

Meet the Tutors



Carl Stanbridge - Music Arranging, Bass Guitar

Carl picked up guitar at the age of 8 and then at 15 he was asked to play bass for a local church. Carl was thrown in at the deep end, having to play church songs/ hymns by ear. He promptly fell in love with the instrument And has never looked back since. He went on to do his first album session At 16 and Later graduated from Bassteck with a Music degree. Since then Carl has had the privilege of working With many great artist such as Alexandra Burke, Joss Stonem Ms Dynamite, Darlene Zschech, Graham Kendrick, Steve Thompson, West end theatre, etc. We are pleased to have Carl teach At our Children's Residential school of Music & Worship



Dave Brons - Band Clinic & Guitar

Dave Brons is a modern rock guitarist, whose Style has been described as "a cross between Steve Vai and Stevie Ray Vaughan". Dave has Been teaching and playing guitar for 15 years. Currently he spends his time playing, teaching and producing music. Dave has recently released a guitar tuition video which can be viewed at: www.davebrons.com Dave regularly performs in the UK with metal Band "Sneek" and works with artists such as Graham Kendrick on tour and on studio recordings.



Gill Hayward - Classical Training & Vocals

Gill is well studied having received outstanding results - Performers Diploma She has a vast amount of experience: Conducting Junior Orchestras and Choirs; Singing Teacher with the National Children's Choir of Great Britain. Gill studied viola with Fred Riddle in London and after completing her studies went on to freelance as a viola player and worked with Graham Kendrick worship band. She now works as a peripatetic music teacher teaching singing, piano and violin. Her interests involve song writing both for worship and for some of the children she teaches, she has most recently been involved in an exciting song writing project with Steve Thompson.



Sam Blake - Band Clinic & Keyboards

Sam has been the Music Director of Ealing Christian Centre for 10 years as well as a session musician. Sam studied at the University of Hertfordshire having achieved his BA (Music). Sam will be working very closely with Steve Thompson and Dave Brons in developing the musical band skills of each student. As a Music Director himself, he has much experience in drawing Out the best of each musician and singer. 2003-2009 played with John Fisher and IDMC choir 2005 ongoing-leading worship at New Wine, LSE youth venue. In 2009 – Sam joined with Noel Robinson and Kingdom Worship Movement which he is currently serving.



Denise Bryce - Understanding Music Theory

Dee is from Huddersfield and began singing at the age of 10. She has sung on the BBC's "Gospel Train", "Wales on Sunday", "Songs of Praise and participated in many choirs including Benny Hinn's Crusade Choir, Royal Northern College of Music Mass Choir (Walter Hawkins Tribute), Rumours of Angels choir (Beracah Music International) and is currently a lead vocalist for the United Voices Concert Choir, an interdenominational gospel choir based in West Yorkshire. Dee has extensive backing vocal experience and has had the pleasure of sharing the stage with artists such as Graham Kendrick, Steve & Vel Thompson (Beracah Music International), Janine Dyer (Raymond & Co), Joel Brown (Kings Ministries) and Michael Bolton. She was part of the vocal team that supported Pauline Sheehan on her new "Thy Faithfulness" DVD live recording. Dee currently serves as United Voices Youth Chorale Co-ordinator, United Voices Concert Choir administrator and provides vocal coaching to a local initiative aimed at reaching young women.

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Sherelle Murrill - Dance

Sherelle is a accomplished dancer having studied dance from contemporary, classical, jazz tostreet dance and hip hop in the UK and various parts of the world. Sherelle is an IDTA qualified dance teacher, also studying in Australia Sydney. Sherelle has vast amount of experience dancing, some of her credits include performing at T Fest, Michael Jackson tribute at O2 Arena and performing with the likes of Diversity (Britain's got talent). She is a proficient teacher and choreographer, teaching contemporary, street dance, hip-hop and commercial dance across Essex, London and across the UK. Sherelle also heads up the dance and movement for Renewal KWM as well as ministering within her local church.

Sherelle is a talented, passionate dancer who Loves to give people a chance to express the creativity, and enhance their talents And skills in a fun and wholesome environment.



John Fisher - Drums

A well-known and respected face in the British gospel and secular music industry, John has been creating music for over 25 years. In John's long and fruitful career he has been a drummer, keyboard player, bass guitarist, song writer, music producer, event organizer, production manager, technician, group leader, radio DJ, TV presenter, vocal arranger, music director, choir director, mentor, youth leader and now vocal tutor.

During John's career as a musician, producer and songwriter, he has worked with many established names such as The London Community Gospel Choir (LCGC), Chaka Khan, Noel Robinson, Mica Paris, Denise Williams, Ruby Turner, CandiStaton, Alexander O'Neal, Gabrielle, Michelle Gale, CeceWinans, David Carrick (Genesis), Manu D'bango

to name but a few. For the past 16 years John has been the leader of one of the U.K. Top gospel choirs IDMC (www.idmcgospel.com)

John has carefully steered the career of the choir to many high profile events, concerts, tours and engagements such as singing for Luciano Pavorotti at his wedding in 2003, singing at the announcement of London winning the 2012 Olympic bid, tours with MichealBuble, and Jason Mraz and many more events of this nature, as well as countless TV appearances behind popular artists such as Stevie Wonder, Heather Small, as well in their own right.



Velveta Thompson - Vocals

Velveta has been giving singing lessons to individuals and groups For over 20 years, having been a part of various choirs and singing professionally equally over 20 yearsVel has performed with numerous international artist including, Don Moen, Gloria Gaynor, Graham Kendrick, Alvin Slaughter, Beverly Knight to name a few. She also has an incredible amount of vocal arrangement experience, having worked on countless recording projects. She has an effectual way of connecting with her audience or congregation having led worship for many years in over 20 countries. (Currently, the worship leader at City Gates Christian Centre). Velveta Is the wife of Steve Thompson and is also the Director of Beracah Music Internationally.



Steve Thompson - Band Clinic & Keyboards

Steve has been a Music Producer & Arranger for over 28 years. The list of albums and artist are endless, but He rarely likes to talk about his accomplishments as well as the many International artists which spans back many years And has brought him to over 95 countries. Throughout the conference he will be sharing his vast experience on how to Build a worship band from roots level upwards, as well as keyboard skills.

As a multi-skilled musician, he will also be Guiding the children through their untapped improvisational ability. Steve continues to teach and train in many International Universities and colleges, recently just establishing the first Music & Worship School in Asia (Life & Music). He is part of a Local church, City Gates Christian Centre staff, serving part time as a Musical Director & Worship Pastor. He also continues to work with the London School of Theology in developing the BA Worship & Theology course. Steve quotes, 'It really is our pleasure along with the casX Admin, to be hosting what we hope will be a ground breaking Children's worship conference, seeing all these wonderful children come into the realisation, that they can become 'All they want to be'; understanding how important they are to God and how much he loves them beyond their ability.'