

# Paul Pfeuti Young Musician Trust

Information



Paul Pfeuti was an inspirational and gifted musician. He began his musical journey aged six when he took up the piano. Like most young boys he juggled playing sport and practising scales but by the time he was thirteen he gave his first solo performance at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. At seventeen he and two friends had formed a trio, playing their first professional gigs in Manchester.

From then on Paul was never far from a performance sharing his love of music. Whilst living in West Africa in the early 1950s he often graced the airways of Radio Nigeria having previously broadcast on British Forces Radio in Germany.

Paul took his first teaching position in 1967 when he became music master at Douglas High School on the Isle of Man. He later moved to Surrey's state boarding school at Ottershaw

where he took on the responsibility of house master. In the early 1980s Paul moved back to his native north west to Bentham Grammar School and after several unsuccessful attempts at retirement joined Queen Elizabeth School's visiting music staff, teaching piano since 1996. During this time he added to his broadcasting experiences with a half hour performance on Radio Cumbria.

Paul accompanied music tours with QES pupils, to South Africa and China and his overriding, fundamental passion was to help children discover the joy of music, through performance, exam success and personal enjoyment.

Paul died suddenly in the week after Christmas 2008.

His family decided his legacy should befit his lifelong passion and created the Paul Pfeuti Young Musicians' Trust to enable children to access music and further development of it where finances may not always permit.

Paul's wife, daughter and the rest of his family remain closely involved with fundraising for the trust and deciding how funds are allocated.

