

# StAMP reaches for stars of tomorrow

The award-winning StAMP project in Fife and Clackmannanshire, which launched during the pandemic, will finally bring together all of its participants with local brass bands, The Wallace Collection and invited current members, and recent alumni of the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland.

The StAMP Brass Weekend, over 24, 25 and 26 September, will see the children gather at the University of St Andrews' Laidlaw Music Centre to rehearse and create a concert live-streamed at 5.00pm on 26 September.

StAMP is the major brass outreach project run by the Laidlaw Music Centre in partnership with The Wallace Collection. During the pandemic, the project reached 100s of brass players internationally and started 150 children learning brass, 71 of which have now joined local brass bands. Although some children came together in July for an event at Kellie Castle as part of the East Neuk Festival, the project is yet to bring together all participants from across the region to experience the sound and thrill of a live brass band.

Titled 'Spectrums and Stars', like previous StAMP concerts this one is an interdisciplinary exploration of music and astronomy as part of the long-running

art, music and astronomy project, 'Shine'. Narrated by Head of Outreach, Ellen Thomson, and Reader in Physics and Astronomy, Anne-Marie Weijmans, the programme will continue developing the children's creative skills by improvising interpolations connecting music by Hildegard von Bingen with music of the Italian Renaissance. Such creative and intuitive musical creations have become a hallmark of StAMP pedagogy led by StAMP tutor and amateur, Tony George.

The assembled concert band will perform Scottish composer, Eddie McGuire's *Earthrise*, special arrangements of music by the Scottish classical composer, Thomas Erskine, and a specially-narrated *Spectrum* (Gilbert Vinter) – the colour movements of which will be explored in relation to how astronomers use colour to understand stars, planets and galaxies.

The event will be the first of the second-year StAMP project – awarded the prize for the most outstanding community and outreach project in the recent New Music Scotland Awards, for being 'a clever and creative way to engage a wide number of people...' ■

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# STARS AND SPECTRA

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