**PRS New Music Biennial – Composer Residencies – update – February 2017**

Although each of the five composers involved in the residency programme are taking a different approach to their time in Hull, the aim for all composers is for a 10-15 minute section of the resulting material generated to be fed to James Redwood by the end of May. This will give James a month to work on pulling together the collective contribution from the residencies for performance at the Festival weekend on 2 July 2017, in Princes Quay shopping Centre.

As it may not be possible for all contributions and contributors to the various residencies to be part of that supergroup moment, we are arranging a showcase event on Saturday 24 June, where as many participants as possible from across all the residencies will be encouraged to come to Hull City Hall, and share what has been created, with performances for friends and family, and members of the public in the afternoon.

James Redwood will co-ordinate this showcase day, which will also provide useful rehearsal time for groups coming together.

**ERROLLYN WALLEN**

Themed around the search for the modern spiritual, Errollyn’s residency is a song writing project, gathering people’s stories and reflections on hardship and how they use music to sustain themselves through hard times.  Work will reach out to the local refugee and migrant communities involved in Hull’s Open Doors project, and also work with year 4 pupils at Thoresby Primary and year 4 and 5 pupils at Pearson Primary Schools (with opportunities to do some creative work with parents in after school workshops). Work will be focused on 2 classes in each school.

Thoresby Primary runs a multicultural Kaleidoscope fortnight, in May, and the residencies will support this. Thoresby has invited Pearson Primary to be part of that programme, and pupils will be brought together during that time, working with Errollyn and a team of residency supporting musicians.

Errollyn has identified a team of supporting artists to work on the project. The idea of Tom Armitage and Michael Harper has not come to fruition, but other musicians of a high calibre are coming together to support Errollyn, with a powerful creative team.

A successful visit to Hull on 27 and 28 January provided the opportunity for Errollyn to meet potential local supporting artists, two schools, and clients and volunteers at Open Doors. A musical showcase was organized for 27 Jan at Open Doors, by volunteers involved in an existing music project with refugee groups. A range of participants of various nationalities offered performances showcasing their own music in a very special day.

As a means of extending the reach of Errollyn’s residency, she will contribute a ‘Composition Lab’ masterclass day as part of the Albemarle Saturdays initiative, which coincides with the Hull WOW festival, with the support of Sarah Suckling. The workshop will allow people to compose music for solo cello in a day, this is accessible for a broad range of people, from the highly experienced to the complete novice, and provides and exciting opportunity for people to explore the compositional process.

Errollyn will also be contributing a performance at the WOW launch on Friday 10 March, and will be part of a panel discussion on Sunday 11 March, paid for from WOW Festival funds. We welcome the opportunity to make connections with the Residency and this high profile event within the hull2017 programme.

**Supporting Musicians:**

Hull

Gary Hammond, percussionist (formerly in Beautiful South, now folk and session musician)

Pete Jack & Frankie Banham (aka Mambo Jambo)

Volunteer music leaders at Open Doors, Cecil Jones and Gabrielle Awre, and ethnomusicologist, Nola Marshall, will support the project as Assistant Workshop leaders

A Choral leader, Em Whitfield Brooks will support in workshops, with a particular emphasis on building vocal confidence in performing songs with Primary Schools & parents

Students on the University CPD programme

Stanislava Svarogina

Sandy Clarke

Visiting

Sarah Suckling, professional cellist will support the final stages

Two additional players from Errollyn’s Orchestra X will be brought in to support final stages and performance – Errollyn has yet to identify which players.

