

the groove project

Monday 28th August 2006

Hi all!

Here is a list of dates and activities for Groove Project 'originals' 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 26th Sept **7.30-9.30pm** **Town Hall, Wotton** **Regular session**

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

Thurs 12th Oct **6.30-8pm** **14 Coombe Road, Wotton** **Sectional 1**
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 17th Oct **7.30-9.30pm** **Town Hall / Chipping Hall** **Regular session**

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

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.

(Sat 11th Nov **pm** **Town Hall, Wotton** **Ska workshop**
evening **Town Hall, Wotton** **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.

Tues 14th Nov **7.30-9.30pm** **Town Hall, Wotton** **Regular session**

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.

Thurs 30th Nov **6.30-8pm** **14 Coombe Road, Wotton** **Sectional 1**
8-9.30pm **Sectional 2**

Tues 5th Dec **7.30-9.30pm** **Town Hall / Chipping Hall** **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 16th 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 Christmas 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. As ever, you are welcome to come to as many or few of the events as you choose.

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 will need to register if you haven't already done so - 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 GP Originals 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.

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!

Katie ☺

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