

## Organising Music

Organisational theorists have become increasingly interested in the creative industries, where practices that are commonplace are of particular interest to organisations in other sectors as they look for new ways to enhance performance. Focusing on the music industry, this book sets up a unique dialogue between leading organisational theorists and music professionals. Part I explores links between organisation theory and the creative industries literature, concentrating on practices of organising and knowledge mobilisation, followed by an in-depth discussion of key theoretical concepts by subject experts. Part II provides a diverse range of 'tales from the field', including examples from classical orchestras, folk, indie and punk. The concluding chapter examines the shared dialogue to reveal what practice in the musical field can learn from organisational theory, and vice versa. This innovative book will interest graduate students and researchers in the fields of organisation studies, music management and the creative industries.

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JENNY REEVE is a member of Strike the Colours: four musician friends from Glasgow, united by their collective experiences and love of the music they are making together. Since they are by no means strangers to the local music scene and beyond, it could be argued that the four members of Strike the Colours have been, and continue to be, integral to the music coming out of Glasgow over the last couple of years. Indeed, Jenny Reeve (Arab Strap, Malcolm Middleton, Idlewild, Snow Patrol, The Reindeer Section, The Fruit Tree Foundation), Jonny Scott (Emma Pollock, The Phantom Band, The Unwinding Hours, Take A Worm For A Walk Week), David McAulay (Terra Diablo, composer and engineer/producer of records for Mogwai, Remember, Remember, Bill Wells, Jenna and Bethany Reid) and Graeme Smillie (Emma Pollock, Unwinding Hours, Idlewild, Sons And Daughters) all have impressive pedigrees in their own right, working with some of Scotland's most talked-about bands and musicians. Nevertheless, they still find time to come together to play music that has been championed by respected publications such as Clash Magazine, Converse Music, The Scotsman and The List and national radio DJs such as Steve Lamacq, Mark Riley, Gideon Coe and Vic Galloway.

SIMON ROSE is a professional musician and performs on baritone and alto saxophones. His research interest focuses on the process of improvisation, in which he has completed three studies. Following an MA at Middlesex University in 2008, he gained his doctorate in 2013 at Glasgow Caledonian University. For several decades he taught drama and music in London, including work with permanently excluded and special educational needs students. Studying drama at Dartington College of Arts and teacher training at Exeter University, his early career was in theatre-in-education and fringe theatre: devising theatre and touring schools, prisons, hospitals and small-scale venues. He is currently completing a book concerning the agency of improvisation. Other publications include the chapters 'Free improvisation in education' in Investigating musical performance (2012) and 'Improvisation as real-time composition' in The act of musical composition (2014). His music recordings can be found on the labels Emanem, Leo, PSI, Bruces Fingers, Not Two, Rayon and PF Mentum.

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IAN SMITH came to Scotland in 1971 to join the horn section of the RSNO. He founded and directed Scottish Brass and has also guested with the London Symphony Orchestra. He became the Scotland organiser of the UK Musicians' Union in 1993 and founded the Union's specialist section for folk, roots and acoustic music. Ian was appointed Head of Music at the Scottish Arts Council in 2005 and is currently responsible for music and intellectual property development at Creative Scotland (CS). Ian oversees all international export showcasing for CS Music, including Showcase Scotland, Womex, SXSW, AWME/ Australasian World Music Expo and the Cambridge, Woodford (Aus), RIFF (India) and Celtic Connections Festivals. He is also responsible for co-programming the Made in Scotland music programme at the Edinburgh International Fringe.

DUGLAS T. STEWART has been the lead singer, main writer and bandleader of the BMX Bandits since 1985. The band continues to thrive and evolve almost thirty years since its inception. BMX Bandits had a direct influence on the music scene around them, with former (and some continuing) members going on to be in Teenage Fanclub, The Soup Dragons and Belle and Sebastian. Duglas's bitter-sweet, melodious pop garnered fans and the attention of Creation Records, who



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signed the band in 1991. The band has toured extensively throughout Europe and Asia, with a particularly strong fan base in Japan. Duglas has written and produced for other bands, but always returns to BMX Bandits. He is an obsessive music fan and active supporter of new bands. BMX Bandits' most recent release, *BMX Bandits in Space*, was a critical success and Duglas is currently working on the new BMX Bandits album.

CHRIS STOUT has become nationally and internationally recognised as one of the most exciting and dynamic fiddle players on the traditional music scene. Whether as a solo artist, a member of Fiddlers' Bid or as a duo with long-time musical associate Catriona McKay, Chris continues to innovate within traditional and contemporary musical circles, delivering performances that continue to excite and inspire audiences all over the world.

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BEN TALBOT DUNN: Open Swimmer is the banner above songwriter Ben Talbot Dunn and those that accompany him. After seven years writing and performing in the frost of Glasgow, Ben has reappeared on our shores with a stunning album that melts the boundaries of pop. His weaving vocals dart and rest between delicate guitar lines and bashful strums that together result in truly intelligent and satisfying tunes. Predominately focused on guitar and vocals, Ben's songwriting is honest, playful and complex, using melody as much as words to tell his stories. After much success in Glasgow and several tours around the UK, Ben has finally come home with a sugar bowl of sweet soulful treats to share.

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LORI WATSON is a leading light of the new generation of Borders fiddle players. Lori grew up in Birgham, steeped in the music and song of the Scottish Borders. Her work on Borders fiddle playing with Tom Hughes, Bob Hobkirk, Wattie Robson and Jimmy Nagle has been a driving force in the current resurgence of Borders music, along with the band Border Fiddles, whose release in 2004 was a landmark recording for Borders music. Although Lori's musical roots lie firmly in the Borders, her understanding and interpretation of Scots and worldwide traditions is undeniably resonant. A BBC Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2002 and 2003 finalist, Lori has toured extensively and broadcast on radio, television and the internet throughout Britain, Europe, Canada and the USA. Performing regularly with award-winning band Lori Watson and Rule of Three, her self-produced debut was released in 2006, followed by *Pleasure's Coin* in 2009, both on ISLE Music Scotland. Alongside performance and research work, Lori's tunes, songs, extended and experimental compositions are to the forefront of traditional music composition in Scotland. Burnsong Winner in 2007 and Celtic Colours Songhouse Writer in 2008, Lori has composed for theatre and chamber ensembles as well as her own performance groups, including the Momentum Collective. Lori is currently a lecturer, honours supervisor and performance examiner to Scottish music degree students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (formerly RSAMD), fiddle tutor for Newcastle University's folk and traditional music degree and a soughtafter workshop leader for all levels.

SIMON WEBB was Director of Orchestral Management at the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO). He is now General Manager at the BBC Philharmonic. As a cellist he was a member of the London Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO), and he has been a board member of the LPO, Marchester Camerata and National Children's Orchestra.

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- CARLO ZANOTTI works as a copywriter and continues to assist in the National Pop League Little League club nights. Despite being old enough to know better, Carlo is also partly implicated in Strangeways a quarterly club night devoted to The Smiths and Morrissey.





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