Participants

* Pupils and parents from two classes in two Primary Schools, Thorseby (yr4) & Pearson (yr 4 & 5) (local artists to work in between Errollyn’s visits)
* Wyke Sixth Form College (potential instrumentalists for latter stages)
* Open Doors (community organisation working with refugees, migrants, asylum seekers)

Key Dates – Errollyn’s residency

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| 09/03/2017 | Thoresby am , Open Doors visit, Errollyn, Em, (Pete and Frankie am only) |
| 10/03/2017 | Pearson Primary am Errollyn and Em, opportunity for planning with artists pm; Errollyn will perform at WOW Festival launch in the evening |
| 11/03/2017 | Masterclass at Albemarle, Errollyn with Sarah Suckling part of WOW Festival |
| 12/03/2017 | Errollyn to contribute to panel discussion as part of WOW |
| 23/03/2017 | Thoresby Primary am Errollyn with Em and Gary, with Open Doors pm Errollyn with Gary |
| 24/03/2017 | Pearson Primary am - Gary alone |
| 06/04/2017 | Pearson Primary am Open Doors pm Errollyn with Pete and Frankie |
| 20/04/2017 | Open Doors 10am-3pm - Gary Hammond alone |
| 25/04/2017 | Pearson at Thoresby am all day - Em and Mambo Jambo - twilight with parents |
| 02/05/2017 | Thoresby at Pearson all day - Mambo Jambo - twilight with parents |
| 11/05/2017 | workshops Errollyn and Mambo Jambo |
| 25/05/2017 | Open Doors, plus in school workshop - Kaleidoscope week 2 at Thoresby with Errollyn, Em, Sarah, Mambo Jambo,and Gary |
| 26/05/2017 | workshops in schools - finale of Kaleidoscope week at Thoresby with Errollyn, Em, Sarah, Mambo Jambo and Gary |
| 15/06/2017 | workshops open doors schools together 9-5 with Errollyn, Em, Sarah, Mambo Jambo and Gary |
| 22/06/2017 | workshop coming together rehearsal 9-5, supporting musicians without Errollyn |
| 24/06/2017 | Residency showcase day at Hull City Hall with Errollyn, Em, Sarah, Mambo Jambo and Gary |
| 29/06/2017 | Rehearsal for supergroup moment 3.30 onwards with Errollyn, Em, Sarah, Mambo Jambo and Gary |
| 01/07/2017 | Mighty River performance - 2pm |
| 02/07/2017 | Performance at Festival weekend - residencies, with Errollyn, Em, Sarah, Mambo Jambo and Gary |

Contract has been signed. Still to contract with supporting artists.

A grant arrangement with Open Doors needs to be negotiated – to enable them to support the residency at no additional cost to the core project. This would include a facility to pay volunteer expenses, participants travel expenses, translator fees, and room hire.

**JASON SINGH**

Jason will collaborate with technology company Kinicho to create a 2,017-second 3D

immersive audio piece based on output from community collaborations. It will be installed in the foyer of Hull History Centre over the NMB weekend. He has been successful in obtaining funds from Arts Council England to support the creation of this installation, enabling project funds to be spent on workshop delivery.

It’s envisaged that the residency will also include an element that will lead to live performance.

Installation: Ebb and Flow

Ebb and Flow explores people’s memories of Hull. It connects to Hull’s links with water, transformation, regrowth and change. Jason is interested in capturing people’s memories of Hull through sound. I would like to include stories, songs, vague and vivid accounts of the past, seasons, descriptions of spaces that once existed, fond memories, stories about the war and its effects on people’s lives.

The sound piece will also contain sounds of spaces, buildings and places around Hull. These may also be re-interpreted/manipulated to create musical textures which may in turn provoke a dialogue about perception of a place and space.

Ebb and Flow will be a 23-speaker, fully immersive Ambisonic sound installation. It will be constructed using a Higher Order Ambisonics sound-field, almost like a dome-shaped structure, which will be programmed and installed in the History Centre by Liverpool based 3D/Ambisonic’s company, Kinicho. Aesthetically, the sound of the piece will incorporate an “ebb and flow” feel to simulate tidal movement and breathing. The content will include speech, field-recordings and music.

The content of the installation will be derived from various workshops working with people of different ages, cultures and communities in Hull. The sessions will be facilitated by a wide range of artists from Hull, Jason Singh and possible technical support from Hull University and Hull College. The length of the piece will be 2017 seconds and play on loop.

