

Appendix 1 – supporting statements

Spitalfields Music is an Arts Council England National portfolio organisation which received additional investment from our Strategic touring programme, illustrating its value to the local and national arts ecology in England. The charity addresses the Arts Council's Strategic Goals through its programme of work, which extends the provision of high quality artistic activity beyond central London. Its work in Tower Hamlets, Barking & Dagenham and Newham combines the high quality music, musicians and early years arts practitioners with well-developed links with local communities, particularly through libraries and children's' centres. Spitalfields Music is known within the arts sector for its exemplary practice in arts education and sound commitment to audience development.

Local authorities represent a vital part of the investment in and continued success of arts and cultural organisations. The triangle of funding for Spitalfields Music between ourselves, City of London and London Borough of Tower Hamlets is a strong example of how these partnerships can create the conditions for exemplary success and is highly valued. These regular grants contribute to a strong fundraising profile which supported Spitalfields Music to lever a further seven times our combined grants in 2013/14. This is an impressive level of fundraised income and the kite mark of combined public investment in Spitalfields Music is critical to further build upon their success in this area.

Joyce Wilson, Area Director, London, Arts Council England

Spitalfields Music has been active in Tower Hamlets for almost 40 years and the charity contributes to a range of agendas for the borough including tourism, economic regeneration, health and wellbeing, community cohesion, education and of course our cultural life generally. It is both a great advert for Tower Hamlets and to London and the UK more generally and an important resource for the borough.

In my role as Service Head for Learning and Achievement I have seen the charity's work first hand and the positive impact upon young people from a whole range of different backgrounds. The charity is a trusted partner for the Council's own in-house Music Service the Tower Hamlets Arts and Music Education Service (THAMES) and for many of our schools, children's centres, elder's centres, the hospital, libraries and other third sector organisations. It is one of the key partners of the Tower Hamlets and City of London Music Education Hub (led and coordinated by THAMES) and contributes to a range of projects and partnerships which enhance music provision in our schools. It also provides significant opportunities for young musicians in the borough to perform in professional venues and as part of the two annual Festivals. Its activity is of the highest quality blending a participant-focused approach with involvement of the highest quality music and musician.

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