



**MEDIA RELEASE    Event: Rehearsal and Masterclass on Fri 3 June 2011 at 1pm-4pm at PMZ in preparation for performances on 27 and 28 June at the Plymouth Pavilions.**

## **BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA USES DR WHO AND PLYMOUTH MUSIC ZONE IN A SPECIAL PROJECT TO OPEN THE EARS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO ORCHESTRAL MUSIC...**

30 young people from the city's biggest music education charity have been picked to play with one of the country's most prestigious orchestras and are set to perform in front of 7000 schoolchildren at the largest venue in Plymouth. The BBC Concert Orchestra will be playing a number of well-known pieces of film and TV music as part of their annual 'Music Mix' project that reaches out to capture young people's interest through showing the magic and possibility of orchestral music. PMZ participants will be performing the finale with the 60 piece orchestra at a rendition of the Ivor Novello award winning Elbow track "One Day Like This".

PMZ Programme Manager, Karl Meyer, who's mentoring the young people says:

**"We've picked all the young people and created two new 5 piece bands to work with our 20 piece choir to then perform with the BBC Concert Orchestra. It's all completely new to them and they're still pinching themselves about being chosen to play such an incredible piece of music with such an amazing orchestra in front of the biggest audience PMZ has ever performed to – I'm not surprised they're seeing it as a life changing experience! What a fantastic opportunity."**

The young musicians have been rehearsing the iconic Elbow track together in preparation for a special masterclass with one of the top musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra. Sarah Freestone is a multi-instrumentalist who along with the BBC Concert Orchestra has played with the likes of Kylie Minogue, Westlife and Radiohead. Sarah will be sharing top tips ahead of the performance to prepare the young people for the experience. She's delighted to be adding PMZ to her play list...

BBC Concert Orchestra musician Sarah Freestone says:

**"The musicians of the BBC Concert Orchestra love performing at these MusicMix concerts- the power and sound world of the orchestra always has such an effect on the young audience and the reaction that we get back from them is amazing! Having the young musicians from PMZ onstage with us is going to be a terrific finale to the programme - the orchestra played this very track with Elbow two years ago and we're really excited about recreating the event in Plymouth with some of the talented local young musicians."**

Sarah will be working with the bands and the choir at Plymouth Music Zone on **Fri 3 June from 1pm-4pm**. The performances with the full BBC Concert Orchestra take place on 27 and 28 June in front of a specially invited audience of thousands from schools across the South West.

For further details of the Sarah Freestone Masterclass and filming and photo opportunities please call Karl Meyer on 01752 213690

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