

# Folkworks Junior Summer School 2018

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>-Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July

The Choristers School, Durham

**Director: Ruth Ball**

**Tutors: Sam Kelly, Bryony Griffith (one more tutor to be announced)**

## What is the Junior Summer School and who is it for?

The Folkworks Junior Summer School is designed for children aged **9 to 13**. The school is intended to be a thoroughly enjoyable, rewarding musical experience in its own right, and to provide a strong grounding for future participation in the Folkworks Youth Summer School.

The Summer School will be suitable for players of any instrument as well as singers. We also welcome clog dancers.

We cater for a wide range of abilities: previous experience of folk music is not necessary, the ability to read music is not a requirement, nor is previous experience of folk music. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate absolute beginners (please get in touch if you are unsure of your playing ability). Players need to have their own instrument, and be able to play at least to a basic standard. If you are unsure whether we can accommodate your instrument or ability level, please get in touch.

## Accommodation

This year the Junior Summer School is returning to The Chorister School, Durham. The school is set in the grounds of the great Norman Cathedral and has fantastic facilities.

Residential and non-residential places are available.

**Residential** - The residential price includes bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meals from Wednesday lunchtime until collection on Saturday. Meals will all be taken in the school. Residential Accommodation is in dormitory bedrooms with toilet and bathroom facilities nearby. Members of Folkworks staff will be in nearby rooms and on hand at all times to care for students. The school has good facilities and residential students will not need to leave the school site during the course (with the exception of a Friday evening Showcase Concert and Saturday celebration).

**Non-Residential** – Non-residential participants receive the same care and quality of experience but do not stay overnight at Durham Chorister school. Lunch and dinner at Summer School is provided. Participants are expected to check-in between 9.15 – 9.30am and check out by 10pm each day.

We take the pastoral care of all students extremely seriously and have an experienced and committed team of pastoral staff working 24/7. If you think your child will need more support from our team, please get in touch to discuss how we can make them welcome.

For more information about the Chorister School please visit: <http://www.thechoristerschool.com/>

## Supervision and Staff

**Ruth Ball will lead a team of tutors including Bryony Griffith and Sam Kelly.**

### **Pastoral Team**

The pastoral staff team will be responsible for the safety, welfare and conduct of participants from their arrival on Wednesday until collection on Saturday morning. Non- residential students will check in and out of our care each day.

We take great care of our participants; Folkworks staff are always on hand day and night to make sure participants are safe and happy, and to deal with any problems. We are used to working with young people who may feel homesick and we know that for many this may be their first residential – we will do everything we can to make sure everyone has a great experience!

### **Structure of the Course**

Throughout the Junior Summer School there will be workshops during the day and supervised social activities in the evenings. As well as instrumental workshops, there will be sessions of singing and dancing for all participants.

Most workshop sessions will last about 45 minutes and each day's programme will consist of a lively, balanced mixture of activities, including both large-group sessions and smaller ensembles. Students are expected to take part in all organised activities. This includes non-residential students who should join in the evening activities, these end at approximately 10pm.

The precise organisation of workshops will depend upon the participant's main interests and experience. Workshops will cover the development of repertoire and style – learning great tunes and songs and how to perform them, enjoying working with other musicians and performing as part of a group.

Dancing will also play an important part in the week's activities. As appropriate, there may be tuition on the playing of specific instruments, and there will also be opportunities to develop new skills. The Summer School will also include informal sessions and concerts, ceilidhs and some non-musical social activities, making up a fantastic few days of great music, fun, friendship and new experiences.

### **Showcase Concerts**

On Friday evening the Youth and Junior Schools come together for showcase concert. Parents will be able to buy tickets for the Friday Showcase concert, details will be sent to all participants before the start of the summer school.

## **2018 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Folkworks Summer Schools!**

We will be celebrating all week and will be bringing all Summer School participants to Sage Gateshead on the morning of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July for a big performance! This will be part of a big folk celebration day at Sage Gateshead for the Great Exhibition of the North.

Coaches will be provided from Durham to Gateshead to bring participants to Sage Gateshead. The performance will be finished by 14.00. **Parents and guardians should arrange to collect their children in Gateshead not Durham on the Saturday afternoon.**

### **Prices**

Enrolment fees for the Junior Summer School are as follows:

#### **Junior Summer School Ticket Prices**

Residential	£300
Residential Concession*	£270
Non Residential	£276
Non Residential Concession*	£246

**\*Concession price is only available for participants who already have an older sibling attending the Summer schools at full price.**

## **Bursaries and Scholarships**

We are aware that for many families paying for the Summer Schools can be an expensive business, and we do not want any students to be excluded because of the cost.

If you would like to apply for assistance to cover the cost of Summer School information about bursaries and scholarships can be found online – or you can contact us to discuss further.

## **Instalment Payments**

We are happy to offer instalment payments. To spread the cost of Folkworks Summer Schools over six payments please contact Ticket Office on 0191 443 4661 or book in person at Sage Gateshead.

## **How to Book – Online Enrolment and Payment**

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#### Step 1 – Payment

Click the 'book tickets' box on the Junior Summer School web page and follow the instructions to make your payment. You will then receive a confirmation email with your order number.

#### Step 2 – Enrolment

Complete the enrolment form on the Junior Summer School web page and click the 'submit' box. A confirmation message will appear at the bottom of the page indicating that we have received your form.

Tickets can also be purchased from Ticket Office on 0191 443 4661. Instalment payments can also be set up with Ticket Office.

Information about dietary requirements, medical circumstances and other special needs is requested on the enrolment form along with parental consent for under 18s. This information is vital to us if we are to provide the best care for students, please ensure the form is completed fully, we are unable to provide you a place until this is complete.

**If you do not have the facilities to complete an online enrolment form please get in touch with the team (at the above address or number) and we will try and provide a suitable alternative.**

**Please note: Enrolment closes on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018****

### **After you have enrolled...**

...if you have followed the steps above correctly then you won't hear from us again till after enrolment closes. Before the Summer School begins you will receive a Summer Schools Pack which will include all the information you need for a great week; timetable, registration details, concert times, maps and directions etc

Information in this pack will be correct at the time of print, producing the schools is a year long process so there may be times where information has not been fully updated. We try to inform all participants of changes as they are confirmed.

If you would like more information about any aspect of the Folkworks Summer Schools, please contact:

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