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Monday 28th August 2006

Hi all!

Here is a list of dates and activities for the new Groove Project 13-18s group from September to December 2006. The dates marked in bold should happen whether or not we get funding from Youth Music. Without funding the other events won't happen unless we can either find the money from somewhere else or raise it ourselves. If anyone knows of any rich benefactors, please tell them about us!!

Tues 19th Sept 7.30-9.30pm Town Hall / Chipping Hall Regular session

Thurs 28th Sept 14 Coombe Road, Wotton Sectional I 6.30-8pm 8-9.30pm Sectional 2

We can use the Message Board to plan how to use these small group sessions nearer the time. There are lots of possibilities - eg. vocal work, improvising, guitarists session, lyric writing

Tues 3rd Oct 7.30-9.30pm Chipping Hall, Wotton **Groove Café**

Tues 10th Oct 7.30-9.30pm Town Hall, Wotton Regular session

(Sun 29th Oct Chipping Hall, Wotton LitFest finale) evening

A number of small groups from the GP will have the opportunity to perform at the finale of the UEA Literature Festival. Free to participants.

(Sun 5th Nov 8 – 10.30pm Chipping Hall, Wotton Jazz club jam)

Anyone who is interested in having a go at improvising is welcome to come and join us at this jam session for all ages/abilities. GP price - £2.

Tues 7th Nov 7.30-9.30pm Town Hall / Chipping Hall Regular session

(Sat IIth Nov Town Hall, Wotton Ska workshop pm Town Hall, Wotton evening Ska gig)

London ska band Maroon Town (www.maroontown.co.uk) are coming to lead workshops and play an evening gig at which workshoppers will

have a chance to perform. Prices to be confirmed.

Thurs 16th Nov 6.30-8pm 14 Coombe Road, Wotton Sectional I

> 8-9.30pm Sectional 2

Tues 21st Nov 7.30-9.30pm Chipping Hall, Wotton **Groove Café**

(Sat 25th Nov evening Listers Hall, Dursley **Band showcase**)

At least one (but maybe more!) of the Groove Project Big Bands will have the opportunity to perform to a very large audience at this 'Best of the Band Showcases' event. Free to performers.

Tues 28th Nov 7.30-9.30pm Town Hall, Wotton Regular session (Tues 12th Dec 7.30-9.30pm Town Hall, Wotton Extra rehearsal?)

We may use this time as an extra rehearsal for the performance on the 16^{th} Dec. More details nearer the time...

(Fri 15th Dec 7.30-9.30pm Chipping Hall, Wotton Extra rehearsal?)

Another possible rehearsal slot for 16th Dec.

(Sat 16th Dec evening Town Hall, Wotton UEA Xmas gig)

A chance to play to friends and family at the Under the Edge Arts Chrismas concert. Free to performers.

Tues 19th Dec 7.30-9.30pm Chipping Hall, Wotton Groove Café

This is a possibility, but not yet confirmed. Could be a good one though....

As you can see, there is a lot going on! The events listed above in brackets are extras which you may or may not be interested in. Some of these cost money, others don't. You are welcome to come to as many or few of the events as you choose, however it is worth being aware that the more you take part in, the more likely you are to get the opportunity to perform at any 'big' events that come up.

Right, here's some boring but important stuff:

All regular sessions and Groove Cafés are included in the price of £24. (Be warned: if Youth Music decide not to fund us, this cost may need to go up a bit.)

Please come along to a couple of sessions before paying, just to make sure that you want to continue. If you do, then you can give me a cheque made out to 'Groove Project'. If not, you can settle up for the sessions you did come to at a cost of £3 per session. Easy! (Please remember: if the cost is ever a problem for you, just talk to me in confidence and we'll find a way to help out by reducing or waiving the charge.)

Once you have read this letter, please go to the Groove Project Message Board — the easiest way to do this is to go to www.thegrooveproject.co.uk and follow the links. You need to register (please use a name I can recognise otherwise I won't know which group to approve you for!) and then wait for me to authorise you. Once that's done, please sign the thread called SIGN UP HERE! on the New GP board. This will let me know that you have received all this information, so I don't need to send you a copy through the post. After that, you're welcome to start chatting on any of the boards... It will be good to see you there!

If you have problems with computer or internet access and need me to phone or write instead, please just let me know. There are now so many people in the project that it's really convenient for me to be able to post notices on the website and message board, but I'm happy to use other methods if that would suit you better.

See you soon!

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