



Performing at MMitD

If you're interested in performing at Medieval Music in the Dales then there are a few options as

- Concert Performers
- Chamber Performers
- Castle Stage Performers

Here's some guidance. Please remember that the one absolute rule for any performances at MMitD is that all music played must be securely sourced to before 1500CE.

Concert Performers

Every year MMitD hosts 6 or so professional ensembles, duos, or individual musicians to play in concert. Performers are paid at professional rates, expenses are paid, and free accommodation is provided along with vouchers for food and drink at the festival. Concert Performers are invited to attend the whole festival if they are available and are each given a Festival Pass.

Concert Performers are expected to provide:

- One daytime concert of 50-60 minutes
- Participation in an evening concert, of 20-30 minutes
- A workshop / demonstration / talk or similar
- One or more tracks for the festival CD

Concert performances will suit the theme for that year's festival. These themes are given on the home page of the MMitD website for the next few years.

Interested Concert Performers should contact MMitD at any time with their proposal for any particular year. They should be ready to quote for participation along the lines given above; the more information you can give the better. Please be aware that MMitD has a limited budget and we are simply unlikely to be able to afford more expensive proposals. As a rough guide, we would expect to pay around £500 per musician, plus expenses. In terms of timescale, any given year's roster of Concert Performers is usually decided by August of the preceding year. So, please note also that the festival has usually confirmed all concert performers 12 months in advance of the event. If you are interested in making a concert proposal to MMitD, it is good idea to get to it right away.

Chamber Performers

Every year, MMitD welcomes up to four individual performers (or small ensembles) to provide a short early evening concert performance (20-30 minutes) in Queen Mary's Chamber in Bolton Castle. Chamber Performers are likely to be professional or semi-professional musicians, and a high standard of performance is expected. Chamber Performers are paid £200 (individual or ensemble) and given a free Festival Pass. Travel expenses may also be available. Potential Chamber Performers are usually selected by invite but anyone is welcome to apply at any time. Ideally, performances should suit the theme of the year.

Castle Stage Performers

MMitD features at least two 'Castle Stages' each year. These are performance spaces within Bolton Castle where anyone is welcome to come and play their medieval music. Professionals and amateurs are welcome on the Castle Stages. Castle Stage Performers are required to offer a minimum of two 30 minute performances over the course of the festival. In return they receive a free Festival Pass and a discount on workshops and concert tickets. There is the option to give just the one performance if you can only attend for one day. Castle Stage Performers must register in advance by the end of April for that year's festival.

Additional information

As detailed above, all Performers receive a free Festival Pass. This means they can:

- attend the entire festival (Thursday evening through to Sunday evening)
- attend workshops
- camp on site

Workshops and camping still need to be paid for (though, as above, Castle Stage Performers receive a discount for any workshops attended).

All enquiries and proposals to Gill Page please, at medievalmusicinthedales@gmail.com
Feel free to get in touch with any queries you might have.