

the stove network



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**The Tinderbox Orchestra heads to Dumfries for the Big Jam**

A 'punk orchestra' will come to Dumfries over April and May to collaborate, compose and improvise with young musicians during five Saturday workshops, as well as offering an opportunity to perform at the Theatre Royal. The Big Jam workshops, presented in collaboration with Dumfries Music Conference, and supported by The Stove Network and D&G Arts Festival, will provide musicians with the opportunity to work with the Tinderbox Orchestra. The Orchestra, which features a fusion of instruments, styles and people, write and perform original compositions. The group will host a series of free workshops in Dumfries town centre that are suitable for musicians aged 12 and over.

Martin Joseph O'Neill, from Dumfries Music Conference, commented, "This is a really valuable experience for any young musician in Dumfries and Galloway. The chance to work with an entire orchestra is practically unheard of and one which should not be missed."

Founded in 2010 as a small community youth orchestra with a difference, Tinderbox has grown to become a ground-breaking youth arts organisation, charity and social enterprise. Tinderbox aims to ignite a spark in young people; one which fills them with confidence, imagination and a sense of possibility, and which enables people to achieve things they never thought possible.

Tinderbox Orchestra will collaborate with Dumfries Music Conference to undertake a five-week project in Dumfries during April and May, which will culminate with the group's performance at the town's Theatre Royal on 27<sup>th</sup> May. During these five-weeks, free workshops will be held for five consecutive Saturdays, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

The Big Jam kicks off on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Lovers Lane Studios from 12-4pm. Musicians will have the opportunity to play with a real-life orchestra and learn the craft of scoring an orchestral composition to go along with their own performances and song-writing endeavours.

Participants are invited to attend all or some of the sessions and to bring along their instrument, so that they can play with the group. The sessions will focus on a different piece each week, which will interweave around writing a group composition. Experiment with ideas, collaborate with other musicians and become part of the country's loudest, most innovative orchestra.

For more information, visit DMC on Facebook @DumfriesMusicConference

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## Notes

### *The Stove Network*

The Stove Network is an artist-led organisation based in Dumfries and creating new activity and opportunities in the town centre based around The Stove, 100 High Street.

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### *Dumfries Music Conference*

Dumfries Music Conference is a community interest company set up in 2016. It is a platform on which people can share their knowledge, ideas, experience and thoughts about music. It runs an annual programme of events bringing together workshops, films, live music, expert opinion and creative collaboration and other happenings that are designed to educate, inspire and entertain.

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