



Creative Network

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Open Mic Night



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Welcome to World Heart Beat's first EMERGE Open Mic night

World Heart Beat is proud to present our first EMERGE Open Mic night as part of our Creative Network Series. The evening will be a celebration of World Heart Beats emerging artists, featuring our in-house band with open slots to welcome musicians from our local community.

The evening will be hosted by singer, songwriter and producer Anjelo Disons, and Ava Joseph, singer, songwriter and band leader; both of whom are World Heart Beat alumni. Our Creative Network series will begin with a panel discussion called 'Building Your Live Presence', a conversation with industry professionals giving you all the tips and tricks on how to grow your audience and develop your live show.

EMERGE open mic is about celebrating talent, building connections and creating opportunities for the next generation of artists and musicians. If you are 16+, an artist, performer or just want to come down for a night of networking and live music, we'd love you to join us.





EMERGE OPEN MIC

Creative Network Sessions

Doors: 18:00

Panel Discussion, Q&A and Networking: 19:00 – 20:15

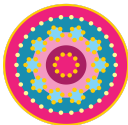
Open Mic: 20:30 – 22:00

EMERGE OPEN MIC ETHOS:

Respect the Mic – *give artists the attention they deserve when performing.*

Good Vibes Only – *supportive and positive energy.*

Come from 6pm to sign up for an Open Mic slot – *limited spaces available!*



Meet our hosts



Anjelo Disons is a singer, songwriter, producer and founder of The Oracle Collective, known for showcasing some of London's most exciting emerging jazz, soul and R&B talent. As a World Heart Beat Alumni, Anjelo has gone on to build a strong following whilst creating opportunities for other young musicians to thrive.

Ava Joseph is a gifted vocalist, songwriter, and bandleader. Ava has performed across the UK and internationally, building a reputation for her powerful live performances and distinctive vocals. Alongside her own projects, she continues to champion and support the next generation of young musicians at World Heart Beat.



Meet the panel:

'Building Your Live Presence'

Alexandra Ampofo | Founder, Women Connect & Promoter

Alexandra Ampofo is a London-based live music promoter at Metropolis Music, Live Nation UK, with over a decade of experience shaping shows from grassroots to global stages. Her work spans a wide spectrum of artists, from emerging talent to established names including Tyla, Amaarae, Shenseea, Gabzy and Bashy.



André Marmot | Agent, promoter, programmer and label owner

André joined London's Earth Agency as an agent in 2018, specialising in the common ground between African, jazz and global electronic music. He has been involved professionally in music since 2007 as promoter, festival programmer and label owner.

Damali Eastmond-Scott | Community and Outreach Lead, Stylist and DJ

Damali is the Community and Youth Outreach Lead at Sister Midnight and a Freelance Stylist and DJ, with a background in secondary teaching. Over the years, she has led and contributed to numerous anti-racism and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in education. More recently, she has focused her professional energy on collaborating with artists and brands for stage performances, while also playing regularly as a resident DJ on Sister Midnight FM.



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ABOUT OUR PROGRAMME

Our free industry training and talent development programme allows for 16-25 year olds in South London to gain real skills, connect with professionals, and take their first steps to become a creative in the music and arts industry.

Interested in joining our community?

The programme is open to anyone aged 16-25 who is living, working, or studying in South London.

EMERGE runs year-round to give young people real industry access, mentorship, creative skills, and training opportunities. Whether you're an artist, a beatmaker, a future manager or someone who just knows they belong in music, this is a space built to help you grow. The programme includes:

- **Weekly Production classes**
- **Independent Artist Development**
- **Monthly Creative Network Events**
- **Work experience opportunities**

For more information, contact info@worldheartbeat.org or visit our page: worldheartbeat.org/music-academy/emerge-programme/





ABOUT WORLD HEART BEAT

World Heart Beat is a pioneering music charity and cultural organisation based in London, dedicated to transforming lives through the power of music. Founded by Sahana Gero MBE, we provide inclusive, high-quality music education, performance opportunities, and pathways into the creative industries for young people from all backgrounds, regardless of financial circumstance.

What began in 2012 in a derelict warehouse above a plant hire depot in Wandsworth has grown into one of the UK's most innovative music charities. Today, World Heart Beat delivers more than 10,000 music sessions and over 16,000 hours of tuition each year, alongside a year-round programme of more than 100 public concerts, featuring world class musicians as well as supporting hundreds of young people and artists to learn, create, perform, and thrive.

In 2022, we opened World Heart Beat Embassy Gardens in Nine Elms, transforming a former cultural cold spot into a vibrant hub for music, creativity, and community. Our state-of-the-art concert hall, recording studios, café, and music academy sit at the heart of one of London's largest regeneration projects, bringing together people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds through exceptional artistic experiences.

At World Heart Beat, music is more than an art form, it is a force for connection, belonging, aspiration, and social mobility. We celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our communities, amplify underrepresented voices, and create opportunities for people to come together, share their stories, and shape brighter futures through music.

Talent is everywhere. Opportunity should be too.



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UPCOMING SHOWS

FREE

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New Covent Garden Market Arcade

Wednesday 15 July

Nnamdi Nnachi-Cole Quartet

Covent Garden Market Arcade, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9RF

A poster for the Nnamdi Nnachi-Cole Quartet. It features a close-up, low-angle shot of a man with dark skin and a beard, looking down. He is wearing a light-colored shirt. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the image.

JAZZ

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Thursday 16 July

Ruth Naomi Floyd Quartet

A poster for the Ruth Naomi Floyd Quartet. It features a close-up, profile shot of a woman with dark skin and curly hair, looking to the right. She is wearing a dark top. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the image.

BLUES / JAZZ

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Saturday 25 July

Rana Farhan

London Soul

A poster for Rana Farhan. It features a close-up, low-angle shot of a woman with dark skin and long dark hair, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a dark jacket. The background is a blurred cityscape. The text is overlaid on the image.

JAZZ / R&B

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Saturday 15 August

The Betty Black Revue

A poster for The Betty Black Revue. It features a close-up, low-angle shot of a woman with dark skin and long dark hair, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a dark top and a necklace. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the image.



SUPPORT US

As a charity, support from trusts, foundations, liverys, individuals and businesses is a vital cornerstone of our work.

World Heart Beat became part of Arts Council England's National Portfolio in 2018, recognising the valuable contribution we make to their Creative Case for Diversity and Equality. We are immensely grateful for their support.

However... this is just 4% of our income each year.

World Heart Beat transforms the lives of children and young people, offering an equality of opportunity to all, providing equality of access through the removal of financial barriers to all, and giving a voice to those who are underrepresented. We need your support to give young people a safe place to go after school, studios to be creative in, music education that is world class, opportunities through meaningful work experience, a stage to perform on and a community that believes in them.



Find out more

worldheartbeat.org

Thank You to Our Team

A huge thank you to the production, sound and lighting teams at
World Heart Beat Embassy Gardens.

A huge thank you to our incredibly talented house band:
Wilf, Hass, Ayo & Scipio.

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And last, but definitely not least, thanks to Sahana Gero for her everlasting and continuous dedication to changing young lives through the power of music and believing in everyone's full potential.

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made a gift this year, including those who wish
to remain anonymous.



"World Heart Beat is an absolute treasure that hits you in your soul and stays there. It is the embodiment of the communal spirit...They are nourishing the next generation".

Wynton Marsalis

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