



Stardust: a Musical Journey

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About VFL

Voices for Life exists to bring the power of musical experience into the classroom and give every child the opportunity to be happy and confident through music. By partnering with local schools and taking musical experience directly to them during the school day, we enable children from all backgrounds to engage in a familiar environment.

Voices for Life envisions a world where all children can make music to promote wellbeing and build sustainable communities. We take all children on a journey of self-discovery and growth through the power of music, creativity and performance, by providing high quality music and wellbeing projects which foster their confidence, skills and relationships.

Our inclusive projects unite children from diverse backgrounds, connecting communities through high-quality music and wellbeing initiatives. Weekly one-hour school workshops led by musicians use original musical stories to address the emotional and wellbeing needs of children. Hundreds of children then perform alongside professionals in high-profile venues, engaging parents, carers, and the broader community.

- **80% of the children we have worked with have showed improved enjoyment in singing**
- **80% of the children we have worked with showed improved confidence.**

Testimonials

"I'm not afraid to share that as our choir started to sing last night alongside the other schools, accompanied by the orchestra, it brought a tear to my eye. Knowing the stories and challenges some of the pupils in our school contingent contend with made last night all the more special. The joy on their faces was captivating. I have no doubt, as you said last night, it's a memory and occasion that will last a long time."

Headteacher, Participating School 2025



Stardust was
feature on
BBC
Newsround.
Watch [here](#):



Taking children on a journey
of self-discovery through the
power of music, creativity
and performance.

About Stardust

By Jools Scott
and Sue Curtis

Stardust was commissioned by Voices for Life in 2021 and forms a life changing project for children, no matter who they are or where they live, adapting to what they want, need, and enjoy. It is a 45-minute musical journey made up of 8 songs which are warm, exciting, and funny. They also carry a deeper message of resilience and hope. It is full of drama with a fantastic orchestration which captures the children and audience's imagination.

The Story

The characters in the story, on their way from Earth to settle on Planet Zarg, are separated from their mothership by a freak cosmic accident. They float helplessly alone, each to a different planet, to confront different challenges. They face-muffling fog, fire, water, ghost crabs, monstrous trolls, and ogres in the wood. They are rescued by their own courage. With the help of their friends, they are reunited in the end and resume the space dance, which was interrupted by the solar flare. This time they are caught up in the dance of the universe and realise that they were never truly alone.



Words and Backing Tracks

As part of the project, the children will be required to learn the words. We will of course go through the words a lot during the sessions so that they become familiar with them.

We would be extremely grateful if you could encourage the participating children to look at the words and listen to the tracks we provide. This will enhance their learning beyond the workshops and help them prepare for the performance.

This password protected webpage contains all the resources you need:

1. Information about the composer and lyricist
2. Music Lyric videos for each song
3. A copy of the lyrics.

Find all
resources
here:

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Participants

This project is for children in Key Stage 2 (ages 7–11) from a wide range of backgrounds.

The choice of children is up to the school. We suggest a mixture of children who you think will benefit from this amazing wellbeing offering, those who need help with building their confidence and those who love to sing. We would also really like to support children with SENDs and those on pupil premium.

The final performances will be in front of a paying audience and accompanied by professional musicians so it would be great to include a mix of singing abilities to help build the confidence of the group.



Workshops and Performances

The children will learn Stardust through workshops integrating singing and drama activities and games.

The innovative combination of mental health, wellbeing, drama, singing and music tuition within the Songs for change project provides a unique concept and resource through the delivery of a single project.

At the end of the project, the children all come together for a performance of Stardust, narrated by actor, John Telfer, and accompanied by Bristol Ensemble.

Our expectation is for all project children to attend the project performances with only exceptional absences. We limit the number of schools who can take part in the whole project because we want to ensure we have room for them all on stage to enjoy the experience.

The performances are an experience of a lifetime for the children and an amazing reward for their hard work. As a charity we invest a lot in the performance to enable them to perform with a professional orchestra. Even if some feel nervous beforehand, they always come away feeling so proud of themselves afterward and pleased to have been able to show their families the results of their hard work.

Practicalities

The workshops will be delivered by Kate Courage who is part of our team of music professionals, and the Musical Director is also Kate. The Executive Director, Tessa Armstrong will be present for some of the workshops.

We would also request that a member of school staff is present during the workshops to assist, especially if there are needs for individual children. They are encouraged to join in to help encourage the children!

We would be grateful if we could have the use of your hall and piano. If this is not possible, a large room with keyboard/piano would be greatly appreciated.

We would appreciate it if the schools can organise their own chaperones for the massed rehearsals and performance and keep an eye on the children so that the event can run as smoothly as possible.

Read about our impact and benefits [here](#):



Massed Rehearsal

There will be one massed rehearsal with the other schools and choirs and two final performances.

14th January 2026

- Massed rehearsal, 2pm–5.15pm.

This is the only time we can have this rehearsal due to cost of orchestral time. We will make the rehearsal manageable for the children with breaks.

- Performance Number 1, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, (you can stay in Wiltshire Music Centre between the rehearsal and performance)

16th January 2026

- Performance number 2, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

NB: We do the show twice so all families have the opportunity to watch



Costs and Travel

We are offering this opportunity free of charge. The project costs approximately £15000 and we have many generous supporters helping us with funding.

Travel to the venue will need to be arranged by the school. Please let Tessa know if you need financial assistance for this.

Tickets

Tickets will be on sale through Wiltshire Music Centre. Details to follow.

Discount Code:

it is important for us to balance the cost to the charity of the project as well as ensure no one is at a disadvantage. With this in mind, we will create a discount code. The discount will be 25% off the ticket price limited to two per customer. Please can you provide the discount code to those families who will struggle to afford the full price (there are a range of ticket prices).

Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards future Voices for Life projects, bringing musical opportunities to primary school children throughout the Southwest, inspiring them to be happy and confident through singing.

"It was amazing! The orchestra were incredible – it was fantastic to see the musicians. I was very proud of myself. It made my Mum cry (happy tears!) Can we do it again?"

Participating child in Stardust 2024

Inspiring children to be happy and confident through music



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