

EFFEA – Artistic residency at Windcraft Music Fest 9



PEOPLE OF THE WIND:

Bridging the sounds of the East and West

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

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OPEN CALL FOR MUSICIANS (WINDS, PERCUSSION) TO PARTICIPATE AT WORKSHOP

21-23 July 2023

Windcraft Loud announces an open call for Cypriot or Cyprus-based musicians to participate at the 3-day workshop “Bridging the sounds of the East and West” with People of the Wind, taking place on 21-23 July 2023 at Agios Theodoros and Katydata (Solea valley) during Windcraft Music Fest 9.

“People of the Wind” (James Wylie-saxophone, Fausto Sierakowski-saxophone, Alexandros Rizopoulos-percussion) is a collective of three musicians from diverse cultural backgrounds that were united by their common interest in the musical traditions of the East and their urge to explore new ways of interpreting them by using western instruments. Inspired by the ecstatic traditions of the zurna-davul duo and after having researched and studied next to masters of these traditions in Greek Macedonia, Eastern Turkey, Armenia and Iran, they gave birth to an electrifying and innovative sound by translating the musical language and energy of these idioms to their saxophone performance. The technical challenges of interpreting microtones, vocal melismas and rapid ornamentation on a western instrument, such as the saxophone, requires the invention of new techniques in order to imitate the sound and immediacy of the zurna. The artists aim into a deep dialogue with tradition, enriching it with new compositions and perspective whilst exposing its innermost meaning to a new and unsuspecting audience.

During their artistic residency at the Windcraft Music Fest 9 (18-23 July 2023), People of the Wind will be given the opportunity to create new repertoire and to develop their compatibility with the European music scene under the guidance of three festival programmers.

People of the Wind invite a number of local wind and percussion players for a 3-day workshop (21-23 July 2023) focusing on the adaptation and interpretation of traditional music with western instruments. Based on their work on Northern Greek traditions, the band will explore the technical and artistic challenges of dealing with modal and microtonal repertoire whilst putting together a programme that will be performed as a group during Windcraft Music Fest.

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Eligibility and selection criteria:

- Open to Cypriot or Cyprus-based musicians with advanced performance skills in any wind instrument or percussion.
- Six musicians will be selected to participate at the workshop. The selection will be based on the needs of instrumentation and will take into consideration the artistic profile of the applicants.

Workshop information:

- The workshop will take place in the villages Agios Theodoros and Katydata (Solea valley.)
- The workshop will take place in English.
- Workshop duration: 21-23 July 2023.
- Participation is free.

Application information:

Applicants should fill in and submit the electronic application form found on www.windcraftmusicfest.com/effeaapply until 15 June 2023.

Participation conditions:

- Selected musicians will have to attend **all** the days of the workshop and perform at the final presentation on 23 July 2023.
- Accommodation will be offered in shared apartments in Kakopetria.
- Participants will have free access to the festival concerts (22-23 July 2023).
- Participants will have access to an exclusive music performance by People of the Wind and will attend a professional workshop by 3 European festival programmers (21 July 2023).
- Transportation between accommodation and workshop/festival locations will not be covered.

For further information please contact Elli Michael at 22-377748 or info@windcraftmusic.com.

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