



PATCH'S PARADE MUSICIANS

For Salisbury International Arts Festival 2024, the City Encounters weekend will start with Patch's Parade, where a giant puppet called Patch will parade down Milford Street in Salisbury with a troupe of dancers and musicians all the way into the Market Square, where they will be greeted by a community choir. We will bring our new giant together with Christopher, the traditional Salisbury Giant. Patch and Christopher will meet in the Market Square to celebrate happiness and friendship.

We would love you to join us, Patch and Christopher, on this adventure.

We are looking for musicians aged 15 and over who play the following portable, hand-held instruments; woodwind, brass, accordion/melodeon and percussion to be part of our volunteer community musicians' group for Patch's Parade.

Ideally, you will be Grade 5 standard or above. You will need to bring your own instrument, except percussionists where instruments can be provided if necessary. Percussionists do not need to be specialists - anyone with a good sense of rhythm is welcome.

You will be learning three pieces of music and will perform without score. All the music will be repetitive and easily learnable, and music and practice tracks will be provided.

The first will be a lively piece that you will play while walking in a parade. The second will be the accompaniment to a song to be sung by a group of community singers, standing in Guildhall Square. The third will be a dance to be performed by all the community groups.

Please be aware that a level of mobility and stamina will be required in order to take part in this group as it moves with the parade. You must be prepared to rehearse and perform in any weather, although precautions will be taken to protect instruments from the rain if required.



PATCH'S PARADE MUSICIANS

Please note if you sign up to our Musicians group you are not able to sign up to other groups (movement, singing, puppeteers). However, musicians will have the opportunity to learn and join in with the final dance of the parade.

If you are interested and would like more information, then please attend our Patch's Parade Discovery Day at Salisbury Playhouse on Saturday 2nd March, doors open at 10:00am. Here you will be given the dates of all rehearsals, for all of which you must be available (6 evening rehearsal sessions (dates TBC), plus the two performance days).

The event takes place on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May 2024.