



## **SERIOUS ANNOUNCE NEW PARTICIPANTS FOR TAKE FIVE - Edition xiv**

Leading music producers Serious have revealed the latest participants of its flagship talent development programme under its **Seriously Talented** umbrella: **Take Five**.

Announced at a reception at the **EFG London Jazz Festival** on Saturday 24 November, the programme's latest artists demonstrate the vibrancy of the UK's musical landscape and Serious' commitment to nourishing and supporting the talent emerging from it.

The fourteenth edition of **Take Five** – a programme that gives emerging jazz musicians the chance to take some time out from the regular day-to-day practice of their career and develop their professional skills and artistry through a series of workshops, mentoring, and musical collaborations – welcomes eight new artists from a wide variety of backgrounds that truly reflects the strength and diversity of the current British jazz scene, as has been well documented.

The newly-announced participants for 2019's edition of Take Five are **Abel Selaocoe** (cello and voice), **Cherise Adams-Burnett** (voice), **Chris Ryan** (drums and voice), **Daniel Casimir** (double bass and bass guitar), **Emma-Jean Thackray** (trumpet, electronics, and voice), **Faye MacCalman** (saxophone, clarinet, and voice), **Jonathan Chung** (saxophone), and **Sam Healey** (saxophone). Full details on each musician can be found in their biographies below.

Take Five is funded by the Jerwood Charitable Foundation, PRS Foundation, and Help Musicians UK, with additional support from Arts Council England and the Serious Trust. Previous participants of the programme include Seb Rochford, Shabaka Hutchings, Yazz Ahmed, and Nubya Garcia.

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

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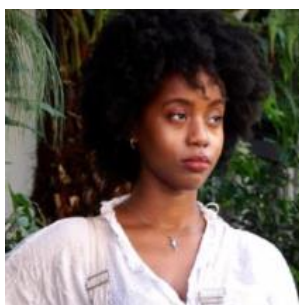
**Serious** are one of the UK's leading producers and curators of live jazz, international and new music. It produces events that range from major concerts, festivals and national and international tours through to Learning & Participation programmes, conferences and specially commissioned bespoke events. The organisation discovers and supports coming generations of artists and audiences through its registered charity Serious Trust, which focuses on providing inspirational Learning & Participation experiences, developing artists and commissioning and presenting exciting new music. [serious.org.uk](http://serious.org.uk)

## Take Five 2019 artist biographies



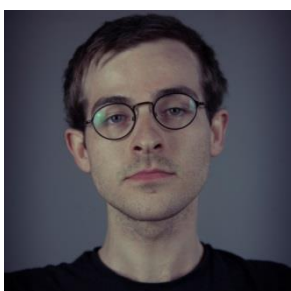
**Abel Selaocoe**

Manchester-based South African cellist Abel Selaocoe explores the capacity of the cello across a plethora of genres, from collaborating with beatboxers, world musicians to giving concerto performances and solo classical recitals. As an improviser Abel is the co-founder of BBC Introducing artists' world-folk-fusion quintet Kabantu.



**Cherise Adams-Burnett**

Cherise Adams-Burnett is quickly becoming recognised a fiercely talented vocalist and musician. Since graduating from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music in late 2017, Cherise has been invited to perform at many of the UK's most prestigious venues and festivals ranging from the BBC Proms at The Royal Albert Hall and the Kennedy Centre in Washington D.C to festival performances including the UK's Love Supreme Jazz Festival



**Chris Ryan**

Chris Ryan a musician and producer based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Primarily a drummer and vocalist, his interests are in the crossover between spoken and 'Sprechgesang' voice and its marriage with drumset – exploring rhythms of jazz, hardcore and hip hop alike, primarily via his band Robocobra Quartet.



**Daniel Casimir**

Daniel Casimir is a double bassist who has recorded with established UK based Jazz musicians such as Jean Toussaint and Clark Tracey, as well as emerging musicians such as Ashley Henry, Camilla George, Nubya Garcia and Binker Golding – bringing him on tours throughout America, Australia, Asia, Africa and Europe, and appearing on record labels such as Jazz Re:refreshed, Brownswood, Gearbox and Sony.



**Emma-Jean Thackray**

Emma-Jean Thackray is an award winning composer/producer/arranger/instrumentalist/singer. Her latest record *Ley Lines* was written, produced, recorded and mixed in her home studio and released by The Vinyl Factory in May 2018, followed by a summer which saw Emma perform at world renowned festivals like Sonar Barcelona and Montreux Jazz Festival.



**Faye MacCalman**

Faye MacCalman is an improviser, performer and composer-songwriter based in the North East playing saxophone, clarinet and more recently voice. She writes for and leads award-winning genre crossing trio 'Archipelago', exploring song forms through improvisation and melody.



**Jonathan Chung**

Jonathan Chung found his artistic feet in the Glasgow's streets before moving to study at London's Royal Academy of Music in 2012 and formed his trio Glasshopper with James Kitchman on Guitar and Corrie Dick on Drums in 2014. After releasing their debut EP in 2016 he is currently preparing their debut full-length for release in late 2019.



**Sam Healey**

Sam Healey is Manchester-based a Saxophonist and Composer playing his own music internationally in the psychedelic sax/drum duo Skeltr. His music explores the effects of a materially driven world on beings who are guided by their internal (emotional) experiences and expressing this through composition and improvisation that is as ecstatic and joyous as it is sombre and sensitive.

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