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INSTRUMENT DAY - INFORMATION PACK



Our 1-Day instrument days provide an excellent opportunity for musicians to play with others and to learn more about their instrument. A specialist tutor will guide you through group playing and provide insight into both musical and technical aspects. Equipment and repair advice, plus instrument and mouthpiece sampling, will also be available during the day courtesy of Scotland's leading woodwind shop The Wind Section (Edinburgh)

Who the workshops are for:

Instrumentalists from Beginner to Intermediate level.

BEGINNER

Instrumentalists of approx Grade 1-3, or equivalent standard, who have been playing for at least one year. A working knowledge of the instrument should be in place, i.e. you can play in both low and middle registers and know some scales and arpeggios

INTERMEDIATE

Instrumentalists of approx Grade 3-5 standard, or equivalent standard, with a minimum of two years playing experience. A good working knowledge of the instrument throughout low and middle registers is assumed.

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How the workshops are organised:

Arrival **10.00-10.30**

Parking is available in the school playground next door but please note **the school gate will only be open between 1030-11am for arrival**. For security the gate will be locked during course sessions but can be unlocked if necessary.

NB. If for travel reasons you need to arrive before 10.30am please let us know in advance. Thank you.

Session 1 **10.30-11.45**
All Technique Session

Session 2 **12.00-1.30**
Beginner Group Playing
Intermediate Equipment and Repair advice

LUNCH **1.30-2.15**

The Music Workshop provides tea/coffee/cakes during morning and afternoon breaks. You can pre-order sandwiches, soup, toasties and baked potatoes with our special **collection and delivery service** at very reasonable prices, or you can bring your own lunch with you. Orders are taken at the start of the first day.

Session 3 **2.15-3.45**
Beginner Equipment and Repair advice
Intermediate Group Playing

Session 4 **4.00-5.00**
All Full group playing

What will be covered:

Ensemble/Group Playing
Tone and Tuning
Sound Production/Projection
Technique/Breathing
Equipment sampling and advice
Repair advice
Individual Pointers/Goals

Details of workshop:

Up to 10 players
Age 10+/adult
All common types of the instrument (please specify your main instrument when booking, e.g. Alto Sax, Bb Clarinet etc.)
Applicants should bring their own instruments
Music stands and all music are provided

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About the tutor **ROB HALL**

Rob Hall studied music at *Manchester University* and *Royal Northern College of Music*, then won a scholarship to study at *Berklee College of Music, USA*. As a saxophone and clarinet player he has performed and/or recorded with *Mike Stern, Danny Gottlieb, Kenny Wheeler, Jim Mullen, Simon Thumire, Anne Martin, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Paragon Ensemble Scotland* and many others. Festival appearances include *Bath, Cheltenham, Glastonbury Jazz Stage, Celtic Connections, Liverpool, Edinburgh*

International Festival and *BBC Proms*. He has released 5 CD recordings as a leader for the *FMR* label.

Rob is very active in education. He runs Jazz Course UK his own organisation, The Music Workshop an education/rehearsal venue in rural Scotland, and the SoundBase Saturday school in Glasgow. He has lectured in jazz and is a jazz examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM).



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TRAVEL - GETTING HERE

The Music Workshop is situated in the small village of Carstairs Junction in rural South Lanarkshire, near the towns of Lanark (5 miles) and Biggar (8 miles) and just 30 miles/45 mins drive from either Edinburgh or Glasgow.

For a map to the workshop try	
maps.google.co.uk	(enter postcode ML11 8QY)

RAIL & BUS

A regular rail service runs from Glasgow Central to Lanark where there is a regular connecting bus service to the village or you can get a taxi. There is a limited rail service from either Glasgow or Edinburgh stopping at Carstairs Junction.

For more info about trains and busses check out these websites	
www.nationalrail.co.uk	(journey planner to ML11 8QY)
www.firstscotrail.co.uk	(timetables - see under SE/Lanark)
www.google.co.uk	(a search of bus service to carstairs junction)
www.travelinescotland.com	(enter postcode ML11 8QY)
www.spt.co.uk	(enter postcode ML11 8QY)

Air

Glasgow and Edinburgh international airports have a range of scheduled UK and European flights including low-cost options. Both airports offer car hire.

For flights and information check out	
www.baa.co.uk	try either Glasgow or Edinburgh

NB. For detailed directions please request this PDF file:

How To Get Here (The Music Workshop)

ACCOMMODATION

Some nearby towns are

- CARSTAIRS VILLAGE (1 mile)
 - CARNWATH (2 miles)
 - LANARK (5 miles)
 - BIGGAR (8 miles)

For accommodation at the venue or in Carstairs Junction please enquire

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[Carnwath Vinyard](#) (B&B) Newly opened with flexible accommodation, take a web-tour of the rooms. Speak to George or Beth on (+44) 01555 840156

[The Robertson Arms, Carnwath](#) (Hotel) for both accommodation and food. Participants of our events can enjoy discounted room rates, speak to Jan on (+44) 01555 840060 and quote 'The Music Workshop'

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For accommodation and local info you can check out these websites	
www.smoothhound.com	(enter postcode ML11 8QY)
www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk	
www.visitscotland.com	
maps.google.co.uk	(enter postcode ML11 8QY)

THE AREA

The Music Workshop lies in the Upper Clyde Valley and is surrounded by beautiful open countryside. The lower Clyde Valley, Pentland Hills, Tweedsdale and the Borders are all within easy reach. Other attractions include the world heritage site of New Lanark just 5 miles away and the historic town of Lanark itself, closely associated with William Wallace. The picturesque town of Biggar with its vibrant community is only 8 miles.

