

EIFF – films made in Wester Hailes screened at The Hub

The Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) has partnered with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and the Edinburgh International Festival to support the Soundmoves project encouraging wider participation in classical and orchestral music in Wester Hailes.

During the festival there was a a special performance by pupils from Sighthill, Clovenstone and Canal View Primary Schools at The Hub of their own films.



Pupils from Clovenstone , Sighthill and Canal View primaries

with Ana Almeida and Matilda Brown Scottish Chamber Orchestra
with EIFF and EIF presents Soundmoves – Music Movies;
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Running since 2017, the Soundmoves project has enabled pupils and teachers from Sighthill, Clovenstone and Canal View Primary Schools to take part in a series of creative workshops exploring music and movement. Composer Matilda Brown, movement specialist Ana Almeida and SCO musicians were joined by videographer Sandy Butler with two classes from each school who filmed their work in the theatre at Wester Hailes Secondary School. The resulting six short movies are based on original ideas developed during those workshops.

Kirsteen Davidson Kelly, SCO Creative Learning Director said: “Our Soundmoves project forms part of the SCO’s Wester Hailes Residency and was designed to introduce primary pupils to music and movement – and to enhance life skills such as teamwork, communication, focus and confidence. The classes who have worked with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra team to co-create this series of short films have delighted and surprised us with their creativity and artistry and we are really excited to present the results of this exceptional project on screen, with accompanying live music and movement, at a special event on Friday 21 June.”

Caroline Donald, Head of Learning and Engagement, Edinburgh International Festival said: “The International Festival is thrilled to be able to co-host Soundmoves and open the doors of The Hub to the pupils of Sighthill, Clovenstone and Canal View Primaries, providing a city centre platform for their films and musical performance. This forms part of our wider commitment to engage young people with classical and orchestral music and we are very pleased to deepen our relationship with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra following our popular Virgin Money Schools Concert each August.”

Yvonne Gordon, Head of Education & Learning, Edinburgh International Film Festival added:

“Edinburgh International Film Festival is delighted to be working in partnership with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Edinburgh International Festival to showcase the creativity, talent and dedication of young people from the Wester Hailes community. We have been impressed by the way the team from Scottish Chamber Orchestra has collaborated closely with the school pupils to co-design their compositions and performances and the imaginative way they have captured this on film. We are proud to present their work to the world during EIFF in the splendid surroundings of The Hub.”

The SCO has been running Soundmoves workshops at Clovenstone, Sighthill and Canal View Primary Schools since Autumn 2017. The Soundmoves project forms part of the SCO's Wester Hailes Residency and is the first time the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Edinburgh International Film Festival and Edinburgh International Festival have collaborated together in this way.