



Calling all Saxophone Players

Norfolk & Norwich Festival today released details of the first of its major projects for NNF11. Andy Sheppard's **Saxophone Massive** – a performance by 200 professional and amateur saxophonists – will be performed at the launch of NNF11 in May 2011. And the Festival team is calling saxophonists of all ages and abilities – professionals, amateurs, teachers and beginners – to join jazz saxophonist Andy Sheppard and other internationally-acclaimed players in this ambitious performance.

To kick start the project, Norfolk & Norwich Festival and MusicLeader East in association with Serious are hosting a master class day for saxophone teachers and players interested in teaching at The Garage in Norwich on Friday 15 October. The master class will be led by Andy Sheppard and will be a rare opportunity for saxophone teachers from across the region to network and play together with one of the most inspirational saxophone player-composers of our time.

Andy Sheppard's Saxophone Massive is devised to be a free event for all the community. Following its premiere in Bristol to launch the new lighting for the Clifton Suspension Bridge the project has evolved: performances in the UK have been part of the London Jazz Festival, Leeds Fuse Festival and internationally have been staged at Jazz sous les Pommiers in Coutances, France and at Maijazz in Stavanger, Norway, as part of its European Capital of Culture programme.

Saxophonist Andy Sheppard said: 'I have a long-standing relationship with Norfolk & Norwich Festival so it's doubly exciting to be able to bring such an ambitious project to Norwich and get the chance to meet and work with so many local sax players.'

To register your interest in joining the Saxophone Massive or to come along to the Andy Sheppard Master Class at The Garage on 15 October, please email saxmassive@nnfestival.org.uk. Rehearsals for May's performance of Saxophone Massive will begin in February 2011.

Norfolk & Norwich Festival11 takes place between 6 and 21 May 2011. Details of highlight shows will be announced in late November 2010 and the full programme will be released in late February 2011. To make sure you receive your copy of the brochure early, please visit www.nnfestival.org.uk, email info@nnfestival.org.uk or call 01603 877750.