



# PIE FACTORY MUSIC

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## Grand Turk Performance

Following on from last year's success with our Steel Drumming Band performing on the Grand Turk in Ramsgate Harbour, the Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate Dennis Hart asked us for a return performance in April.

The Steel Drumming Band, led by Ben Turner, was joined by our 2 vocal groups - Vocal Expressions & Vocal Expression Juniors, led by Echo Music - for a truly inspiring concert upon the replica 18th century frigate!

With performers as young as 6, the audience were treated to a variety of songs, including Shackles, Killing Me Softly and Automatic High, as well as a selection of joyful Caribbean rhythms, which contrasted well with the constant drizzly rain braved by family and friends watching from the quayside!

The music was so uplifting that everyone was treated to an impromptu dance by Dennis Hart and his partner, Melissa Jane!



## National Lottery Awards

PFM has been nominated for a National Lottery Award and is 1 of 4 finalists for the region. We need **your** vote so we can win the regional heat and be put forward for the national heat!

The nomination is a great achievement for PFM and highlights the good work that is going on in Thanet. Please help us to raise the

profile by visiting <http://www.nationallotteryawards.org.uk/votingsoutheast.asp> and cast your vote!

*The closing date for voting is 11th August 2006.* We thank you in advance for your support.

## Sprite Urban Games

D'expressions was recently asked to represent PFM and Youth Music at the Sprite Urban Games at the end of June in London. The event was set up to promote urban sports such as skateboarding, BMX cycling and breakdancing and was an ideal setting to promote what we do here in Thanet.

With performances by the crew on their turntables and hands on workshops for any who wanted to have a go, the weekend was fantastic. Unexpected guests such as 1xtras DJ Blue, DJ Mada from Hardnoise and DMC UK Supremacy Champion 2006 DJ Switch joined our crew and helped to highlight PFM and Youth Music.



With more than 250 audience members and over 50 participants trying their hand at mixing, scratching & beatboxing and potential funders discovering the talent and skills that hail from Thanet, the whole weekend was a great success!!

# Summer CRE8!

An exciting programme of workshops has been organised for the summer, funded by Youth Music & Thanet District Council, for 8 - 16 year olds.

Bernie the Bus will be visiting various locations across Thanet on 14th, 15th, 30th & 31st August & 1st Sept, offering dj-ing & music technology, urban art & dance and acoustic workshops. There's no need to book; just turn up and join in! Confirmed venues will be posted on our website nearer the time.

Also available are workshops at Quarterdeck Youth Centre, Cliftonville, in dj-ing & music technology and African drumming for 10-16 year olds as well as instrument making for 5-10 year olds. All dates and times can be found on our website.

## The Zone CD

Members who regularly attend The Zone, a weekly djing, music technology, engineering & production workshop for 12 - 18 year olds, have been working on producing a CD of newly created music. The CD is coming together with some excellent tracks which will rival any music currently in the charts!

The Zone CD will be completed later this year and will be available for sale - more details to be posted. In the meantime, samples will be loaded onto our website for downloading. Go to [www.piefactorymusic.com](http://www.piefactorymusic.com) and click on Artists & Music Downloads and follow the on-screen prompts.

## Lark in the Park

We will be running various workshops at Government Acre during Lark in the Park, including early years (simple singing, rhythm & movement workshops for 0-5 yrs), jam nights, rock school, African drumming, etc.

Early Years workshops will run from 16th - 28th August, 9.30 - 10.30 each morning. Bring your toddler along and join in the fun!

For confirmed dates of all workshops, please visit our website or call 01843 596777.

## Website Updates

Our website is currently going through an overdue update. We will still have the What's On page where all our available workshops are listed and our contacts page. Also remaining will be the message board and a page of info about PFM. New pages will include information about the Assembly Line Studio and news on big events that have or will be happening.

There will also be a page to list bands and individuals who have reached a high standard of music making and samples of their music will be available to download as MP3's. The page will include short bios on the artistes.

Another new update will be the addition of a downloadable pdf file - Music Resources - offering contact details of local music shops, tutors, etc., as a resource for all to use. We must stress that PFM holds no responsibility for anyone named on this list and is not in a position to vouch for credentials of individuals and/or organisations.

**Assembly Line Studio** : including Pro-tools HD3, Accel system, full compliment of plug ins & effects, professional 192 track studio, live recording areas. Contact Matt Smyth on 07734 087711 for more information on the facilities, availability & costs.



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