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Let Stevenson College Edinburgh Students Entertain You

Stevenson College Edinburgh Degree Foundation Music students are showcasing their own work with a programme of classical and popular songs and duets at the Canongate Kirk in the Royal Mile Edinburgh, on Monday 8th March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Tickets cost £5 and £3 concession at the door_or can be bought in advance from the Music Box on 0131 535 4840.

The evening's entertainment will feature a piece composed specifically for this event by the students called "Fly by Night". Composers Simon Hellewell and Miriam Rowlands, said:

"We decided that with such a varying line-up of voices and instruments, there wouldn't be anything in the repertoire to give each player a part. So we wrote our own. The main challenge was to find a way of balancing trombones with guitars, sopranos with saxophones."

The line up will also include a mixture of piano, soprano, guitar, violin, sax, clarinet, trumpet and trombone playing. Music students will also perform a selection of work by Saint Saens, Michael Rose, Vivaldi, Gershwin and Handel and the finale piece will be performed by the entire ensemble.

Music Lecturer at Stevenson College Edinburgh, Laurie Crump said:

"The concert will be unusual in the variety of its music: the range of instruments, voices and repertoire. Students will also premiere their own work at the event. The venue is ideal – it is a historic church in the heart of Edinburgh, with spectacular acoustics."

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to Nordoff Robbins, a music therapy charity, which uses music to transform the lives of people constrained by illness, disability and trauma.

Mhairi Cowley, Fundraising Coordinator for Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy in Scotland, said:

"Every note raised in Scotland for NRMTS stays in Scotland. The nearest base to Edinburgh is in Lasswade, Midlothian where music therapy is undertaken. Our therapists also take music therapy to local schools, hospices, hospitals and care centres. Our other bases are in Tayside, Fife and Glasgow."

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