



The Silver Bugle



Special Update Edition December 2016

An update from our Director of Learning and Participation at Sage Gateshead.

Dear Silver Programme Participant,

Having given Gateshead Old Town Hall back to the Council and brought your whole programme into Sage Gateshead some classes have not been in the same place every week during the autumn term. Using GOTH as an overspill space when Sage Gateshead is overly busy is no longer an option as Gateshead Council now have different plans for GOTH.

We want to ensure that the participant experience is as positive and fulfilling as possible. We have created a plan which we believe will provide the most positive experience overall for Silver participants. All of the Silver Programme sessions based at Sage Gateshead will take place in the Music Education Centre from next term to give you a more consistent experience. Be assured that all participants currently attending sessions will be guaranteed a place, however, in some cases the number of new participants will be restricted due to room capacities.

New times and locations are listed on page 2, if you have any queries do contact the Silver Team by email on silver@sagegateshead.com or 0191 443 5034 before 16th December or after 9th January (in between they will be on Christmas leave).

As usual do book your place via Ticket Office on 0191 443 4661.

In the meantime, all best wishes for the festive season and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Wendy Smith
Director Learning and Participation

Term Dates

Spring 2017

Monday 16th January – Friday 31st March

Half Term: February 20th – 24th

Summer 2017

Monday 24th April – Monday 10th July

Early Spring Bank Holiday: May 1st

Half Term: May 29th – June 2nd

The Ticket Office is open Monday to Sunday from 12noon – 6pm on non-performance days.

On performance days it is open for thirty minutes after the start of the last performance. On Sundays and Bank holidays phone booking closes at 6pm.

Please remember to bring your ticket along to your first session. If you forget your ticket or haven't been able to collect it by the first session, please bring it along the following week.

See the SILVER PROGRAMME 2017 flier for the day to day timetable.

Room and time update from January 2017

Monday

Silver Breves: C9

Silver Rock Singers: C2

Wednesday

Silversmiths: C9

Shades of Silver: C19

Silver Shantymen: C4

Silver Divas: C9

Silver Rock 'n' Roll Band: C19

Opera d'argento: C9

Thursday

Silver Guitar Club (previously Improver Guitar): C2

Silver Singers: C19

Sing 'n' Strum: C2

Steel Magnolia: C9

Silver Ukulele Ensemble: C19

Steel Stars: C9

Silver Sensations: C2

Silver Ukulele Band: C19

Silver Recorder Consort: the Children's Room on the concourse level

Roots Rock: C2

Time changes

Sing 'n' Strum: new time 12.15 – 1.45pm

Pick 'n' Mix: new time 12.15 – 1.45pm

Steel Stars: new time 2.30 – 4pm

Silver Recorder Consort: new time 3.30 – 5.30pm

Steel Magnolia: new time 4.15 – 5.45pm

Groups not listed above remain in the same space and at the same time.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the weather looks 'challenging' and you wonder if a group will take place, please call the Silver answerphone on 0191 443 5034.

We will leave a message by 9am on days of bad weather so that you can hear confirmation as to whether your session will still be running or not.

If the message doesn't mention the weather this means that sessions will be taking place as usual.

Silver answerphone: 0191 443 5034

Building Closures at Sage Gateshead

On the following dates Sage Gateshead will be hosting conferences which will mean restricted entry to the building for the general public.

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th January

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th February

Tuesday 7th February

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th March

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June

Friday 20th October

*Entry from West side doors only (St Mary's & bus stop side).

*Green route in operation for participants.

*Temporary cafe in the MEC gathering space for participants and staff.

*Ticket Office access via the East doors only.

*The shop will be closed during the day.

*Concourse access closed to general public.

*Members of staff will be available to guide you.

*The car park may be busier than usual.

Busy building & car park

On the following dates Sage Gateshead may be host to special events which will mean the building and the car park may be busier than usual and certain areas of the building may have restricted access.

January: Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th

March: Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th, Friday 17th – Sunday 19th

April: Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th, Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th

May: Thursday 11th – Sunday 14th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th

June: Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th

July: Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd

August: Friday 4th & Saturday 5th

October: Thursday 5th & Friday 6th

Silver Beginner Guitar

Starting in the Summer term.

Thursday 2.15pm – 3.45pm

New group for complete beginners starting on **27th April.**

Booking opens in February