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DAF's Back!

Call for recruits and exciting, new times ahead for Didsbury Arts Festival

Didsbury Arts Festival is back with a new team and thrilling, new challenges for audiences and artists, both locally and throughout the UK.

Following a year's break in 2014, organisers have announced plans for a 2015 festival to take place from 20 – 28 June under the leadership of new DAF Director, Daniel Williamson. Daniel replaces former DAF Director and founder, Maria Stripling, who remains involved as Chair of the new DAF Board.

For the past decade, Daniel has been a familiar figure on the Greater Manchester arts scene, working on a variety of cultural events and projects, both in the local community, and on the national and international stage. He will be supported by the festival team and DAF Board.

Said Daniel: 'I am delighted to have been offered this exciting position. I am very impressed with how the festival has grown since its inception and feel I have a lot to contribute to the next chapter.'

'In 2015 I would like to see the festival celebrate Didsbury's position as an interesting and vibrant suburb, or in-between place; where city and country blend. Using this as a starting point, the aim is to unite the festival with a series of new works that have this narrative connecting them; inspiring artists and audience to explore, engage and connect through this theme.'

Organisers now plan to appoint a (paid) Festival Co-ordinator to assist Daniel in the smooth running of the DAF programme and are inviting applications from enthusiastic and dynamic individuals seeking to gain experience in events management.

In addition, volunteers are sought to boost the festival team and help make DAF 2015 more successful than ever. Help is required across a variety of areas, but organisers are particularly keen to hear from people with experience in arts programming, project management, fundraising, marketing and website management. Individuals are also sought to engage with community groups and local businesses to promote their involvement in the 2015 festival programme.

Since its 2009 launch, DAF has become a key, cultural event in South Manchester, attracting high-profile artists and increasingly large audiences.

Get in touch and let us know how you can help!

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