

Tatcho Drom

Workshop Info

Tatcho Drom's leader Gundula is an experienced performer, tutor and workshop leader, with more than 15 years of experience in inspiring people to getting actively involved with Romany Gypsy music from Eastern European and the Balkans.

Gundula has taught workshops for everyone at community level as well as masterclasses for high-level musicians. Her ambition is to inspire people to get creative, to draw out their hidden talents and to experience the huge joy of making music together with others.



Combined music and dance workshop

Gundula's workshops are famous for being pleasurable and intensive learning experiences. In the past she has taught large groups of 60 people as well as intimate classes with 5 participants; she has run family workshops for all ages as well as customised sessions for specific age ranges.

Singing Workshop: Experience the energy and joy of Eastern European and Balkan Gypsy singing. Basic songs are taught by ear, with written lyrics in the traditional languages; for more complex songs sheets music may be used. Balkan style singing involves using the voice with freedom and passion, the nature of the songs lifts the spirit of the singer. Depending on the level and experience of the group, a beginner's workshop with easy songs or pieces with 4-part vocal harmonies can be taught.

Music Workshops: There is a variety of choices. Music workshops of various levels from lower intermediate to advanced or mixed-level can be offered. Musical pieces are taught by ear, sheet music may assist to remember various harmony lines and accompaniments. The repertoire includes folk and Romany Gypsy music of Hungary, Romania, Former Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Russia and Turkey.

- A GENERAL MUSIC WORKSHOP is suitable for all instruments.
- A MASTERCLASS is suitable for bowed string players of advanced level, it will cover the virtuosic solo repertoire.
- A BAND COACHING workshop can be offered to local bands that are keen to improve their arrangements, their ensemble playing and performance skills.



Music Workshops at Concorde College, Hoxton Hall and Cecil Sharp House

Percussion Workshop: This workshop will draw on the rich rhythms of South-Eastern Europe. Many are influenced by Turkish and Middle-Eastern rhythms. This workshop can be offered for various levels, from complete beginners with no previous experience to intermediate players.

Dance Workshop: Learn traditional East European and Balkan Gypsy dances in a lively, joyful workshop. Various basic steps and moves will be introduced and practiced before proceeding to the actual dances. The workshop can either focus on the circle and line-dances of various Eastern European countries or it can teach Romany Gypsy performance dance style. This workshop can be adapted to different levels and age groups.

Combination Workshops Projects:

The singing, music, percussion and dance workshops can be combined and coordinated; after the individual workshops, all participants will be brought together for a big session of singing, making music and dancing together.



Dance workshops in London



Outdoor music and dance workshop at Southbank, London



Past Workshops:

- SOAS Summer School - annual music workshop week
- Gypsy Roma Travellers History Month workshops in music, singing and dance in Schools of Brent, Hackney, Maltings,
- Music, singing and dance workshops at Cecil Sharp House and Brady Arts Centre, London
- Music From Foreign Lands - Singing workshops with 60 singers, consisting of one school choir and one community choir; the workshops led to a big final concert together with the London Gypsy Orchestra.
- Singing workshop for 'Music For Change', Canterbury
- Singing, music and ensemble workshop for the Royal Holloway University, Egham
- Singing community workshops for Hackney and Homerton Libraries, London
- Community music, dance and singing workshops for various educational Gypsy Romany Projects: Gypsy Exchange, Music Discovery Day, Gypsyology Culture day.
- Vocal and music workshops at Concorde College, Shrewsbury
- Music workshops in Powys, Wales
- Music workshops for the community group Ffonic in Shropshire
- Vortex Sumer School: Vocal day and music workshop week
- Benslow Music Trust music workshop weekend
- Farnham singing and music workshop
- Community music workshop week in Karakoy, Turkey
- Music and singing workshops at the Mettu (Middle-East Technical University), Ankara, Turkey

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