it to the Bridge: musical collaborations on over 40 bridges around the UK, both large iconic bridges such as the Tees Transporter Bridge in Middlesbrough and smaller, quirkier bridges like Bishop Bridge in Norwich.

Award-winning Scottish band and BBC Music Day Ambassadors Travis performed live with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra at the Barrowlands in Glasgow.

In the evening, bells from over 200 church towers across the UK rang out simultaneously throughout towns, cities and villages, from cathedrals such as Bristol and Manchester to smaller parish churches like Saint Francis Xaviers in Liverpool.



The Power of Music – Ringing at Manchester Cathedral for BBC Music Day 2016



This year, BBC Music Day will be even larger and the BBC would like to build on last year's success by inviting tower and handbell ringers from the UK and around the world to ring out at 1900 their local time.

BBC Music Day Producer, Rebecca Sandiford, comments *"Church bells are a wonderful symbol of community cohesion and since BBC Music Day is all about uniting people through music, bell ringing is going to provide a fantastic unifying moment. This year we'd like to make this even more special by inviting ringers around the globe to join us, ringing at 1900 local time, to show how the power of music can unite people around the world."*

Ringers are being asked to ring only for a few minutes or for longer if they prefer. The BBC aims to select performances to include in their coverage.

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### How to take part :-

- Agree with your venue, plan your band, what you will ring and any special event or dedication associated with your performance. If possible, arrange permission from your band and venue in case the BBC ask you to video or record your ringing on the day.
- Email the BBC Music Day team at [BBCMusicDay@bbc.co.uk](mailto:BBCMusicDay@bbc.co.uk) as soon as possible to let them know you'll be taking part with the subject heading "RINGING EVENT - <Your Location> <Your Country> and include in your email :-
  - A contact email and mobile phone number
  - Who will be ringing and what will be rung
  - Details of any event, story or dedication associated with your performance, which will be of interest to the BBC's audience.
- Ring, starting at 7pm local time on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- The BBC may invite you to submit a video or audio clip of your ringing on the day. If so, they will contact you using the email or phone number you have provided.

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