



Children from schools across Medway performing at the 70th anniversary of the Medway Music Association

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Young singers at the festival

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Week of music raises the roof



Children 'sang their hearts out', said festival director Derek Blease, pictured right

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THE sweet sound of singing schoolchildren filled The Central Theatre, Chatham.

Pupils from more than 50 primary schools took part in the Medway Music Association Festival.

The annual festival, now in its 70th year, started as a competitive one-day event, but has evolved into a week-long celebration of local musical talent.

This year it included a

piece by 200 recorder players and the first public performance of the newly-formed Medway Junior Youth Orchestra.

Festival director Derek Blease said: "We had about 3,000 children through the doors of the theatre and they sang their hearts out. Their faces were a picture and it was a fun week.

"The children have been a delight to work with and a lot of the concerts have been sold out."

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Recorders were among the highlights

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