



Pioneering partnership in Kent: Music@Malling Festival and Liberty Property Trust announce collaboration

Music@Malling is delighted to announce a new partnership with Liberty Property Trust – the award-winning developers of Kings Hill.

“I am delighted that Music@Malling will be collaborating with Liberty Property Trust on artistic projects in one of the country’s most successful new villages,” said Thomas Kemp, Artistic Director of Music@Malling.

Founded in 2011, Music@Malling features outstanding artists in concerts and outreach in historical venues in and around West Malling. The festival runs each September with a number of satellite events held across the year.

Thomas Kemp continued: “Liberty’s commitment to developing an inspiring and aspirational place for people to live and work is underpinned by a belief in the arts as a way of enriching this environment. Music@Malling is delighted to be part of this and extend our activities to the vibrant residential and commercial communities in Kings Hill.”

Andrew Blevins, managing director of Kings Hill developer, Liberty Property Trust, said: “We believe that our commitment to developing the soft and social infrastructure of our live/work/play community is an important part of its appeal. We are very pleased to be supporting Music@Malling and delighted that the organisation is already working with local school children; we hope that association will continue to grow.”

The fifth annual Music@Malling Festival will run from Sunday 20th September through to Sunday 27th September.

Liberty Property Trust is sponsoring the opening concert of the 2015 Festival – an evening of music from TV and film composer Barrington Pheloung with world-renowned studio orchestra The London Metropolitan Orchestra. Audiences will enjoy music from award winning TV series such as *Morse*, *Lewis* and *Endeavour* performed live to picture and will get fascinating insights into how composers fit music to film.

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Music@Malling has a rolling programme of outreach projects and involves over 2000 children in creative activities – giving young people access to internationally renowned arts practitioners. Since its inception, Discovery School, Kings Hill, has been involved in these projects which have included Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* and HK Gruber's *Frankenstein!!* with Chamber Domaine and English National Ballet. The school orchestra has been involved with an ensembles project that has set up six orchestras in six primary schools across Tonbridge and Malling, supported by Soundhub, Kent.

See the most recent ensembles education project:
<https://vimeo.com/127576384>

“Our fifth festival is going to be jam packed with distinctive and memorable events with a great line up of artists. I am pleased that Music@Malling continues to enjoy so much local support and that our outreach and education programme inspires hundreds of children across the county. We are proud to be building a reputation as one the UK’s most innovative classical music festivals, and we look forward to sharing memorable performances with you in these glorious local venues,” added Thomas Kemp.



Schoolchildren work with a dancer from English National Ballet at the 2014 festival

Music@Malling Festival is very grateful for the help of a wide range of national, regional and local supporters including Arts Council England, Cleary Foundation, Prince’s Charities, Britten-Pears Foundation, Tonbridge and Malling, KCC, Malling Memorial Institute and Soundhub Kent.

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Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd is developing Kings Hill - www.kings-hill.com - as a rapidly growing sustainable community in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), ensuring economic, environmental and social progress for this and future generations. Kings Hill combines commercial, residential, educational, retail, community, sports and leisure uses within 800 acres of highly landscaped low density parkland and aims to promote quality of life by providing a unique environment in which people can live, work, play and study. In addition to providing accommodation for SME's, Kings Hill also attracts significant international tenants such as Barclays, Voyages SNCF (formerly Rail Europe), Cabot Financial, Marsh and Kimberly-Clark.

Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd is also developing Didsbury Point business park in Manchester – www.didsburypoint.com and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus www.cambridgebiomedicalcampus.com.

Liberty Property Trust UK and Kent County Council have formed a collaborative public/private sector “partnership” having entered into a Development Agreement to create an exemplar mixed-use community. Kings Hill is the County's flagship development for attracting inward investment and promoting regional economic growth and it also seeks to deliver in all areas of existing and evolving Government policy priorities.

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