**Key Dates**

15 December 2016 – Jason delivered a masterclass at Hull University, for students on the CPD programme. We took the opportunity to bring together the local practitioners involved in leading work with young people involved in Jason’s residency, including projects funded through Youth Music, and Colours of Music Orchestra Project which works with Special Schools. Jason’s timetable is shaping up and he will be working in Hull from February 2017.

He has proposed to come to Hull on the following dates:

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| 27 Feb | Meet with the practitioners again and also the two students from the Uni.  This session we would discuss “memory” and come up with a workshop plan from the practitioners to see what kind of workshops they might want to run.  My first thoughts have been about Jez running a “deep listening” and field-recording session and Paul running a MC/RAP session exploring memories of Hull.  The group would be with The Warren.  This would also be useful to Stewart Baxter in the session too.Latest - this may be cancelled  |
| 28 Feb | Meet with The Warren – may have to be cancelled |
| 13 Mar | 13th - Sound recording session with The WarrenPossible evening workshop & collecting memories session with members of Hull Freedom Chorus |
| 14-Mar | Warren MC/RAP session  |
| 27-Mar | Meet Seniors |
| 28-Mar |  Tbc |
| 10-Apr |  Tbc |
| 11-Apr | Warren |
| 24-Apr |  Tbc |
| 25-Apr | Warren |
| 08-May |  Tbc |
| 09-May | Warren |
| 22-May |  Tbc |
| 23-May |  All audio to be ready for programming by Kinicho |
| 05-Jun | Rehearsal with all artists for composed piece  |
| 06-Jun | Warren/ Rehearsal with all artists for composed piece  |
| 24-Jun |  Residencies showcase day at Hull City Hall |
| 1 Jul | History Makers workshop at Hull History Centre – working creatively around sound and lego |

Jason has set up a Secret Facebook page for artists to discuss the project here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jasonsinghhullresidencyartistspage/>

**Supporting Musicians**

Hull

Jez Riley French

Rob Mackay

Wai Wan

Stewart Baxter (The Warren)

Gary Hammond, Donna Smith working on the Colours of Music Orchestra

Paul Clark, Santino Roberts, DJ Chile,

Special School staff: Dale Cavany (Ganton Special School), Patrick Plunkett (Frederick Holmes School).

Other local music leaders currently being identified by Clare/The Warren – could include a regular Warren worker, Liam Van Rijn – who’s currently working on Hull2017 Mind on the Run project.

Will support workshop delivery, field recordings, studio mixing

Students on the University CPD programme

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| Arron Croft |
| Shahriar Hashemi-Parast  |

Visiting Musicians – proposed by Jason

Yazz Ahmed

Giuliano Modarelli

John Ellis

Will rehearse and perform in live iteration as part of NMB weekend.

**Participants**

The Warren

Colours of Music Orchestra (which brings together young people from 4 special schools with Youth Groups)

Youth Music-supported projects in Hull (via Ruth Drake)

Local Authority Day Centre (Adult Support Services)

History Makers (creative workshop for young people at Hull History Centre)

**Additional Partners**

Hull College (studio time)

Hull History Centre (host venue and sound archive)

Contract is finalised and signed. First payment made.

**SAM LEE**

Sam’s ideas are firming up around his project.

Phase 1: interviewing members of the Traveller and former sea faring communities, recording those interviews, and producing resource to use as a starting point for creating songs with young people. Some inspiration may also be drawn from rare artifacts within the collection of Trinity House.

Phase 2:  Work in schools to explore listening and recording sounds in their own lives, and interviewing their elders or inspirational people from their own families.  Later development of the project would involve building on this work as a resource for song writing, creating lyrics and exploring musical forms and song construction. This phase might include opportunities from members of the Traveller and former sea faring community to visit schools, and Sam is interested in taking a group of children out into the community to perform the results of their creative work.

Potential for digital platform to host residency material has not been progressed.

Polly Eldridge is supporting Sam to manage the project, and Sam has identified Jack Durtnall to be the lead artist.

