



# Broad Street

## Guildhall School of Music & Drama – A centre of excellence for Performing Arts

This is the final article for the Ward Newsletter this year featuring the Committees of which the Members of Common Council for the Ward of Broad Street are Chairmen. The Ward is probably unique in that all its Common Councilmen are Chairmen of major committees of the City of London Corporation. The two previous Newsletters have featured the Markets Committee chaired by John Scott CC and the Planning and Transportation Committee chaired by Chris Hayward CC.

John Bennett, Deputy for the Ward, is Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, owned by the City Corporation and part of the City's Cultural Hub. Situated in the heart of the City, the Guildhall School is one of the world's leading conservatoires and drama schools, offering inspiring training in the performing arts. Twice-rated No. 1 specialist institution in the UK by the Guardian University Guide, and selected as one of the top ten institutions for performing arts in the world (QS World University Rankings 2016), it has over 900 students in higher education, drawn from nearly 60 countries around the world. It provides undergraduate courses in music, opera, acting and technical theatre as well as postgraduate courses in these disciplines and specialised research.



**Concert Hall**

Since its founding in 1880, the School has stood as a vibrant showcase of the City of London Corporation's commitment to education and the arts. The School is run by the Principal, Professor Barry Ife CBE, supported by three Vice Principals (Music, Drama and Academic). The School recently announced that Lynne Williams will become the next Principal,



**Milton Court**

starting in early 2017. Williams, currently Director/CEO of Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Art, takes over from Professor Ife who has been in post for 12 years and is retiring to focus on teaching and research.

In 2013 the most significant investment for many years in the Guildhall School was unveiled: the £90 million redevelopment of the neighbouring Milton Court site. Milton Court, adjacent to the main Silk Street building, houses a 600 seat concert hall, which critics say has one of the best acoustics in Europe, a 220 seat proscenium-arch theatre, a multi-functional studio theatre, together with many new rehearsal rooms. It is the site for some of the School's exciting public performances, and also for

performances by ensembles with which the Guildhall School is associated, namely Britten Sinfonia, the Academy of Ancient Music and the BBC Singers. Student performances are open to the public and tickets are available at very reasonable prices.

In 2014, following an application submitted to the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), the School was granted first degree awarding powers, enabling it to confer its own first degrees rather than those of City University.

This summer, HEFCE conducted an institution-specific review which resulted in the Guildhall School's teaching being judged as world-leading, an accolade that reflects the School's high reputation across all its disciplines. This gave the School access to the maximum possible funding for the teaching of its students for the next four years.

Guildhall graduates consistently succeed at the highest levels of their chosen profession and many are household names, including trumpeter Alison Balsom, pianist Paul Lewis, bass-baritone Bryn Terfel CBE and actors Daniel Craig, Michelle Dockery, Damian Lewis OBE, Simon Russell Beale CBE and Dominic West.

Next year, world-renowned conductor Sir Simon Rattle will join the Guildhall School as Artist-in-Association. The School has partnerships with five key organisations – the Barbican Centre, the London Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Opera House and the Academy of Ancient Music – which ensure that students benefit from links with the profession before they graduate. These partnerships enable students to perform in venues outside the School, including the Barbican Hall, the Wigmore Hall and LSO St Luke's. In addition, the School recently

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# Wardmotes for the Common Council Elections March 2017

In March 2017 there will be elections of the 100 Common Councillors who represent the 25 Wards of the City of London. An integral part of the election process in the City are the Wardmotes (Ward meetings) which take place on Wednesday 22 March – the day before polling day.

Voters are invited to attend the meeting in their Ward. Although they are conducted with an element of City tradition in the way in which they are opened and closed, the meetings are similar to a 'hustings' event – there is the opportunity for the candidates standing for election to address the meeting, and for the voters in attendance to ask them questions. There may also be the opportunity for voters to talk to candidates more informally before or after the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding the Common Council elections, or the Wardmotes please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537 or at [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

The information below is correct as of 24 October. However arrangements could be subject to change and all electors will be written to in February with conformation of the arrangements for the Wardmote and the election in their Ward. Up to date information can also be found on our website, [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote17](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote17)

## **Aldersgate**

Ironmongers' Hall, Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, London EC2Y 8AA  
**6.30pm**

## **Aldgate**

Church Hall, Church of St Katharine Cree, 86 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 3DH  
**Noon**

## **Bassishaw**

Meeting Room 2, North Wing, Guildhall, London  
**Noon**

## **Billingsgate (TBC)**

St Margaret Patten's Church, Rood Lane, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1HS  
**Noon**

## **Bishopsgate**

Parish Hall, Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3TL  
**Noon**

## **Bread Street**

Rooms A and B, Ground Floor, Fidelity International, 25 Cannon Street, London, EC4M 3TL  
**Noon**

