

LOTTERY AWARDS: Music project aiming for a notable success

Your vote is needed

by Mary Louis
 PIE Factory Music in Ramsgate needs your vote to reach the finals of the National Lottery Awards 2006.
 The organisation has been chosen from hundreds of lottery-funded projects for the south-east final of the awards.
 PFM is one of four finalists chosen by a panel of judges to go head to head in a public vote for the title of South

East National Lottery Project of The Year.
 The finalist with the most public votes will go forward to the UK final which will be broadcast on TV.
 Representatives from the winning south-east project will attend the UK awards ceremony where the overall winners will be announced.
 PFM has filled more than 35,000 music workshop spaces in east Kent since it was

founded five years ago.
 It was formed as the Thanet branch of the Youth Music Action Zone project, to encourage youngsters to get involved in music.
 Arts Council England's £1m of lottery funding enables PFM to provide rehearsal rooms and a studio where young people can try equipment.
 They can work with professional DJs, musicians, songwriters and producers. Steel

and African drumming, singing, brass, strings, rock school and early years workshops are among those PFM stages.
 Participants can hone their skills in live performances, music productions and film, boosting their self-esteem.
 To register your vote call 0845 434 9074 or log on to www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk and click on National Lottery Awards. Voting lines are open until August 11.

Chance to MC at event

THANET Youth Music Action Zone offered young people a chance to be DJs and MCs at the Sprite Urban Games.
 The zone was funded by Youth Music and managed by Ramsgate-based Pie Factory Music at the Urban Games, the UK's largest outdoor urban sports, music and lifestyle festival.
 It took place over three days at London's Clapham Common and attracted about 20,000 people.
 They watched displays by top skateboarders, inline skaters and

BMX riders and were entertained by live music. Radio One DJ Zane Lowe was supported by MC Sway, the radio station's Nihal, beat box pioneer Killa Kela and Xfm's Eddy Temple-Morris.
 Pie Factory Music has existed for five years and was set up to create a better cultural and social environment and a higher quality of life through music and related arts.

■ Making music occupies young people at the Urban Games event



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