

THE KALEIDOSCOPE BIG BAND



PART OF THE MUSIC GENERATION MAYO – MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME,
FACILITATED BY DENNIS WYERS & THE RHOMBUS ENSEMBLE

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

We are seeking a group of experienced young musicians (*up to a maximum of 30*) between 12-18 years with a good standard of playing/singing. Young musicians proficient in all types of instruments and genres are invited to come to audition and take part!

WHO WILL FACILITATE THE PROJECT?

The residency will be facilitated by Co.Mayo musician and composer **Dennis Wyers** and the **Rhombus Quintet**.

"Music should feel honest, responsive and organic". That's the plan behind the 'Rhombus' ensemble, each of its members are soloists in their own right and Rhombus' shows are becoming no-holds-barred performances of respectful musical exploration. Nordic jazz, classical minimalism, blues, drum-and-bass.... every style is fair- game so long as it lets the players use their own musicality to create sensitive dialogue. *Rhombus members: Dennis Wyers: saxophones and composition, Georgia Cusack: voice, Bill Blackmore: trumpet, Cormac O'Brien: double bass, Matthew Jacobson: drums.*



HOW OFTEN WILL THE PARTICIPANTS MEET?

The project will be divided into different stages, starting with composition, moving on to rehearsals and culminating with a performance. Regular meetings of the band will take place from mid-January 2014.

WHAT CAN PARTICIPANTS EXPECT TO LEARN DURING THE RESIDENCY?

Over the course of the project, the young people will learn about composition, improvisation and performance and will have the opportunity to work together closely with a professional ensemble while hearing their own music come to life.

The group will work in teams of 3-4 and, over the course of the workshops, will create the outline of a new composition of about five minutes to be handed in for development and orchestration. Participants will learn to work as part of a team, present their progress to the group and independently research their favourite music to work towards a composition. Following weekly rehearsals, the group will form the Kaleidoscope Big Band under the guidance of the Rhombus ensemble to perform their own music in front of an audience.

Detailed Information

THE PERFORMANCE

The proposed event is a concert performance of 50 minutes of newly composed music that will feature the members of Kaleidoscope Big Band accompanied by professional jazz ensemble, Rhombus. The music performed will be new music based on material composed by the young musicians under the guidance of the project facilitator, Dennis Wyers, a qualified composer with an MA in Composition.

IS THERE A COST INVOLVED?

The cost to participants for participation in this Music Residency Programme is €70.

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Kaleidoscope Big Band music project is to be as inclusive as possible, to bring together a diverse range of young musicians who are of the standard needed to perform a concert of newly composed music. This is an amazing opportunity for young musicians to take to the spotlight and develop their skills while showcasing their unique abilities in composition, improvisation and performance.

Participants are welcome from all musical genres including classical, jazz, and traditional and rock backgrounds, involvement in this project will have a lasting impact on the confidence and advancement of any young musician or vocalist. Two heads might be better than one, but thirty creative minds, bubbling over with the best of all genres..... well, who knows where it'll lead! One thing's for sure though - under the watchful eyes of the Rhombus ensemble, it's bound to be fantastic!

Ideal participants would have at least two years' experience in playing their instruments and be reasonably proficient in their instrument. Auditions for participation will take place towards the end of November in Castlebar and you will be contacted in advance with a date and timeslot.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you wish to participate in the Kaleidoscope Big Band, you will need to download a participation form from the Music Generation Mayo website: www.musicgenerationmayo.ie. Fill it in and return to the Music Generation Mayo office - you will be contacted on receipt of your form and given an audition slot.

You can return your form by post to:

Kaleidoscope Big Band,
Music Generation Mayo,
Head Office, Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim ETB,
Newtown,
Castlebar,
Co. Mayo

or you can e-mail your form to: info@musicgenerationmayo.ie.

The deadline for applying is 12pm on Wednesday November 20th 2013 – We look forward to hearing from you!

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