Sam and Jack had an exploratory visit on 2/3 February. An introduction to the Trinity House Brethren was postponed due to illness, however, they were given a guided tour of ‘The House’ which was very much appreciated. Sam’s words: “Trinity house OMG!!!! trip of a lifetime”.

Sam and Polly have developed a proposal (including proposed schedule of work and lesson plans) which have been shared with Buckingham Primary School and Trinity Academy. Some negotiation needs to take place before the Primary school will accept the proposal. Jack is to visit the Head to discuss the project on 14 February, it is proposed to start work in schools on 8 March. Jack will also meet with Trinity Academy with Sam Pirt on 14 February to progress plans for the work there, working through Year 9 music lessons.

Sam introduced Jack to Renee Smith, a local Traveller in her 80’s whose story he would like to focus on. Renee was ill with a cold, so unable to undertake an interview on their visit. She did indicate that she would be interested in being further involved, and in having her story told to young people. Sam has decided not to pursue the idea of video portraits at present, but this is not ruled out completely.

Sam and Jack took the opportunity to meet with Sam Pirt. The meeting was helpful in reassuring/reminding Sam of his skills and experience. The idea is now that Sam Pirt will be utilised in the project as much as possible, he is a strong leader and his involvement would help for future legacy of the project.

**Outline plan as follows**

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| Tues 14 Feb | Jack Durtnall to meet schools |
| Fri 24 Feb | Jack Durtnall to attend CPD with James Redwood |
| Tues 7 Mar | Workshops start with Jack D Trinity Academy |
| Wed 8 Mar | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary with Jack D |
| Tues 14 Mar | Trinity Academy, Sam Lee with Jack D and Richard O'Neil |
| Wed 15 Mar | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary Sam Lee with Jack D and Richard O'Neil |
| Tues 4 Apr | Trinity Academy with Jack D, Sam Pirt |
| Wed 5 Apr | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary with Jack D, Sam Pirt |
| Tues 25 April | Trinity Academy with Jack D, Sam Pirt |
| Wed 26 Apr | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary with Jack D, Sam Pirt |
| Tues 9 May | Trinity Academy with Sam Lee, Jack D, Belinda & Heidi |
| Wed 10 May | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary with Sam Lee, Jack D, Belinda & Heidi |
| Tues 23 May | Trinity Academy with Sam Lee, Jack D and Sam Pirt |
| Wed 24 May | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary with Sam Lee, Jack D & Sam Pirt |
| Tues 13 Jun | Trinity Academy with Jack D  |
| Wed 14 June | am Trinity Academy, pm Buckingham Primary with Jack D |
| Fri 23 Jun | Rehearsals - venue to be confirmed - with Sam Lee, Jack D & Sam Pirt |
| Sat 24 June | Showcase performance at Hull City Hall, with Sam Lee, Jack D & Sam Pirt |
| Sun 2 July | Festival performance, Princes Quay, with Sam Lee, Jack D, Richard, Belinda and Heidi |

**Supporting Musicians**

Students on the University CPD programme

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| Marios Adamopoulos |
| Michael Betteridge |

**Jack Durtnall** musician and ethnomusicologist, Jack will be workshop leader to oversee the programme of workshops in partnership with Sam working on a series of Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Visiting – Polly is approaching a range of guest artists including

Richard O’Neil - Romany Gypsy Storyteller mid 50s regular workshop. Knows Hull and the G&T community well and lots of the Smiths there

Belinda O Hooley and Heidi Tidow - duo song writers. Will lead together though can be separate in classes alongside.

Waiting for confirmation of availability for guests artists.

Local

Sam Pirt - East Yorkshire based folk musician, accordion player, highly experience leading workshops in schools and community settings with a range of ages. Interested in song and tune collection from various cultures, including scandanavia and Europe

**Participants**

Trinity House Brethren, old boys and residents of Trinity House Care home (older men linked to former seafaring community of Hull)

Traveller community – possible focus on one or two characters who are approachable

Buckingham Primary School (Yr 5 pupils)

Trinity Academy (boys secondary school) (Yr 9)

Contract in negotiation with Sam’s management.

