
ROMAN RIVER MUSIC

PRESS RELEASE

Colchester's Children Encouraged to Make Some NOISE!

On Saturday 16 September, creative “noise maker” Frazer Merrick will take the children of Colchester on a sonic adventure.

In a series of Sound Factory workshops, families with children aged 4 to 11 will create “ambient jams and glitchy beats”, utilising all sorts of objects and non-traditional instruments. No fear of disturbing the neighbours here!

This lively event, which takes place at 11am and 2pm at Firstsite in Colchester, is part of Roman River Music’s Festival ’17 and is free to attend.

Frazer Merrick says, “We’ll set up loads of equipment in a big space and allow people to experiment.”

Orlando Jopling, Artistic Director at Roman River Music, says, “ Come along, have fun, make some noise!”

Later, at 6pm, the results of the days efforts will be transformed into soundtracks and improvisations, creating a unique performance for all ages to enjoy called CLIP. Tickets for Clip cost £6 or £3 for under 30s and are available from romanrivermusic.org.uk.

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Notes to editor:

A short clip from Frazer available here, if you would like to see what it’s all about... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yKF8-RBuBo>

Roman River Music Festival ’17

Thursday 14 September

8pm Opening Night

Friday 15 September

3 & 6pm Joseph Toonga

6pm Chiaroscuro Quartet

9pm Maya Youssef

Saturday 16 September

11am-4pm Sound Factory

Midday Street Hunt

6pm hEARd

6pm Clip

9pm Jessica Walker

Sunday 17 September

4pm NYC Fellows
8pm Natalie Clein
Friday 22 September
8pm Clio Gould & Friends
Saturday 23 September
11am Harriet Mackenzie
2pm Trio Apaches
8pm Benjamin Grosvenor
Sunday 24 September
11am Oboe Quartets
6pm Illyria Consort
Wednesday 27 September
8pm Gwyneth Herbert & Will Duke
Thursday 28 September
8pm The King's Singers
Friday 29 September
11am & 1pm Abi's Adventure
8pm Mahler Symphony No 9
Saturday 30 September
6pm Bach Mass in B Minor
Sunday 1 October
4 pm Festival Finale

Read and download the full programme at:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/Romanrivermusic/roman-river-music-festival-17.html>

About Roman River Music

Roman River Music brings internationally renowned performers to informal and unexpected venues in Colchester and coastal Essex each year for a 3-week festival. Our festival is informal, open to everybody, with no rules. We convert disused urban buildings into performance venues because there is no concert hall in Colchester. Audiences can clap when they want, bring drinks into the concerts, and no shushing is allowed! We run bars and often serve food as well.

With our partners Dance East, the Mercury Theatre, and Colchester Arts Centre, we commission new work and collaborations, nurture emerging talent. We give artists the time and space to develop their skill and create new work among the salt marshes and wide open skies of coastal Essex.

We create opportunities for over 1,000 young people to compose, perform or listen to music and get involved in the performing and visual arts.

Active involvement in music by schoolchildren has been shown to improve concentration, self-confidence, social awareness and ability in maths and English. Giving young people the chance to listen to live music and develop their own music-making has remained at the core of our organisation, and our dream is to give every schoolchild within reach of the festival the life-enhancing opportunity to compose, perform or listen to music.

The charity combines strong grassroots support from over 100 volunteers with a truly international quality programme. The summer festival 2017 concerts were broadcast on Radio 3.