

Jazz North Introduces 2016

A high profile performance opportunity at 5 or more leading northern jazz festivals

Young northern jazz artists under 25 are now being invited to apply to Jazz North Introduces. Jazz North Introduces provides young artists with their first high-profile showcase performances plus mentoring with leading UK jazz artists.

The 2016 Jazz North Introduces band will be chosen by a selection panel consisting of jazz festival directors, experienced musicians, educators and Jazz North staff. The selected band will receive the opportunity to be showcased at a selection of leading jazz festivals across the North.

Benefits for selected artists

- a high profile performance opportunity at 5 or more leading northern jazz festivals
- the gigs will be paid and expenses will be covered
- photo shoot for the band
- video showreel for the band
- help with producing EPK (Electronic Press Kit)
- mentoring from leading UK jazz artists

Under 19 Award

There will also be a special award for one band in the under 19 category. This will be one days mentoring with a leading UK jazz artist and a performance at a Northern jazz venue.

Read feedback from festival promoters and artists

Festival partners

[Gateshead International Jazz Festival](#)

[Lancaster Jazz Festival](#)

[Liverpool International Jazz Festival](#)

[Marsden Jazz Festival](#)

[Scarborough Jazz Festival](#)

[Southport Melodic Jazz](#)

[Hull Jazz Festival](#)

How to apply

To apply to be considered for this opportunity to perform at partner jazz festivals or jazz venue in 2016-17 please complete the online application form at www.jazznorth.org. You will need to be able to provide links to audio examples of up to 3 tracks (soundcloud for example).

Deadline for applications

9:00 PM Wednesday 22nd June 2015

Criteria

- maximum band size is 5 musicians
- senior band (19-25) 75% of musicians and the nominated leader will be under 25 years of age.
- junior band (16-19) 100% of musicians and the nominated leader will be 19 or under
- musicians can be in full time education
- 75% of band members in any group must be currently living or studying in the north of England (please see the geographical definition below)
- in making our selection of successful applicants, we will prioritise musical excellence, in terms of musicianship, creativity, innovation and potential.
- there are no stylistic barriers
- the band must be ready to gig by July 2016 and you must be able to provide a recording of your band (including all members)
- you must demonstrate readiness to commit time and attention to the scheme's activities (listed above)
- the successful bands will be required to complete a simple evaluation exercise with project coordinator

Tips for your application

- Make sure your audio tracks show what your band can do. For example make sure that the tracks you choose show a variety of tempo / moods
- If you mention 'musical genres' and influential artists in your application, make sure those genres and influences can be heard in your submitted audio tracks
- try to be concise with your answers – nothing superfluous

How Jazz North will select successful applicants

Jazz North will shortlist the applications according to the assessment criteria. This shortlist will then be assessed in more detail by an advisory panel consisting of experienced musicians, promoters, educators and Jazz North staff. Successful bands will be informed of the dates of their festival gigs. All shortlisted bands can receive feedback about their application.

About the Scheme

This initiative builds on the mjf introduces scheme to showcase the very best new jazz talent from across the north. Previous Jazz North Introduces artists: [The Stretch Trio](#) (2013) who went on to win the Peter Whittingham Jazz Award, [The Jam Experiment](#) (2014) and [Artephis](#) (2015).

The North: Geographical Definition

For the purposes of this scheme, 'the north' refers to the following counties: Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, County Durham, Northumberland, Tees Valley and Tyne and Wear, Yorkshire, Humber (North and North East Lincolnshire).