

It's popular music week this midterm at The Ark

Write your own pop song and share it online, design your band's t-shirt and album cover, try your hand at spinning discs like a professional dj or join in a music jam.

*7 days of popular music with a Halloween flavour running over the mid-term break.
Come in your costume to any event*

For the past 18 years The Ark has programmed, commissioned and presented exhibitions, workshops and performances across multiple art forms. Young people aged 2-12, along with their families and friends are welcomed into this specially designed space on Eustace Street in Temple Bar where they can explore, create and have fun with theatre, music, visual arts, literature, science, technology and dance. The Ark's team works with leading artists, musicians, theatre practitioners and writers to develop unique and stimulating programmes which vary throughout the year, so audiences enjoy a different experience each time they visit.

This autumn it's all about popular music, inspiring the next generation of music makers and music lovers. If you can play a musical instrument great, then there will be lots of opportunities for you to do so but for those with no musical experience there will also be lots to enjoy and try your hand at for the first time.

Rock on Baby! Early years music workshops specially created for 2-4 year olds will encourage participation from these youngest audiences. Rock, pop and bop your way through these fun and upbeat music workshops where each child is accompanied by a participating adult.

For those a little older **Beatboxer extraordinaire Whitenoise** will return to The Ark with more of his exciting workshops on 29 and 30 Oct. In two separate workshops for ages 5-7 and ages 8-12 you learn to make the voice sound like a drum kit and get tips from this leading beatboxer.

On Saturdays 26 October and 27 October **join in one of the popular music jams**, bring your own instrument and play in a real jam session led by musician Peter Baxter. It will be just like joining a band – a super fun and friendly one! Some musical experience recommended to take part in these jam sessions.

Create your own music t-shirt to take home in a special workshop where using print block and silk screen techniques and led by artist Caroline Ryan, or **design your own music album cover** using fun collage and mixed-media art techniques in hands on workshops led by artist Jo May.

Join outstanding guitarist and technology whizz Shane Latimer and acclaimed vocalist and improviser Lauren Kinsella, together with exciting special guest cartoonist Patrick Sanders for **Monster Music Improv**, a Bank Holiday musical experience with a difference. Presented in partnership with the Improvised Music Company, the musicians will create funky jazzy melodies on-the-spot, while Patrick will draw cartoons of the music and lyrics live onto a huge screen behind them in a music improvisation and visual adventure not to be missed.

For a musical Halloween treat, presented in conjunction with **the Bram Stoker Festival**, young musicians are invited to join in **The Bram Jam** a popular music session inspired by the writer's spooky stories. This open jam session will be lead by professional musicians and families are encouraged to come along and watch. (Some musical experience recommended for this event).

On the bank holiday (28 Oct) children are encouraged to put on their Halloween costumes and relax in the '**Halloween Hang out zone**' as The Ark is filled with the spinning discs and scratching vinyl of DJ Moschops. Or if you want to try your own hand at spinning some discs yourself then join the DJ workshops (1 Nov) with DJ Moshops where you will real DJing skills such as scratching, mixing, sampling, and putting special sound FX onto the music to create your own sounds.

Create your own silly and scary Halloween lyrics and then come up with melodies and rhythms to turn them into a spooky-style pop song in this **Spooky Songwriting Workshop** (for ages 5-7) and for ages 8-12). You will even have a chance to record them and they will be available the next day at ark.ie/live. No musical experience is necessary to take part.

Now booking at: www.ark.ie
Tel: 01 670 67788

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Rock on Baby! Early years music workshops

Sat 26 Oct, Sun 27 Oct & Sat 2 Nov @ 10am (ages 2-3) & 11am (ages 3-4) Tickets €11/€8*
Rock, pop and bop your way through these fun and upbeat music workshops. You might even get to sing a song about a friendly monster or two!

Popular Music Jam

Sat 26 Oct & Sat 2 Nov @ 12-3pm (Ages 7+) Free entry

Bring your instrument and play in a real popular music jam session led by Peter Baxter and other talented musicians!

The Bram Jam

Sun 27 Oct @ 12-3pm (Ages 7+) Free entry

Come and play in a popular music jam session inspired by the spookiness of Bram Stoker!
Presented as part of The Bram Stoker Festival.

Drop in Monster Music Mash

Bank Holiday Special Event with DJ Moshchops

Mon 28 Oct @ 11am-1.30pm (All the family) Free entry

Come to our Halloween hang out zone this October bank holiday and get in the spooky spirit listening to DJ Moschops spinning the decks and scratching vinyl. The Ark will be filled with fun, chilled-out music, perfect for zombies, ghosts and all music-loving monsters. Come along in costumes of any kind, make up your own graveyard dance moves or simply relax in our Halloween hang out zone, read Halloween books and enjoy a glass of vampire juice. Face-painting will be available on a first come basis. Limited capacity.

Monster Music Improv

Bank Holiday Special Event

Mon 28 Oct @ 2pm & 3.30pm (Ages 5+) Tickets €6

Presented in partnership with the Improvised Music Company.

Join outstanding guitarist and technology whizz Shane Latimer and acclaimed vocalist and improviser Lauren Kinsella, together with exciting special guest cartoonist Patrick Sanders for a musical experience with a difference. The musicians will instantly create funky jazzy melodies on-the-spot, while Patrick draws cool cartoons of the music and lyrics live onto a huge screen behind them! Expect lots of spontaneous musical fun, some well-known tunes, fantastic cartoons and strange Halloween spooky sounds thrown in for good measure. A music improvisation and visual adventure not to be missed.

Beatboxing Workshops

Tue 29 & Wed 30 Oct @ 11.30am (ages 5-7) & 1.30pm (ages 8-12) Tickets €11/€8*

Beatboxer extraordinaire Whitenoise returns to The Ark with more exciting workshops. Discover the tricks that beatboxers use to make the voice sound like a drum kit and learn how to do them yourself.

Make Your Own Music T-shirt

Tue 29 & Wed 30 Oct @ 11.30am (ages 8-12) & 1.30pm (ages 5-7) Tickets €11/€8*

Come along to this fun art workshop where you will get to design and print your very own t-shirt for your band or stage name using print block and silk screen techniques. You'll leave ready to take to the stage!

Spooky Songwriting Workshops

Thu 31 Oct @ 11am (ages 5-7) & 1.30pm (ages 8-12) Tickets €11/€8*

Create your own silly and scary Halloween lyrics and then come up with melodies and rhythms to turn them into a spooky-style pop song. No experience necessary.

Design your own Music Album Cover Workshops

Thu 31 Oct @ 11am (ages 8-12) & 1.30pm (ages 5-7) Tickets €11/€8*

Create a great look, then design your first album cover for your real or imaginary band, DJ or Beatboxer using fun collage and mixed-media art techniques.

Spooky Story Reading

Thu 31 Oct & Fri 1 Nov @ 12pm, 1pm & 2pm (All the family) Free entry

Actor Lizzy Morrissey reads from spooky themed children's books in our Halloween hangout zone. Feel free to come in your costume!

DJ workshops with DJ Moschops

Fri 1 Nov @ 11am, 12pm, 1pm (ages 5-7) & 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm (ages 8-12) Tickets €6

Want to learn how to mix records to make your own music like DJs do? Then join DJ Moschops for a chance to try scratching, mixing, sampling, and putting special sound FX onto the music to create your own sounds.