

Supporting you to make music during the lockdown and beyond

Hello and welcome to the first B Sharp@home music activities!

While we are not able to meet to make music together as a group, we will be sending you fun and easy ways to carry on making music and connecting together. Parents - please see here to give consent.
Activities will include videos of songs, exercises and instrumental coaching, and interactive activities to create new tracks and songs.
We hope you like our first newsletter, let us know how you get on by sending us emails with videos/audios of your music to bsharpathome@bsharp.org.uk.

There should be something for everyone, whichever group you normally go to. We'd also like to know what you think of the newsletter and anything you'd like to see in it in the future. Enjoy...

CLICK HERE FOR WELCOME VIDEO FROM

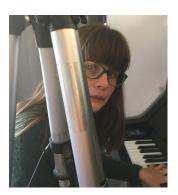
How to sound record....

Watch this short video by Harvey that explains how to sound record yourself singing or playing an instrument, and how to email it to the music leaders at Bsharpathome@bsharp.org.uk.

<u>CLICK HERE FOR HARVEYS</u> INSTRUCTION VIDEO ...

Ellie K's Musical Chain ...

Have a jam along to this track and send us a video back of you playing/singing along on any instrument. We will then send out the next layer next week for you to add to, and build them up into a musical chain composition. One rule - create a video WITHOUT showing your face - you might have to be creative!





Building a Song with Jacques ...



Here are some bass lines that you can start playing around with. Play along with these and see what you can come up with. Record your ideas, and email them back to bsharpathome@bsharp.org.uk and we will start to build a song using everyone's contributions.

The easier tune is in the key of E minor and you can do what you like with it. Bonus points for coming up with another part/chord that we can build on it with.

The harder tune goes from an A to a D, but you can play both as major or minor so see what you can make of it. Once again, anything you can do to build on it is great and could shape where the song goes next.

Ellie's Singing Challenge ...





This is a simple backing track that can be used in lots of ways.

- A) write a rap to say over the top of it. On your one walk of the day get inspired by the world around you for words, or at home write about what you would love to be doing instead of isolation!
- B) see if you can sing your words over the top in a tune that you write. How memorable can you make it? Think simple words, simple song!

How to use:

- 1) Put your backing track on your phone
- 2) wear headphones with a mic (if possible, if not don't worry, just headphones are fine) whilst listening to it
- 3) use voice memos or voice recorder whilst listening to it to record your track (You could film yourself singing / rapping the words if you feel confident!)Listen back, check that it's in time with the track
- 4) share the music file / video without the backing track to bsharpathome@bsharp.org.uk

Get started on the keyboards...



Would you like to start learning to play the piano/ keyboard? Jacques has made 3 videos to get you started

<u> Beginner Piano 1 – Finding a C</u>

BEGINNER PIANO 2 - FINDING THE OTHER NOTES

<u> Beginner Piano 3 – C Major Scale</u>

Harvey's drum tutorials...

Watch Harvey's drum tutorials here - one easy, and one a bit harder, as well as a video about notation!





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