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PRESS RELEASE

MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON ANNOUNCES NEW COURSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUND CONNECTIONS AND THE MUSICIANS' UNION

Morley College London is delighted to announce that it will launch a new course, the Certificate for Music Educators (CME), in January 2019. Validated by Trinity College London and specifically designed for music educators who work with children and young people, the course is a Level 4 foundation certificate that will be open to musicians who work for Music Education Hubs, community music leaders, and private music teachers.

The course has been created by CME London, a consortium partnership between Morley, a leading academic institution with a flagship music department; Sound Connections, a music education charity with a strategic role to support music education in London; and the Musicians' Union (MU), a globally-respected organisation which represents over 30,000 musicians working in all sectors of the music business.

The one-year course will consist of six workshop days spread across the year, online support, observations, and a mentoring programme. Underpinning the programme will be an inclusive approach to music teaching and learning with children and young people. The course will be delivered by tutors from Morley and leading experts from Sound Connections and the MU.

Peter Collyer, Head of Music and Performing Arts at Morley College London, said, "this is an important initiative which will create an invaluable community of learning in Central London to enhance music education across the capital. Here at Morley we are very proud to be collaborating with Sound Connections and the MU in a way that will have a very positive impact on inclusion and participation, by supporting musicians in the development of the wider skills they need to be educators."

Philip Flood, Director at Sound Connections, said, "inclusion is at the centre of everything we undertake at Sound Connections and so we are delighted to be part of a new training offer which puts musically inclusive practice at the very centre of its approach."

For more information about CME London, how to apply, and course information, please contact music@morleycollege.ac.uk.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Morley College London

Morley College London is a specialist designated adult education college located in Central London. The college provides learning opportunities to over 13,000 people every year, specialising in Arts, Culture and Applied Sciences. The annual turnover is approximately £10 million. The college is engaged in a planning cycle which aims to extend our reach and influence to meet the diverse learning needs of the communities that we serve.

Music at Morley has a long and distinguished history stretching back over 100 years to when Gustav Holst was Director of Music (1907-1924) and taking in Michael Tippett's years in the same

role (1940-1951), when concerts at Morley played an important part in keeping London's musical life going during the war years.

Today Morley offers a huge range of courses to a diverse intake of adult students, with the traditional study of Western Music running alongside courses in jazz, pop and World music for singers, instrumentalists and those developing written and theoretical skills.

About Sound Connections

Sound Connections exists to facilitate change, and since 2002 has worked across the music community to achieve inclusion, equity and social justice with young people. Its vision is that all children and young people age 0-25 can access high quality music and progression routes. It is a strategic partner of the National Foundation for Youth Music with the aim of achieving a musically inclusive London by 2022. It supports young people directly through its flagship youth network, Wired4Music, has an extensive training programme for music leaders, and works closely with Music Education Hubs, arts and cultural organisations, and grassroots community groups.

Since 2012 it has developed a consultancy service to help organisations improve the quality of their work with children and young people. Clients have included the Barbican, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia, Live Music Now, Rich Mix, Saffron Hall, Wigmore Hall and a range of Music Education Hubs across England.