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WILLOWBANK PUPILS HIT THE HIGH NOTES WITH CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA

Thirty pupils from Willowbank Primary School in Glasgow made harmonious music today at the city's Kelvinside Academy Music Theatre. The performance was the finale of an intensive two-week expressive music course led by the City of London Sinfonia (CLS).

The course was part of CLS's national "Music in the Community" programme, which is sponsored by Marsh & McLennan (MMC). MMC is the parent company of Mercer and Marsh Ltd, the world's leading risk and insurance services firm, which has offices in Glasgow city centre and throughout Scotland.

The award winning Music in the Community programme is part of a four-year £1m sponsorship scheme providing opportunities for children from less privileged areas to compose and perform with professional musicians. It is one of the largest programmes of its type in the UK with projects undertaken in Birmingham, Leeds, London, Manchester and Southampton. Support for the programme comes from the charity organisation Arts & Business, with sponsorship from MMC.

Volunteers and CLS musicians travelled to Willowbank from around the UK and helped coach the children to express themselves through music and song, building their confidence within the classroom environment among teachers and peers. The children were then encouraged to develop their own compositions based on Mendelssohn's travels around Scotland, which inspired the "Hebrides Overture" and "Symphony No 3 in A Minor".

"It has been a thoroughly enjoyable two weeks here in Glasgow. The children worked extremely hard and have shown a tremendous growth in confidence," commented Sophie Brown, CLS Education Manager. "They have also learnt how to express themselves through classical music. The musicians and volunteers both at the school and from Marsh have all made valuable contributions to the successful outcome of this project".

MMC provided Willowbank with £500 of percussion instruments for the programme and future projects at the school.

Sarah Robbins, Community Relations Executive, Marsh said: “Participating in schemes such as this enables children to perform alongside professional classical musicians and develop their own musical skills. We are all pleased with the outcome of this programme and look forward to continuing to build on our charity and fund-raising work throughout the rest of the UK.”

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Music in the Community

Part of an award winning £1m sponsorship scheme “Music in the Community” is a four year programme providing opportunities for children from less privileged areas to experience music and composition with professional musicians. It is one of the largest programmes of its type in the UK, and community projects have been undertaken in Birmingham, Leeds, London, Manchester and Southampton. Its activities have the financial support of MMC and the charity organisation, Arts & Business. The programme also allows us to invest in both our employees and in the communities in which we operate.

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