



**Plymouth's young people to add musical colour to old black and white World War 2 footage.**

**A unique film and music composition project will challenge groups of youngsters to create original musical backgrounds for silent film from the 1940s. The resulting pieces will be performed live and then recorded onto a DVD to be kept in the city's film archive.**

It's part of the "Their Past Your Future" project involving Plymouth Music Zone, Space for Sport and Arts and the South West Film and TV archive.

Plymouth Music Zone's composer Nick Grew has been working with one group of GCSE students from Stoke Damerel School to create a piece of music to go with footage of the Exeter bombings. He says

**"It was really interesting to see how 15 year olds would respond to the obvious emotional content of the World War 2 film. Some of them were stunned into silence at first but then came up with something which was really moving. It was great having those kind of quality materials to work with."**

30 young people between the ages of 11 and 18 will also be spending 4 days creating music to other rare images during ORCHESTR8, Plymouth Music Zone's annual orchestral holiday school. This will be led by Andy Baker from the world renowned Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. They will then be stepping back in time and playing their instruments live along with the edited World War 2 film at a performance to a packed crowd at the end of the week.

Plymouth Music Zone Director, Ben Ballard says

**"I'm really glad the South West Film and TV Archive were keen to do something with some of their silent footage because Plymouth Music Zone works with a lot of talented young people who have jumped at the chance to create music using such powerful images. It's a great opportunity to bring the two strands together and we hope this can be the first of many such film and music composition projects."**

Photographs and filming opportunities are available throughout the week by prior arrangement. Please contact Glyn Fuge on **01752 213690** for further details.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS:

### EVENT DATES:

- **Stoke Damerel School GCSE Recording workshop**  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April 9am-11am
- **ORCHESTR8 Workshops, Plymouth Music Zone**  
Mon Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – Thurs Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm
- **Performance: Plymouth Music Zone**  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> April 6pm-7pm

### BACKGROUND BUMPH

- **Plymouth Music Zone** is part of a network of Youth Music Action Zones set up in areas of social and economic need by national charity Youth Music, providing music-making activities to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

Plymouth Music Zone operates a diverse and innovative range of music activities for young people and adults through workshops, tuition, training, curriculum support, team building and music services. We are well-resourced with a wide range of equipment from electronic to traditional for maximum benefit to all participants.

- Over the past 2 years, millions of pounds have been spent building four state-of-the-art facilities for sport and art in Plymouth. These are known as the **Spaces for Sport and Art**. Three of these spaces are attached to primary schools in Whitleigh, Efford and Bull Point. The fourth is Plymouth Music Zone – a music education centre at Brickfields in Devonport. The aim of this unique initiative is not only to improve children's health and education but also to put the centres at the heart of their communities and encourage people to use them.



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