



Centenary of Six Giants of Jazz celebrated by schools nationwide

Award winning jazz development company Tomorrow's Warriors in association with Turner Sims and Southampton Music Hub launches a new music education project from this month - **The Jazz Ticket** - to mark the centenary of the birth of six **Giants of Jazz**: composer **'Tadd' Dameron**, vocalist **Ella Fitzgerald**, trumpeter **Dizzy Gillespie**, pianist **Thelonious Monk**, drummer **Buddy Rich**, and percussionist **Mongo Santamaria**.

'**The Jazz Ticket**' will be delivered in 54 schools in Southampton, Luton, Leicestershire, Manchester, Gateshead, Brighton, Bristol, Hull and London, and engage almost 600 young people as performers and many more as audience members.

The Jazz Ticket will give young musicians aged 11-18 throughout the country the opportunity to work with leading jazz professionals and develop their performance and improvisation skills, whilst exploring the history of the genre and six of its pioneering artists born 100 years ago.

Fish Krish, special projects manager at Tomorrow's Warriors, says, *"We aim to inspire young people and give them the opportunity to explore jazz and their own creativity whilst celebrating these six extraordinary Jazz artists who have had such a huge and lasting impact on the genre."*

The project culminates in a series of concerts in prestigious arts venues featuring The Jazz Ticket schools, alongside **Tomorrow's Warriors'** flagship professional jazz ensemble, the **Nu Civilisation Orchestra**.

The Jazz Ticket is delivered in partnership with leading venues and music hubs in nine regions across England, with generous support from Arts Council England's Strategic Touring Fund. Each participating school will work with Tomorrow's Warriors music leaders on newly-arranged compositions associated with one of the Jazz Giants.

Built on a simple idea - how to celebrate the centenaries of six jazz legends - The Jazz Ticket is a great opportunity not only for Turner Sims to showcase young talent as part of our international jazz series but to take some wonderful music and artists into schools. I'm excited to hear the results as the project develops." said Kevin Appleby - Concert Hall Manager, of Turner Sims

Kath Page, Head of Southampton Music Hub which helped kick off rehearsals at schools in the area said "We are delighted the Jazz Ticket project has come to Southampton - that it is the first one of many around the country makes it even more special.

This is a fantastic, inclusive project enabling children from KS1-5 to become immersed in the six giants of Jazz from 1917. Working side by side with professional musicians and their peers is inspirational and will I'm sure prove to be aspirational for the future. This once again proves that partnership projects are indispensable - huge thanks to Tomorrrows Warriors and Turner Sims from Southampton Music Hub and here's to future projects!" she added.

The project finale is a final concert open to all schools in the region and a special gala concert featuring the Nu Civilisation Orchestra performing a new music commission from Turner Sims, 'A Journey with the Giants of Jazz' by the award-winning pianist/composer, Peter Edwards, generously supported by PRS for Music Foundation's New Music Biennial.

"By celebrating these six iconic jazz artists we hope The Jazz Ticket will inspire a new generation of musicians and audiences to enjoy and value Jazz." added Fish.

The premiere of **The Jazz Ticket** takes place at Turner Sims in Southampton on 16 March 2017. Further dates of the other concerts are being finalized and will be confirmed on the website and through social media. For more information and tickets visit www.thejazzticket.co.uk or follow on twitter @Tom_Warriors #jazzticket2017