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## TAKE FIVE - EDITION II (2006) A Jerwood Charity/PRS Foundation Initiative

Following a hugely successful pilot, The Jerwood Charity and the PRS Foundation for new music (PRSF) are pleased to announce that international music producers Serious will produce **Take Five** - a significant artist development scheme for emerging jazz musicians.

The **Jerwood/PRS Foundation 'Take Five' Initiative** is designed to give some of the UK's most talented young jazz musicians the unique opportunity to take 'time out' to develop their craft. The scheme provides each artist with the special opportunity to discuss, explore and strengthen all aspects of their future careers. The eight British jazz musicians selected this year are:

- Julia Biel (vocalist/London)
- Mara Carlyle (vocalist/London)
- Aref Durvesh (tabla/London)
- Soweto Kinch (alto saxophone/Birmingham)
- David Okumu (guitar/London)
- Gwilym Simcock (pianist/London)
- Dave Stapleton (piano/Cardiff)
- Neil Yates (trumpet/Manchester)

The **Jerwood/PRS Foundation 'Take Five' Initiative** will run from November 2005 to May 2006 and comprises a number of sessions under the collective areas of:

- Talk Time
- Learning Time
- Focus Time
- Time-out
- Creative Time

Each artist will benefit from one-to-one sessions to identify their particular areas of interest and needs, as well as two residential periods exploring areas such as composition, studio technology, live producing and strategic direction. Take Five will also give participants access to mentoring and an opportunity to engage with those working in other art forms.

The Jerwood Charity, PRS Foundation and Serious share the strong belief that investment in creative development is of paramount importance to artists reaching their full potential. In the UK there exists a community of exceptionally talented young jazz musicians and it is vital that they are fully aware of the abundance of opportunities available to them. The **Jerwood/PRS Foundation 'Take Five' Initiative** aims to both stimulate creativity and raise aspirations by facilitating opportunities for artists to engage with their peers and to be challenged by the practices of others.

A panel of industry experts contributed to the selection process, taking into account the following considerations for each participant: creativity, future potential, style of music, range of influences, geography, cultural background and distinctive contribution to the community. The panel included representatives from Jerwood Charity, PRS Foundation and Serious, as well as David Francis (CMN, London), Debra King (FKuk, Manchester), and Jason Yarde (freelance musician, composer and producer, London).

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## Notes

1. The Jerwood Charity is dedicated to responsible and imaginative funding of the visual and performing arts and other areas of human endeavour and excellence. It supports, among other things, the Jerwood Rising Stars at Cheltenham Jazz Festival, Jerwood Commissions at the Wapping Project, and the Jerwood Young Directors at the Young Vic.
2. The PRS Foundation (PRSF) is the UK's largest independent funder purely for new music, of any genre. Widely respected as a refreshingly approachable and adventurous funding body, the Foundation supports an amazing range of new music activity - from unsigned band showcases to composer residencies, from commissions for new music to experimental live electronica.
3. Serious is a London-based international producer of live jazz, world and contemporary music. Responsible for producing a vast range of concerts, tours and special events (including the annual London Jazz Festival), the company works with major concert venues and festivals in the UK and abroad to create a programme of innovative style and quality. Our projects range from large festivals to intimate clubs, from international tours to specially commissioned major events. We also have a commitment to audience and artist development, education work at all levels and music publishing.

For more information on this initiative or the organisations involved see:

[www.jerwood.org](http://www.jerwood.org)

[www.prsfoundation.co.uk](http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk)

[www.serious.org.uk](http://www.serious.org.uk)

