Jazz Camp for Girls

WHAT IS JAZZ CAMP FOR GIRLS

Jazz Camp for Girls is a 3-day music summer camp for girls aged 11-16 to explore jazz music and improvisation in a supportive and fun environment that also celebrates the role of women working in jazz music.

WHO IS IT FOR

The camp is for girls aged 11-16 with at least 1 year experience learning a musical instrument (but it does not need to be a traditional jazz instrument) and an interest in exploring and experimenting with this more in a group setting.

WHEN IS IT

Jazz Camp for Girls takes place during July 2025. There will be 3 locations;
1st - 4th July 2024 at St Patrick's campus, DCU, Dublin 9
8th - 11th July 2024 at MTU, Cork School of Music, Cork
15th - 18th July 2024 at UCD School of Music, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Camps run daily from 10am-2:30pm with a supervised lunch and small break.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

The 3 separate Jazz Camps take place in the music departments of DCU, MTU Cork and UCD. The specific rooms and locations within the campuses will be sent to parents once the student places are confirmed.

WHAT HAPPENS AT JAZZ CAMP

The programme at Jazz Camp is all about learning and exploring together in a fun environment. The students can expect games and practices exploring rhythms, scale work and the basis of jazz theory - for example learning blues songs and using pentatonic (5 note) blues scales to improvise with.
You will also explore how jazz influences other types of music (such as pop music), play music solo and playing together in bands, and learn about the power of improvisation as a tool to develop your skills as a player, and help you to write your own tunes.
In general simple and effective tools to help with playing jazz and improvised music!

HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AT JAZZ CAMP

There will be between 15 and 20 girls attending each camp, with 3 Tutors, and 1-2 Garda-vetted chaperones from IMC.

HOW MUCH IS IT

The cost is €45 for the 3 day camp. Some scholarships are available for those who need additional support. If you would like to be considered for this, please email admin@improvisedmusic.ie

WHO ARE THE TUTORS

The Tutors selected for the programme are all Irish-based, professional performing musicians and dynamic educators, passionate about mentoring young people to explore their musical potential.

DCU Camp TUTORS: Jenna Harris, Emily O'Rourke, tbc.

Cork School of Music TUTORS: Sarah Dewhurst, Brenda Griffin, Rebecca Ruane

UCD Camp TUTORS: Suzanne Savage, Emily O'Rourke, Andrea Jones

HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO I NEED PLAYING MUSIC?

Jazz Camp for Girls is open to girls playing at all levels and grades, but you should have at least one year experience playing your instrument, and have the ability to read music.

SHOULD I BRING MY INSTRUMENT WITH ME?

We will chat to you in advance about your instrument, but yes if it is possible, please do bring your instrument. However if you play piano or drums for example, you can use the instruments that will be available in the college.

If you are a multi-instrumentalists, we do ask that you commit in advance to exploring just one instrument over the duration of the camp.