

CALL OUT FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR IRELAND'S FIRST EVER 'SOUND CHOIR'

Context

Invitation to Wander (2019) is a contemporary music project created by composer, Karen Power, in partnership with Cork Midsummer Festival and in association with Cork International Choral Festival, Cork Centre for Architectural Education and Nano Nagle Place.

This mixed media music project will explore FOUR of the world's most fascinating and mostly unreachable places: The Arctic, Amazon, Arnhem Land - Australia and Deserts and will premier from 19th - 22nd June 2019 as part of Cork Midsummer Festival.

Invitation

We are inviting 15 individuals, Emerging and/or Amateur singers/vocalists (any voice range) to form Ireland's first ever 'Sound Choir' and to be part of,

- 4 evening premier performances as part of Cork Midsummer Festival 2019, and
- participation in a unique Professional Development Programme

What is a 'Sound Choir'?

A 'Sound Choir' is a concept conceived by composer, Karen Power. It is a roaming body of voices (choir) who listen and respond to Power's sound compositions for the four aforementioned worlds, using a series of guided improvisations, text and composed musical phrases. The 'Sound Choir' will perform vocally and respond to these worlds.

Professional Development Programme

The professional development programme has 4 distinct workshops in extended vocal techniques, improvisation, movement and creative practice with Irish and International leading practitioners:

- Vocal extensions with Michelle O'Rourke (Dublin)
- Voice improvisation with Ute Wassermann (Berlin)
- Listening as the start of creativity with Karen Power (Cork)
- Movement workshop with Mary Nunan (Limerick)

The workshops will be held on Friday or Saturday evenings in Cork City with two workshops in March, one in April and one in May. Exact dates to be confirmed.

Summary

Invitation to Wander (2019) an experimental mixed media music project will select 15 committed individuals to

- Take part in a professional development programme
 - Participate in 2 rehearsals in the performance space with professional musicians on 17th & 18th June
 - Be part of the 'Sound Choir' in 4 premier evening performances with professional cast on 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd June
- There is future potential for the 'Sound Choir' to perform in other festivals beyond Cork Midsummer Festival 2019.
- And selected individuals will receive a small contribution towards performance expenses. This will cover refreshments but not long distance travel or accommodation costs.

Expression of Interest

Submit no more than 500 words in word (.doc) or pdf with your singing/vocal experiences to date and reason for wanting to be part of the 'Sound Choir' by 11th February. You must be over 18 years old.

If you have url links to singing/vocal experience and/or previous performances, please include. However, they are not a requirement for your submission.

Email annmlawlor.projects@gmail.com

For further information, go to http://www.karenpower.ie/Invitation_to_Wander.html

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