Creative Scotland supports a Festival of Making Music

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Making Music is delighted to have been awarded funding from **Creative Scotland** towards staging **A Festival of Making Music** – a two day cross-genre musical experience for 60 amateur musicians from across Scotland.

This project represents an artistic development opportunity for amateur musicians, enabling Making Music to further support excellence and experimentation across Scotland's voluntary music sector. Scotland boasts a thriving amateur music scene, and Making Music is delighted this has been recognised by Creative Scotland with this award of almost £15,000.

The weekend's participants will be drawn from Making Music's membership of over 200 member groups in Scotland (comprising around 12,000 individuals).

Alongside a team of experienced tutors and professional musicians led by Professor Richard Michael, participants will develop technical skills and knowledge to enrich their current repertoire and support them to move in new directions.

Alison Reeves, Making Music Manager for **Scotland**, said: "There is a wealth of excellent musicianship in amateur groups but all musicians, professional or amateur, need continuous development and new challenges to flourish. This award allows Making Music to make the first step towards an annual event that will cultivate and enliven amateur music societies across Scotland."

Clare Hewitt, **Music Officer** at **Creative Scotland** said: "A Festival of Making Music is a fantastic platform for amateur musicians to work with leading musicians as their tutors across a range of musical genre, instruments and traditions. In turn this will encourage exploration and experimentation in different genres from those they normally play whilst giving them the confidence and skills to develop their music further."

A Festival of Making Music will take place over one weekend in October 2016 for 60 instrumental and vocal participants at Kilgraston School in Perthshire. Further details to come.

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About Making Music

Since 1935, Making Music has been the membership organisation for amateur music in the UK, bringing together musicians and music groups of all genres and abilities.

We support, connect and champion everyone who makes, performs and presents music on a voluntary basis. The services we provide allow our members – ranging from symphony orchestras to samba bands – to cross the boring things off their 'to-do' lists and get on with making music.

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We enable people and organisations to work in and experience the arts, screen and creative industries in Scotland by helping others to develop great ideas and bring them to life.

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