**BRIAN IRVINE**

Brian is working in a specific geographical area just outside the city centre to the East. It is economically deprived and neglected, with housing nestled amongst industrial units.

He visited Hull on 30th November to meet with groups and organisations in this area and is currently working on a schedule of dates with Clare. His approach is different to the other residency artists – he plans to base himself in the area, engage with a wide variety of groups, run open workshops and develop the creative work as the residency develops.

**Supporting Musicians**

Brian does not want to recruit any supporting musicians until he has started working in the area and can establish what is needed. Clare has identified local musician Dave Gawthorpe as a potential good fit for the project.

Brian is exploring forming music groups within the community, and a call out is being organised with older people within Pickering and Ferens homes for people who have some musical skill (however rusty) to contribute to the Big Elastic Band. The Manager of Buckingham Street Day Centre has undertaken to ascertain which of their service users may have played an instrument or sung in the past. Residents at The Crossings are keen to form a band, and are open to inviting people from the surrounding area to get involved.

Brian will contribute a masterclass to Albemalre Saturdays on 27 May.

Draft schedule is as follows (pending confirmation of time from Mersey Primary)

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| 02-Mar-17 | Mersey PS Am tbc | Buckingham Day Centre pm | 3:30/4pm 6pm Crossings at Emmaus |
| 03-Mar-17 | 10:30-12noon - Big Elastic Band - P&F Homes |  |
| 06-Apr-17 | Mersey PS am tbc , Buckigham Day Centre pm | 3:30/4pm 6pm Crossings at Emmaus |
| 07-Apr-17 | 10:30-12noon - Big Elastic Band - P&F Homes |  |
| 04/05/2017 | Mersey PS am tbc, Buckingham Day Centre, pm | 3:30/4pm 6pm Crossings and Emmaus |
| 05/05/2017 | 10:30-12noon - Big Elastic Band - P&F Homes |  |
| 25/05/2017 | Mersey PS am tbc, Buckingham Day Centre, pm | 3:30/4pm 6pm Crossings and Emmaus |
| 26/05/2017 | 10:30-12noon - Big Elastic Band - P&F Homes |  |
| 27-May-17 | Albemarle Saturday masterclass |  |  |
| 01/06/2017 | Mersey PS am tbc, Buckingham Day Centre, pm |  |
| 02/06/2017 | 10:30-12noon - Big Elastic Band - P&F Homes |  |
| 22-Jun-17 | Mersey PS am tbc, Buckingham Day Centre, pm | coming together |
| 23-Jun-17 | 10:30-12noon - Big Elastic Band - P&F Homes | coming together |
| 24-Jun-17 | City Hall day |  |  |  |  |
| 28-Jun-17 | rehearsal |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-Jun-17 | rehearsal |  |  |  |  |  |
| 02-Jul | performance at NMB Festival |  |  |  |

An approach to work with classes across year groups at Mersey Primary has been warmly accepted – awaiting dates to be confirmed.

An approach to Hull2017 volunteers to ascertain if they have any instrumentalists in their ranks who live in the project area is being scoped out.

Later on in the project Brian will bring in members of his band to support the rehearsals and performance.

Brian will contribute a composition masterclass to Albemarle Saturdays programme on 27 May. The format will be based on improvisation and will be open to all comers.

Students on the University CPD programme

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| George Patterson  |
| George Marshall |

**Participants**

Buckingham St. Day Centre (older people with dementia)

Pickering and Ferens Homes – Humber View (Sheltered Housing scheme)

The Crossings (place of change schemes for former homeless people)

Emmaus Hull

Mersey Primary School

Contract drafted, awaiting signature.

**ELIZA CARTHY**

Eliza is planning to run a residency entitled **‘Hull Is’** based on a reworking of Three Day Millionnaire by Mike Waterson, working with Gary Hammond and Sam Pirt to write a cup percussion pattern which could be learned by non-professionals.  Eliza would then write a new song to layer on top of TDM which would be about Hull in the present.  The material for this song would come from local people that she works with.  She wants to hand-pick some musicians from local non-professional groups to create a band to work with.

