



Worcestershire's Travelling Music Box - Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much money are you trying to raise? How many pledges do you need?

We need to raise just under £10,000 overall from backers between now and 2nd December. That's because once we get 21 backers and 19% of our total, Arts Council England will pledge an additional £9,005 towards our project, helping us make the total of £18,970. This means every contribution can help us reach that target.

2. How do I make a pledge?

Visit <https://www.spacehive.com/travelling-music-box> and click 'Back this project' then follow the instructions to pledge!

3. Why do I have to set up a direct debit to make my pledge?

GoCardless is a direct debit system that allows you to make payments directly from your bank account, via a **one-off** direct debit. The direct debit is set up when you pledge, allowing Spacehive to collect the funds from your bank account at the end of the campaign, but only if we reach our funding goal. Because it's a one-off direct debit, only one payment can ever be taken as a result of this pledge.

4. When will the Travelling Music Box be up and running?

The crowdfunding campaign will be live until 2nd December 2019. If we hit our target, we will immediately set about finding a suitable van to buy, have it fitted out, branded and then available to travel around the county providing music sessions. We anticipate the van will be on the move from April 2020.

5. Where will the Travelling Music Box visit?

The Travelling Music Box will be available for bookings to be used in public places or places where young people congregate across the county of Worcestershire. Schools are an obvious place to start and we will be promoting the van to schools across the county, especially those in areas where there is less access to these opportunities. We can also make visits to public parks, hospital settings, youth centres and more. Whoever is in charge at the venue will need to confirm that the van can be brought onto their premises, and to make the booking and arrangements.

6. How many children and young people can use the van at any one time?

Music sessions on the van can accommodate up to 5 children at a time. However, music sessions may take place just outside the van, in open spaces or nearby indoor spaces. A



group of 30 children could be accommodated in these circumstances.

7. Is there an age limit?

We can provide music sessions for young people between the ages of 0 and 25!

8. What sort of music opportunities will be available?

Severn Arts owns a whole range of instruments, from ukuleles to trombones, guitars to flutes. Young people may take part in a music session all playing the same instrument, or a mixture.

We also have facilitators who can provide music sessions in using music technology, DJ skills and singing/performance. A whole host of opportunities will be available!

9. Won't the Travelling Music Box be noisy? How will you manage this?

We like children and young people to enjoy making music and yes this can create some noise! That's why we will always make arrangements with the venue before bringing the Travelling Music Box to visit. We'll make sure that the van is sited in an appropriate place and the activity is managed accordingly. Not all music making is loud – and we hope to have some wonderful mini performances as part of the visits too!

10. Will people have to pay to use the Travelling Music Box?

5 lucky pledgers will be picked at random and asked to select a public place or place where young people congregate to receive a visit from the van. We would then discuss arrangements with whoever is in charge at that venue. These visits will be provided *free of charge*.

Severn Arts assesses where need is greatest in terms of young people not currently accessing music education opportunities. A programme of *free or subsidised visits* for the van will be put in place and arranged with venues to meet these needs.

So for the majority of the time the Music Box will be free or subsidised! In addition to this, it will also be available to book for sessions at a reasonable rate.

11. How do you know this is something that people want?

Most young people love music - but not all of them have the same opportunities to learn. At Severn Arts, we're all about bringing those opportunities to people - rather than waiting for them to find us! Our travelling music box will reach across Worcestershire - to playgrounds, rural schools, hospitals and shopping centres in disadvantaged areas to name just a few. We will deliver music sessions ourselves and in partnership. There's an appetite for this. The 'Tell me what you want' project in Bromsgrove recently looked at what would encourage people to take part in the arts. Arts activity on the doorstep (village halls, skateparks, local



facilities) was one major answer! We know that engaging with music helps a range of life skills.

12. My children like music but I can't afford to pay for lessons

Experiences on the Travelling Music Box should be free to the children who take part. The van will be travelling around whilst we launch our Bursary Scheme to make music lessons more affordable to families in need. So this will be a great way to get that first musical experience underway, with a professional and supportive facilitator, and inspire children to do more. For more information about our bursary scheme coming soon, see www.severnarts.org.uk/giving

13. What will the van be doing when it is not delivering music sessions?

We often deliver instruments to schools and other venues around the county, and we sometimes need to take equipment to performances and concerts so when the Travelling Music Box is not in use for music sessions, we can put it to good use!

14. What assurances can Severn Arts give about the people delivering the sessions?

Severn Arts only employs or contracts high quality music teachers, providers and facilitators. With Severn Arts, you know you can rely on a high quality experience. Severn Arts also carries out DBS checks on all its staff and requires DBS evidence for all of its contractors who will be working with young people. Severn Arts takes safeguarding responsibilities very seriously.

15. What happens to my money if you don't reach your target?

Payments are only taken once our campaign reaches its target. If we don't make the target, no money will be taken.

16. How can I keep up to date with Severn Arts and what it is doing?

Visit the Severn Arts website: www.severnarts.org.uk to see our full range of work. Follow us on social media to keep up to date with our activities:

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