



Gallipoli Music Memorial 2015



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Gallipoli Music Memorial 2015 secures Lottery support

Today, Gallipoli Music Memorial 2015 (GMM2015) announces the award of £31,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a centenary project based in Blandford Forum, Dorset. The project will uncover and share the stories and achievements of artists, writers and musicians who were at Gallipoli through performance, exhibitions and educational activities.

Led by volunteers, GMM2015 will explore the vastness of the First World War and the Gallipoli campaign through one particular battle (the *Third Battle of Krithia on the 4th June 1915) and the heritage of those who were there that day. The project will also see the repair and conservation of the Hood Battalion, Royal Naval Division, ensign within Blandford Church, with the creation of a new memorial banner

The project will work with:

- all the schools and the community of Blandford Forum to create ready-to-teach accessible online resources for primary, secondary and adult learning centres telling the story of the artists, writers and musicians present at Gallipoli and the post-war reconciliation between combatants;
- distinguished scholars to establish an academic reference archive supporting those studying the artistic heritage of the Gallipoli campaign;
- superb young performers such as the Clare College Choir and the Southbank Sinfonia who will help create varied events in Blandford Forum, Cambridge and London comprising music and writing from Gallipoli and responses to it by today's composers.

GMM2015 will launch its first learning resources today (22.1.15) at 12.30hrs at Stand F130, EXCEL LONDON, during the British Educational Technology exhibition (BETT). Digital Leaders from Downlands School, Blandford, will introduce the materials, including the range of classroom possibilities of georeferencing (digitally overlaying an old map onto a modern one) for enhancing school investigations and storytelling and extensive Widgit symbol resources on Gallipoli. Alexandra Davis, an outstanding graduate of the London Central School of Ballet, will introduce the session by dancing to *F.S.Kelly's Elegy in Memoriam Rupert Brooke*, written at Gallipoli in 1915.

Commenting on the award, Nick Peacey, Secretary of GMM2015, said: "We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident the project, based in the South West of England, will support young and old all over the country in remembering and responding to the artworks of those of every nations fighting in the Gallipoli campaign."

Explaining the importance of the award, the head of the HLF in the South West, Nerys Watts, said:

"There are so many stories that make up the complex history of the First World War and we are committed to helping communities across the South West research their wartime heritage. Through this imaginative project, local people will be able to explore the impact the war had on their area, in particular the little known stories of the artists, musicians and writers present at Gallipoli – many of whom died fighting - who created some fascinating work during the conflict, in new and engaging ways. The Heritage Lottery Fund has already invested more than £62 million in projects – large and small - that are marking this global Centenary."

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Notes to editors

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Gallipoli Music Memorial 2015 (GMM2015) is a charity set up to uncover, commemorate and celebrate the little-known stories and artworks of those of all nations who fought in the Gallipoli campaign in the centenary year 2015.

* 2015 marks the Centenary of the Third Battle of Krithia

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F.S.Kelly

Frederick Septimus 'Cleg' Kelly was an Australian composer and pianist who fought at Gallipoli with the Royal Naval Division. He was a friend of the poet Rupert Brooke and was deeply moved by his death.

Widgit symbol resources

Symbols are images which are used to support text, making the meaning clearer and easier to understand. They provide a visual representation of a concept.

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