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GARY BARLOW, THE 2012 RECIPIENT OF THE MUSIC INDUSTRY TRUSTS AWARD, VISITS THE BRIT SCHOOL AND THE NORDOFF ROBBINS UNIT

Gary Barlow OBE, musician, songwriter, producer and X Factor Judge, stunned BRIT School pupils today when he paid them a visit. The BRIT School and Nordoff Robbins are the two charities that benefit from the highly prestigious Music Industry Trusts Award, and this year's honouree is Gary Barlow. Gary also visited the Nordoff Robbins music therapy unit which is located on The Brit School site.

Gary Barlow said "It is so great to see music and arts working for kids from a wide range of backgrounds. This school is totally unique – I can't believe the amount of classes that are on offer. I was particularly keen to see the Nordoff Robbins Therapy Unit. We all know that music can relax and help people in all sorts of circumstances and this unit specializes in helping children and adults, from 0-70 years of age, overcome illness and trauma"

During his hour and a half tour of the school and music therapy unit, Gary took part in a songwriting and Q&A session with students, and participated in a parent toddler music therapy group in the Nordoff Robbins unit. His tour guides were two students Yaw Asante and Rebecca Gee who showed Gary the many different facilities and classes that are on offer at the school. Gary also met Stuart Worden,

The BRIT School principle and Lindsay McHale, music therapist and Head of Music Services for the South East.

The 21st Music Industry Trusts Award will be presented to Gary Barlow on 5 November at the Grosvenor House, at a sold out gala dinner attended by over 1000 guests drawn from the UK entertainment industry. Gary Barlow is being honoured as 'one of Britain's most accomplished creators – a unique musician, songwriter and producer who embodies both success and distinction, and who serves as a dedicated ambassador for many charities.'

Previous Music Industry Trusts Award recipients include Sir George Martin, Sir Elton John and Bernie Taupin, Sir Tom Jones, John Barry, Kylie, Ahmet Ertegun, Jools Holland and Sir Michael Parkinson.

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Nordoff Robbins is the charity that specializes in transforming the lives of children and adults constrained by illness, disability, trauma or isolation, through the power of music. Much of its work is carried out in schools, hospitals and day centres where people are in need. It is a state registered profession and is dependent on the generosity of donors for its funding. www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk

The BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology in South London is the only non-fee paying arts school in the UK. It provides a unique education for over 900 young people who do not have a privileged background and want to choose a career in the arts industries. As the only free performing arts school in the country, the BRIT School is very different to normal vocational schools, with a very diverse intake of talented kids who would otherwise not have the opportunities to develop their

potential in music, musical theatre, dance, theatre, media, art and design or technical theatre (production). It is a unique place with a history of success and innovation. www.brittrust.co.uk

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