

## **Be part of bringing live performances back!**

**Buxton International Festival** is a celebration of opera, music and books committed to delivering high quality live performances in the beautiful spa town of Buxton during July 2021.

After cancelling the Festival for the first time in 40 years in 2020 due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, the BIF Board have made the exciting decision to mount the 2021 Festival with a full programme of live performances. We know our audience and performers are keen to return and we are preparing a COVID-19 safe, socially distanced Festival for them to enjoy. To make that happen we need your help.

The Buxton International Festival which will run from 8 to 25 July, 2021 will use 5 venues in the town centre to host over 60 events – up to 5 per day. BIF has always enjoyed the support of volunteers, particularly during the Festival period to help us welcome and look after our audience. To deliver a COVID-19 secure Festival we need more volunteers than we have ever had before. **Can you help?**

### **Benefits of being a BIF volunteer:**

- Enjoy the buzz of the Festival
- Grow your social circle and meet new people
- Access free training and enhance your personal skills, knowledge and experience
- Volunteering is good for your mental and physical health
- Get to see some of the BIF events
- Work as part of the awesome BIF team
- Be able to say “I was part of that”

### **BIF volunteers are asked to:**

- Provide a friendly and welcoming face for visitors
- Treat people with respect and courtesy
- Provide information about BIF to our visitors, answering queries and giving directions
- Seating the audience when venue doors open
- Working the microphone during Q&A sessions
- Sitting in on events
- Turn up on time (including training sessions)
- Commit to at least 3 event shifts (roughly an hour longer than the show)

### **Are you interested in being part of something special?**

Please fill in the online form on the BIF website [www.buxtonfestival.co.uk](http://www.buxtonfestival.co.uk) and you will hear back from BIF to let you know the next step which is likely to be an online chat/interview. Even if you have volunteered for BIF in the past, please fill in the form. Our preference is to contact you by email, but where no email address is provided, we will telephone you. If, when all your questions have been answered you are happy to join the BIF21 team, you will be sent an event rota to identify the shifts that you are available for.

We provide a Festival briefing on Monday, 5 July 2021, covering a range of issues including health and Safety and Festival procedures, which all volunteers need to attend. In addition to our normal Health and Safety procedures extra safety measures for COVID-19 will be included in our training. Some pre-Festival training may be online in addition to in person and on site.

### **Please help BIF bring back live entertainment.**

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