

Awards for Ensembles and Groups



The Musicians Benevolent Fund makes awards to emerging performing groups that are generating a significant impact within their field of music and have a genuine commitment to building a career as a professional group.

Since the launch of the scheme in 2005, the Musicians Benevolent Fund has made awards to over 20 different groups of all genres, providing funding for a diverse range of projects including touring the UK, attending showcases in Europe, recording albums, and participating in auditions and high profile competitions all over the world.

Vocal ensemble **Voces8** (right) has established itself as the foremost young British a cappella group, performing repertoire ranging from early polyphony to unique jazz and popular arrangements. Voces8 were award recipients in 2009, and used the funding to take part in a series of vocal masterclasses with critically acclaimed vocal group The King's Singers, in Germany. The masterclasses gave the group an opportunity to develop and experiment with new ideas to improve their performance.



www.voces8.com

“These simply inspirational masterclasses undoubtedly broadened the group’s horizons. Thank you to the Musicians Benevolent Fund for making them possible”
Barnaby Smith, Voces8



Described by Kerrang Magazine as ‘a combination of rich melodies, progressive influences, and occasional staccato bursts of screamo’, four piece rock group **Proceed** formed in 2005 whilst all the members were at the same school in Hertfordshire. They are making an impressive impact on their scene after releasing a mini-album ‘Seven Months and a Fire Blanket’ in 2008 and following it up with a 23 date tour of the UK.

Proceed were award recipients in 2009 and plan to use the funding for a nationwide radio and TV promotional campaign to raise awareness of their debut full album release, due in 2010.

www.proceed-online.com