The resulting work with creat a brand new song about "Hull is" with participants generating text and music.

Eliza is considering creating an on-line resources which would lay out the process step-by-step so that other schools groups could write "Hull is" songs and then post them on a website. To be confirmed.

Eliza is to spend 5 days in February undertaking interviews/workshops with local groups to ascertain what ‘Hull Is’ to them. She will then work up ideas into a song, and work with Gary Hammond and Sam Pirt to create music in a cup song style (over 3 days). She is then proposing to work on this for performance.

Gary and Sam will do follow up with music students from Wyke 6th Form College. Dates to be confirmed.

Contract signed.

**Supporting Musicians**

Hull

Sam Pirt, folk musician

Gary Hammond, percussionist

Students on the University CPD programme

Sarah Dew

**Interview Participants**

Wyke College (dancers, music students and creative writing)

Kingston Boxing Club (with links into former fishing industry)

Bangara Dancers from Hindu Cultural Association

Boulevard Village Hall Coffee Morning/Giroscope

Spring Cottage Primary School – Year 1 and Year 5 pupils

Dock Workers – ABP

Market Traders – Walton Street Market and Trinity Market

Working on Music with Gary Hammond and Sam Pirt to create music – 3 days proposed dates between 13-16 March, to be finalised.

**Schedule**

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| 08/02/2017 |   | Walton St Market am walkabout, Trinity Indoor Market pm  |
| 13/02/2017 | 9-11am | Wyke College, music and creative writing students together in one session |
|   | 1:00-3:15pm | Spring Cottage Primary School (45 mins with Yr1 class followed by 45 mins with Yr |
|   | 5:30-6:30pm | Kingston Boxing club - informal chat with members of the club (They are uncomfortable about a workshop) |
| 16/02/2017 | 10:30am-12 noon | Boulevard Village Hall (community coffee morning group am) |
|   | 1:30pm | Visit Day Centre - Fernleigh Day Centre for the Elderly (tbc) |
|   | 3:30pm | Workshop with volunteers and workers, Giroscope Housing Co-op |
| 17/02/2017 | 3-4:30pm | ABP dock workers |
| 03/03/2017 | 6-7pm | Uma Rajesh 6-7pm, Hindu Cultural Association (mixed ages), The Temple, 7 Park St., Hull |
| 13/03/2017 |   | working with Gary and Sam on music creation |
| 14/03/2017 |   | working with Gary and Sam on music creation |
| 15/03/2017 |   | working with Gary and Sam on music creation |
| 16/03/2017 | am only | working with Gary and Sam on music creation |

1. **Composer Masterclasses**

James ran a successful masterclass at Hull University on 4th November - the morning session for local music leaders (10 participants) and the afternoon for our Residency Students (a further 10).

A further masterclass is planned for 24 February.

Jason ran a successful workshop/masterclass on 15 December – which provided an opportunity for the majority of the local music leaders involved in this residency to get together (with the exception of Stewart Baxter and Wai Wan) The morning was local youth & music leaders involved in the Youth groups that Jason will work with in his Residency, and in the afternoon they were joined by University students as part of the CPD opportunities as part of the PRS residencies.

Errollyn Wallen and Brian Irvine are contributing masterclass sessions to Albemarle Saturdays project.

The project’s CPD offer for each of the composers has been extended to a range of local music leaders, musicians and all local practitioners involved in the residencies, thus extending the broad impact of the project beyond the narrow focus of communities involved directly with each composer.

**3. Student CPD**

11 Hull University music students are recruited to the CPD programme and 10 had their first training sessions with James. One student has had to withdraw from their studies due to ill health. Students have indicated their preference for the composers with whom they would like to work.

Some have limited availability and it is proving a challenge to establish matches with composers schedules for the residency work. Rob Mackay is assisting with this.

Further CPD sessions are scheduled for Friday 24th Feb and Friday 21st April and will take place at the Albemarle Music Centre in the City Centre, which has a considerable capacity for participants, and easy access to public transport.