

Girls in Jazz

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Guildhall School of Music & Drama



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GIRLS IN JAZZ

Guildhall invites young female instrumentalists and vocalists aged 11–18 to an exciting day of practical workshops led by bassist **Amy Baldwin**, vocalist and songwriter **Zara McFarlane**, pianist and Lead for Jazz, Improvisation and Pop at Guildhall Music Education Islington (MEI) **Nikki Yeoh** and saxophonist and composer **Josephine Davies** exploring improvisation, jazz standards and women in jazz. The day will feature a performance by the fantastic workshop leaders and culminate in an informal sharing performance in Milton Court Studio Theatre.

All abilities, instruments and levels of experience are welcome to join with a range of groups suitable for everyone. Experience in jazz performance is not essential.

Admission free but registration required. For further information see below.

WORKSHOP GROUPS

The Girls in Jazz day will be run in four groups to cater for varying levels of experience in jazz. Participants should indicate their level of experience in playing and performing jazz on their [registration form](#).

Groups 1 & 2 – for young female instrumentalists and vocalists who are new to jazz and improvisation or have a limited amount of pre-existing experience and are keen to learn more, develop new skills and confidence in playing jazz. Led by jazz musician, double and electric bassist, **Amy Baldwin** and pianist **Nikki Yeoh**.

Group 3 – for young female vocalists who have existing experience in jazz and improvising and are interested in taking these skills further, developing confidence and experience of performing in an ensemble with other young learners. Suitable for young people that have already performed jazz ensembles and feel okay about being asked to improvise already. Led by vocalist and songwriter **Zara McFarlane**.

Group 4 – for female instrumentalists who are more experienced playing jazz and are more confident improvisers. Suitable for players who already have some experience playing with jazz ensembles and are looking to develop their skills in improvisation further. Led by saxophonist and composer **Josephine Davies**, this group will suit those musicians looking to hone their skills in improvisation and trade solos in a jam session context.

EVENT SCHEDULE

9.30am	Registration Milton Court Foyer Arrive in plenty of time to kick off the day!
10am – 10.20am	Welcome & Warm Up Milton Court Studio Theatre A quick welcome followed by group warm up activity for all participants.
10.20am – 11.15am	Workshops Milton Court Studio Theatre & Silk Street Rehearsal Rooms Time to split into our workshop groups to start making jazz.
11.15am – 11.30am	Break
11.30am – 12.30pm	Group workshop Milton Court Studio Theatre Led by Girls in Jazz Day tutors
12.30pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	Tutor Performance / Q&A Milton Court Studio Theatre Join jazz professionals for an informal performance and Q&A session.
2pm – 3pm	Workshops
3pm – 4pm	Sharing Milton Court Studio Theatre An informal sharing, showing the results of the groups workshops from throughout the day.
4pm	End of Girls in Jazz workshop day

HOW TO BOOK

Admission free but registration required. To book your place, please fill in this [Registration Form](#).

Your details will only be used for the purpose of informing you about the Girls in Jazz day.

If you are under 18 you must confirm that you have your parent/guardian's permission to provide this personal data. If you are under 13 you should not provide us with personal data but ask your parent/guardian to complete the form.

Final details for the day will be confirmed via email.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please email adam.williams@gsmd.ac.uk with the subject line 'Girls in Jazz'.

