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# **The National Gallery and Rankin team up to support the launch of Youth Music Week 2007 (Youth Music)**

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National Gallery, London

Youth Music, The National Gallery, photographer Rankin and the best names in British music have teamed up to support the launch of Youth Music Week 2007.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, a day of workshops, masterclasses and showcases in the National Gallery will kick start the largest series of music events ever put on for young people in England and Wales.

This groundbreaking cross arts event has been made possible as a result of the collaboration between Youth Music and the National Gallery.

Young musicians and the public will be able to see, hear, and sample the best of Youth Music's work. Workshops in six categories - Jazz, Urban, Early Years, Drumming, Singing and Rock - will take inspiration from the richness and diversity of the National Gallery's permanent collection and the 'Scratch the Surface' exhibition to create unique workshops and performances.

The workshop will take place in rooms throughout the Gallery and will focus on works from 1250-1900. Six spaces in the National Gallery will be transformed into aural environments for the day, each reflecting and interacting with the art around them. The sessions will be led by Youth Music's experienced music leaders in collaboration with arts professionals from The National Gallery, with contributions from famous artists including Hayley Westenra, David Grant and Courtney Pine. The workshops are limited to 30 children and young people, operating on a first come first served basis. Look out for further announcements regarding masterclass leaders.

Rankin has supported the launch by shooting a series of portraits of the best established and new acts in British music, including Faithless, Goldie, Hailey Westenra, Beverly Knight, Pull Tiger Tail, Lil Chris and Courtney Pine - all wearing the signature Youth Music headphones!

During Youth Music Week (24<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November), Youth Music Action Zones - which operate primarily in areas of social and economic need across England and Wales - will roll out a series of taster sessions and workshops showcasing their work. From beatboxing to playing the oboe, there's something to try at each and every Action Zone.

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