## **Bridge and Bridge Without**

Court Room, Fishmonger's Hall, London Bridge, London, EC4R 9EL  
**Noon**

## **Broad Street**

Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London, EC2N 2JJ  
**Noon**

## **Candlewick**

Church of St Clement Eastcheap, Clement's Lane, London, EC4N 7HB  
**Noon**

## **Castle Baynard**

Shoe Lane Library, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3JR  
**6.00pm**

## **Cheap**

Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London, EC2V 8HE  
**Noon**

## **Coleman Street**

Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, London, EC2R 5BJ  
**6.00pm**

## **Cordwainer**

Church of St Mary Aldermary, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9BW  
**Noon**

## **Cornhill**

Vestry, St Michael's Church, St Michael's Alley, London, EC3V 9DS  
**Noon**

## **Cripplegate**

Barber-Surgeons' Hall, Monkwell Square, London, EC2Y 5BL  
**7.30pm**

## **Dowgate**

Innholders' Hall, 30 College Street, London, EC4R 2RH  
**Noon**

## **Farringdon Within**

Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BR  
**12.30pm**

## **Farringdon Without**

Church of St Andrew Holborn, 5 St Andrew Street, London, EC4A 3AB  
**Noon**

## **Langbourn**

Church of St Mary Woolnoth, King William Street, London, EC3V 9AN  
**Noon**

## **Lime Street**

Old Library, Lloyd's Building, 1 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7HA  
**5.00pm**

## **Portsoken**

Learning Centre, Artizan Street Library and Community Centre, 1 Artizan Street, London, E1 7AF  
**5.00pm**

## **Queenhithe**

Painters' Hall, 9 Little Trinity Square, London, EC4V 2AD  
**Noon**

## **Tower**

St Olave's Church, 8 Hart Street, London, EC3R 7NB  
**Noon**

## **Vintry**

Parish Room, Church of St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London, EC4V 2AL  
**Noon**

## **Walbrook**

Long Parlour, Mansion House, London, EC4M 8PH  
**Noon**



# Date for your diary

The 10th Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch will be taking place in April 2017, raising money for ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

Join them and take part in the prize draw, bid in the silent auction or visit the Livery stalls selling flowers, fruit, preserves and olives or enjoy the champagne and cocktails on offer. In 2017 there will be several brand new attractions and exciting surprises – come along and find out!

To be the first to hear when tickets go on sale contact Amy Kenyon  
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## The City and Brexit



Following the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, the City of London Corporation has been heavily involved in ensuring the voice of financial and professional services firms is heard in helping to shape the future relationship between the UK and the EU.

You can find out more about what the organisation has been doing and the five, high level 'asks' that it's putting forward to be considered as part of the Brexit negotiations, at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/brexit](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/brexit)

## Get on the register – it's not too late!

It's City of London ward elections next March and you've still got time to register if you haven't already.

16 December is the absolute deadline – whether you live or work in the City – and if you have received registration forms but have not yet registered, they need completing and returning if you want to vote in these elections.

If you need any help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Electoral Services Office: 0800 587 5537

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**CITY  
VOTE  
2017**

## Stop press: know your boundaries

The Boundary Commission has published its initial proposals for the review of parliamentary constituency boundaries, which is due to take effect for the 2020 General Election. A public consultation is now taking place.

The Commission has recommended retaining the Cities of London and Westminster constituency (with the addition of new areas including Holborn, Covent Garden and Bloomsbury).

The easiest way to view and respond to (whether in favour or against) the initial proposals is through the review website: <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>.

A hard copy may also be viewed in Guildhall Library.

Responses to the proposals may be submitted until 5 December.





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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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announced a major new partnership with the Central Academy of Drama, Beijing to deliver a joint Bachelor's Degree in Acting Studies for Chinese students – the first of its kind.

The Guildhall School is also the UK's leading provider of specialist music training for under-18s, with nearly 2,500 students in Junior Guildhall, its pre-conservatoire Saturday school, and Centre for Young Musicians which provides progressive music training for talented children across the country via centres in London, Saffron Walden, Norwich, Hestercombe (Taunton), and most recently, Peterborough and Bristol.

Although the School's main sources of funding are its students, HEFCE and the City of London Corporation, significant funds are contributed to the School through the generosity of the Livery Companies of the City. Whether the funds have been donated for capital projects, such as the fitting-out of Milton Court, or the funding of scholarships to support students in their courses, every pound donated is put to good use. The School is truly grateful for the contributions it receives from the Livery Companies of Broad Street Ward. Over the past few years they have been very generous in their support.



**Theatre**

To find out more about Guildhall School events visit:  
[www.gsmd.ac.uk/events](http://www.gsmd.ac.uk/events), or sign up to receive the Guildhall School's monthly events email at [www.gsmd.ac.uk/maillinglist](http://www.gsmd.ac.uk/maillinglist).

## STOP PRESS – WARD CLUB NEWS

**Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 20 February 2017 at Carpenters' Hall**