



Saddleworth Festival of the Arts

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The District Partnership approved a grant of £3,500 for the Festival being held in June of this year. The Committee are very grateful for the support given.

The application was made during the planning of the detailed programme. One of the highlights is a concert by the internationally renowned violinist Tasmin Little at the Civic Hall Uppermill on Monday 8th June. We had been in discussion with agent for Tasmin to give a workshop/masterclass for a number of young violinists on the Sunday afternoon. The cost is approximately £2,200 but this was not pursued due to lack of funds. We applied to the regional Arts Council for a grant. We have recently been awarded a grant of £1,300. The workshop is now going ahead and will be held in the Oldham Music Centre on Union Street where talented young people from all parts of the Borough attend. The afternoon is being planned in conjunction with the Head of the Music Service who is also offering advice on its format. The event will be attended by students from the Greater Manchester Youth Orchestra and three of them, two of whom are from Oldham, will be given the masterclass. There will be a short performance by the students at the close. Other members of the Orchestra and parents will be able to attend. The room can accommodate an audience of 110. It will be free for students and a charge of £5 will be made for parents.

The event will be the high point for many young people to see and participate with an international violinist on their own doorstep. The venue is a centre of excellence for Oldham. Tasmin's appearance will attract widespread publicity. It will be promoted as part of the Saddleworth Festival. The support from the Arts Council will be recognised as will the Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership if you are able to offer a further grant. The event should add to the standing of Oldham as a town with a strong musical tradition which has nurtured local talent.

The cost is estimated at £2,200 of which £1,300 will come from the Arts Council and approximately £150 from ticket sales.

I am therefore asking the Partnership for an additional grant of £750.

I am happy to supply any further information you may require.