**Ten Pieces**

**Ten Pieces** is an exciting new initiative for primary schools, led by BBC

Learning and the BBC Performing Groups, focusing on classical music and

creativity.

The aim of **Ten Pieces** is to introduce a generation of children to a range

of classical music, and get them to use the music as a stimulus for their

own creativity.  Lots of different parts of the BBC are getting involved ­

from CBBC to Radio 2 and 3, and there will be cross-platform promotion of

the initiative. The project is being announced in early May, to allow

schools time to sign up and plan for their involvement.

**Ten Pieces** will then run over ten months within a school year:

**Phase 1 - Inspiration**

The project will launch during the week of 6th October 2014, with a

special screening for schools in cinemas across the country of a film

introducing 10 pieces of classical music. The cinematic film will also be

made available on dvd to any school that requests it. Coverage of the 10 pieces

across the BBC will ensure the sense of a ‘national moment’.

**Phase 2 - Exploration and creativity**

Children will be asked to respond creatively to the music through their

own compositions, dance or art/animation.  Music and arts organisations

(such as Music Education Hubs) are being encouraged to actively get

involved with this stage ­ running workshops and other themed activities

with schools at a community level to help children to develop their

creative responses. The BBC Performing Groups will also be running 10

amazing 'Orchestra Take Over' days in schools around the country. Children

will be able to respond through music compositions, dance and digital

art/animation. BBC Learning will also be provide a wealth of online

resources including films, downloadables, printables and teachers' notes.

**Phase 3 - Performance**

During the Summer term, the Performing Groups will be holding interactive

celebratory concerts across the country.  These will be the 'regional

finales' of the Ten Pieces project, when audiences will be encouraged to

join in with Zadok and 'Hands Free' , and some of the children's creative

work will be showcased (probably on screens) alongside the original 10

pieces.

The project will culminate in major performance in London in July

2015, which will involve live performances by children from across the

country, reflecting a wide range of creative output produced through the

ten months, as well as the original 10 pieces. A website will also be

unveiled where clips of the children's work from across the country will

have been uploaded. The 10 pieces will have become a thousand pieces.