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Welcoming Kent Music's new Chief Executive

Kent Music is delighted to announce the appointment of **Gerry Sterling as its new Chief Executive**.

Gerry will take up the post from April 22nd, 2025, succeeding **Peter Bolton**, who has led the charity for the past **16 years**.

Gerry steps into the role with over **25 years' experience** as a musician, instrumental and classroom music teacher, and music education leader.

He is currently Head of Music at **Hartsdown Academy in Margate** and has previously served as Chief Executive of [Bromley Youth Music Trust](#) and Head of [Lambeth Music Service](#).

During his time in Lambeth, Gerry led the pioneering **In Harmony programme**, which used music to transform the lives of children from disadvantaged backgrounds. This nationally recognised initiative provided young people with high-quality, immersive music-making, fostering **creativity, achievement, and inclusion**—values that sit at the heart of Kent Music's work.

With a deep understanding of both classroom and instrumental teaching, Gerry is well placed to support Kent Music's key areas including **high-quality music tuition** and **school support**. His experience with Music Hubs means he understands the challenges and opportunities ahead, while his passion for **making music accessible** will help drive their work in reaching young people who might not otherwise have the chance to take part.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team at Kent Music, leading an inspiring charity that provides creative, diverse, and inclusive musical opportunities for young people and the wider community.

Music has the power to transform lives, and I am committed to ensuring that ALL young people in Kent and Medway have the opportunity to experience this.

I look forward to working with students, the Kent Music Team, music hub partners and funders to realise this vision." - **Gerry Sterling**

"I am delighted that we have appointed Gerald as our new Chief Executive. He comes with considerable experience across many aspects of music education that will equip him to lead us through our next phase. We look forward to him joining us after Easter" - **Chair of the Kent Music Board of Trustees, Geoff Miles OBE MA DL**

Gerry takes over at an exciting time for Kent Music. As they complete their first year as **Hub Lead Organisation** for the [Kent & Medway Music Hub](#), they are looking ahead to the next chapter—continuing to ensure that learners of all ages, especially children and young people, have access to **high-quality music education**.

With Gerry's **experience and leadership**, they are set to **build on its work, grow new opportunities**, and **champion the power of music** across the region.

Kent Music looks forward to welcoming their new Chief Executive and working together to **make a lasting impact**. Welcome, Gerry!

About Kent Music

Kent Music is a music education charity and the Hub Lead Organisation (HLO) for the Kent & Medway Music Hub.

The charity works closely with schools, colleges, cultural organisations, and other partners to ensure that learners of all ages—especially children and young people—across Kent and Medway have access to high-quality music education both in and out of school.

From instrumental and vocal lessons to ensembles, choirs, and holiday courses, as well as strategic partnerships, Kent Music champions creativity, empowers young people to progress and excel, and fosters inclusivity and accessibility.

Kent Music is a partner in music education with Kent County Council, and the Hub is funded by the Department for Education through Arts Council England.

Find out more: www.kent-music.com

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