



## LABORATIVE RKSHOP

**Hazelwood School** 

Saturday 12 July

9.30am to 12.30pm

Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, **Limpsfield Oxted RH8 OAA** 

Grade 2 + or equivalent up to 18 years old Any instrument or voice Cost £15

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## JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC



Come and be part of a fun and lively ceilidh band experience. Together, we'll explore the joy of creating traditional folk and dance music in a group setting.

Led by our very own renowned folk violinist Deb Chalmers, you'll learn the essential skills to capture that authentic folk sound—whether you play an instrument or sing.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone Grade 2 or above on any instrument, or confident singers.

No music reading required – just bring your instrument, your voice, and your enthusiasm! Don't miss this chance to make music the traditional way—by ear, by heart, and together!

## DEB CHALMERS



Deb is a violinist and violist specialising in English folk music. She trained in viola and Baroque viola at Birmingham Conservatoire before returning to her first love of traditional music, song and dance.

Deb has performed with many prominent folk artists such as Jim Moray, Bella Hardy and Grace Petrie, playing at many of the UK's top folk festivals including Celtic Connections, Cambridge Folk Festival and Towersey Folk Festival.

Having joined her first ceilidh band at the age of 13, Deb continues to enjoy playing for dancing. She plays with Folk Dance Remixed, a dance company combining traditional dance with hip hop and street dance styles, performing street theatre shows at such venues as the Southbank Centre and Latitude Festival. She was also a founding member of Stepling, a band that blurred the boundaries between music and dance with an original

blend of tunes, step & clog dance, and song inspired by English traditions. Deb is in high demand as a ceilidh musician, playing primarily with Licence to Ceilidh and Ceilidh Tree.

Deb runs the Ealing Sessions folk music evening class and teaches music, song and dance regularly for The English Folk Dance and Song Society, as well as on a freelance basis for various workshop series, festivals and music services. She recently completed The Teaching Musician MA degree course at Trinity Laban Conservatoire, graduating with distinction, and has since launched The Fiddle Project, an integrated method for learning traditional English fiddle.

"Deb Chalmers is a tour de force on the fiddle" The MU Magazine

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