

BE PART OF MUSICATHON 2018

24 hours of music: all live, all local...non-stop

Broadcasting from Chapel FM

3pm Saturday 8th December to Sunday 9th December

Background

Back in 2009 when we first came across the old Seacroft Chapel it was dark, unused and crumbling. But we saw the potential of creating something new—a home for community radio station East Leeds FM but maybe something more. In 2014 we opened the first-ever arts centre in East Leeds—Chapel FM.

A Musicathon?

But back in 2009 that was only a dream. We wanted to test the potential for using the building and we came up with the idea for a 24 hour musicathon. We invited the Leeds music community to come and take part and test out our idea to save the Chapel and create something new. Over 300 musicians came to bring the old Chapel to life. It was such a success that we did it every year until the building was redeveloped—just to keep people aware of what we were planning. When we opened we thought that maybe the musicathon would end there...but people kept asking “When’s the next musicathon?” and who were we to disappoint! This December will be our 9th musicathon. We still do it because its a fab thing to do and we would love you to be there!

How it works

It starts at 3pm on the Saturday (alongside the Seacroft Winter Gala) and finishes at 3pm the next day. But don’t worry...only a few mad souls spend the whole 24 hours there! Rather we schedule music throughout, booking bands and solo performers, choirs and even alpine hornists (yes we did have a couple one year!). People play half hour sets either in our radio theatre (studio 3) or in the smaller (but still beautiful!) studio 2 (the acoustic cave!) and we ping between the two studios for 24 hours. Simple eh!

Broadcast

We stream all the audio live through our website and also do a separate Facebook live stream for each performer. So, apart from having a lovely live gig in Chapel FM, everybody gets a good video to share on Facebook to friends, family and fans.

Get involved

We need people to volunteer to get involved to make this work. There are a range of possibilities:

- Volunteer yourself or your band/choir etc for a slot to perform at the Musicathon
- Join our Programming Team who oversee the whole thing or take on curating 2 or 3 hours of the schedule
- Volunteer to help out during the 24 hours—on front-of-house looking after people and serving cake or on the tech crew mixing sound and organising the broadcast throughout...

More information

Just contact info@chapelfm.co.uk if you are interested. Or give Adrian a call at the Centre or on 07973 172433.

