

Summer School 2020: Class Musicians Music Course Week 4

Following the successful launch of this class in 2017 we are again running a musician's course during week 4. This course is aimed at those musicians who wish to develop or enhance their playing as a class musician and who want to explore and learn how to deliver music for class which has the necessary sustainability and lift to inspire dancers. It is also an opportunity to meet and make music with a group of musicians both formally and informally.

It is hoped to provide a variety of opportunities and experiences during the course including:

- Style;
- Tune types;
- Researching and selecting appropriate tunes to make sets for dancing;
- Adapting technically difficult tunes;
- Composing tunes in the Scottish idiom;
- Researching repertoire;
- Observation/mentoring sessions and attendance at Summer School classes;
- Playing for part of an afternoon walkthrough;
- A Masterclass – working with a teacher and a group of dancers;
- Individual coaching/mentoring;
- Keeping a learning journal;

Musicians wishing to make an application need to ensure that they meet the course participant's specification. This course would also be suitable for those musicians who wished to be considered to play at Day Schools and classes although there is no guarantee that this will automatically follow. This course is not designed to deal with individual instrument technique except that which is needed for playing for a dance class and therefore participants need to be already proficient players. **There will be a limited number of places available.**

A separate document gives more detail detailing the aims and objectives of the course and the specification for course participants and is available on the RSCDS web site.

The course's principal tutor will be Ian R Muir who is the current Music Director of the the RSCDS and who has considerable experience playing for dancing both as a class musician and leading his own band *Craigellachie*. It is also expected that other staff from the week will have input into the course.

Please do not hesitate to contact the RSCDS or Ian Muir if you have any further questions about the course.

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