

Eric Pinkett (1910-1979)

Eric Pinkett did much excellent work for the musical education of the children of Leicestershire. Because of his outstanding involvement with the county's musical education he became known as 'Mr Music' and the Leicestershire schools orchestra was known as the 'other LSO'. He engaged the support of Sir Michael Tippett, who became the orchestra's patron and wrote in 1969 that the orchestra 'succeeds in releasing such hitherto untapped resources of musicality among our country's children; untapped because Education Authorities had in general never considered such activities as necessary or possible. And it is exceptional even within the small, but one hopes growing, body of Local Education Authorities who find the release of this musicality so educationally valuable, in the sheer scope and depth of what is done by Leicestershire's County School of Music within any one year." Eric Pinkett, Time to Remember, <http://www.lso.co.uk/timetoremember.html>) Eric Pinkett, was awarded the OBE in 1972.

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