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BBT COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCES FIRST GRANTS



BBT Communities, the newly formed division of the renowned Borletti-Buitoni Trust, announces its first grants (each between £30,000 and £40,000) to a range of international charities that, through music, make a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged communities.

The beneficiaries are: **City of London Sinfonia Wellbeing Through Music** programme that engages vulnerable and isolated people with music in hospitals, hospices, carehomes and psychiatric centres; **Music as Therapy International** which trains caregivers around the world in music therapy skills to enhance the lives and development of marginalised people; **SONG Onlus - Sistema Lombardia** which promotes social integration and cultural inclusion for disadvantaged populations through ensemble music-making and singing; **Sanitansamble** which targets at-risk children and young adults in the difficult and disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Sanità and Forcella in Naples; and **MitMachMusik** which encourages social inclusion and creative accomplishment for refugee children by way of regular music programmes with local children in Berlin and Potsdam.

BBT Founder **Ilaria Borletti Buitoni** commented: *"All these organisations recognise the power of music to transform; to not only teach music skills that generate feelings of pride, accomplishment and respite from challenging daily lives, but also to engender the sense of inclusion, friendship, communication and self-respect that comes from engaging in music-making as a group."*

Watch Ilaria Borletti Buitoni talk about BBT Communities >>

Read details of these BBT Communities projects >>

BBT NEWS

Zoltán Fejérvári piano (BBT Fellowship 2016)

Janáček – *On an Overgrown Path I & II, In The Mists, Sonata 1.X.1905*

Piano Classics PCL1-176 | Out Now

Listen to Excerpts >> of Zoltán Fejérvári's debut album with Piano Classics – inspirational works that are keystones within his personal repertoire.

Watch Zoltán's videoblog >>

Kate Whitley piano/composer (BBT Special Award 2014)

***Poems for Love* (world premiere)**

Kate Whitley was commissioned by BBT and King's Place to set poems by Sabrina Mahfouz specially for Venus Unwrapped, a season celebrating female composers. Soprano Sarah-Jane Lewis and musicians of the Multi-Story Orchestra premiered *Poems for Love* on 9 June 2019 in London.

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