

HORSECROSS INSPIRING COMMUNITIES LIGHTNIGHT BIG SING INFORMATION SHEET



WHAT IS LIGHTNIGHT?

Lightnight Perth is a free cultural festival.

Using Perth City as the venue Perthshire Past, Present and Future will be portrayed through a dramatised light trail, commencing at the illuminated St. Johns Kirk area through the Skinnergate to Perth Concert Hall and ending at the River Tay.

In addition to this core element the Lightnight Perth programme will include outdoor concerts, exhibitions, illuminations, talks, walks, guided tours and treasure hunts, street markets, dance-athons: in summary endless entertainment for all the family!

Organised by Perth & Kinross Council, Lightnight Perth takes place in venues across the city on the nights of 26 and 27 November 2010.

WHAT IS THE BIG SING?

The Lightnight Big Sing will take place on Sat 27 Nov 2010 in Perth Concert Hall. Each choir involved will sing 3 songs with an international/home-based artist whom they have been working with for a period of 4 rehearsals. 1 of the 3 songs will be a new composition written for the choir and artist by a local community or school group and the artist.

The Big Sing will finish with all choirs and artists taking to the stage to sing one song together which will have been rehearsed on the day.

WHERE?

Rehearsals in the lead up to the event with the artist will take place in your own rehearsal venue. On Saturday 27 November, your choir will be involved in a full day rehearsal at Perth Concert Hall before the main event in the evening in the same venue.

WHEN?

Rehearsals with your artist will depend on when the artist and your choir are available. If you're collaboration is with an international artist, it is likely we will ask you to run a series of 4 consecutive rehearsals. If you are working with a Scottish based artist, there will probably be more flexibility in times of rehearsals and we should hopefully be able to fit into your normal weekly rehearsal schedule.

WHO ARE THE ARTISTS INVOLVED?

We are in talks with many artists at this time and cannot say exactly whom you will be working with at this moment in time. However, we can tell you the artists will be a mixture of Chinese and Scottish musicians. Some of the choirs will learn some Chinese songs, some will learn Gaelic songs, and others will work in English. All the musicians are professionals and at the top of their game in their genre of music.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the project, your choir must:

- Meet on a regular basis
- Be willing to set aside 4/5 rehearsals in Nov 2010 for the project
- Be available to travel to Perth Concert Hall on 26 and 27 Nov 2010 for rehearsals
- Be open to working with international artists and singing in a foreign language
- Choirs must be based in Perth and Kinross

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