



**North East Scotland's festival of new music**

**27<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Following our press release in August, please contact us to receive the **sound 2007** leaflet with details of all this year's events. You can also consult our website: [www.sound-scotland.co.uk](http://www.sound-scotland.co.uk).

Please do get in touch if you would like to cover the festival as a whole or any part of it.

Fiona Robertson  
Festival coordinator

## **Press release: sound 2007**

### **What is sound?**

**sound** is an exciting and unusual new music festival that is now in its third year. Operating largely as a network of local organisations, the varied programme is comprised of events organised directly by **sound** and those organised by partner organisations. This results in a large mix of musical genres and a variety of events (concerts, workshops, talks, film, theatre...) in 27 venues across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

This year's festival will run from the 27<sup>th</sup> October to the 28<sup>th</sup> November and include artists such as Dame Evelyn Glennie, Joby Burgess, Françoise Barrière, the Fence Collective, Rohan de Saram and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. There will be world premieres of music by James Clapperton, James Dillon, Fred Frith, John Hearne, John Kenny, Timothy Raymond, Pete Stollery, Thomas Strønen and David Ward.

But **sound** isn't just about putting on new music events in concert halls... It's also about involving the local community, and bringing music to people rather than waiting for them to come to it:

- A large number of local musicians and composers will perform or have pieces performed during the festival.
- Fred Frith will lead a weekend of improvisation workshops for local musicians.
- A day of talks and workshops will take place for local composers.
- More than 25 local schools will benefit from workshops. There will also be open workshops, talks and masterclasses at the University of Aberdeen.
- Public buildings such as the Institute of Medical Science and the Aberdeen Art Gallery will host free concerts.

**For more information, please contact Fiona Robertson, festival coordinator - [info@sound-scotland.co.uk](mailto:info@sound-scotland.co.uk) / tel: 07854 347717 (or 013398 81256)**

**sound** was set up as an initiative of Woodend Arts Association in Banchory in collaboration with the University of Aberdeen. The 2007 network also includes Aberdeen Chamber Music Club, Aberdeen City Music School, Banchory Academy, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Belmont Picturehouse, Cappella Nova, Duff House, Gordonstoun School, Interesting Music Promotions, Inverurie Music, The Lemon Tree, Monymusk Arts Trust, Music Hall, Newton Dee Community, North East of Scotland Music School, Peacock Visual Arts, Strathdee Music Club, Upper Deeside Music and Woodend Music Society. It aims to introduce new music to a wide audience including students and school children.

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