

# Celebrating Handel

## Music workshops at Westminster Music Library with the Royal Philharmonic orchestra



Last Saturday, we held a series of workshops in Westminster Music Library to celebrate the death 250 years ago of George Frideric Handel.

More than 50 adults and children participated in this venture with the support of musicians from the world famous Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

A group from Westminster's Open Age, pupils from Millbank School, students from The Royal Academy of Music amongst others, used scores held in the Music Library as inspiration to create original pieces based on the music of Handel.

A great day was had by all, and the end results were performed in the Music Library for the entertainment of the public. A rousing chorus "loosely" based on a rather famous bit from The Messiah, produced a great deal of spontaneous audience participation.



Feedback has been very encouraging:

"A very good morning which was very relaxed and where, as participants, you were put under very little pressure by the workshop leaders. A very friendly and encouraging environment and well organised. Well done!"

"Absolutely enjoyable. Love to do it again"

"Please can we come back and do more soon"

"This is a fantastic library, I'm glad I joined today"

