



CREATIVE PORTFOLIO



Community Creative Projects

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Hello,



I'm Laura Loft



About me

It's lovely to meet you. I'm a **South West Based Creative Facilitator & Musician/Performer** and have built up a varied portfolio of community arts projects over the years.

With a **musical education** and an **arts marketing background**, I then embarked into the world of freelance, starting out as a music workshop leader and have since developed to producing, creating and delivering a variety of creative projects.

I run **Big Music Collective** which delivers music wellbeing resources, courses and live shows for children and young people in the South West. I hope you enjoy some snippets of my portfolio.

CV

EXPERIENCE (freelance)

2020-present

Founder & Music Creator & Facilitator (part-time) www.bigmusiccollective.com

- **Big Music Collective:** delivering music wellbeing resources, courses, live shows and events for children. Managing project facilitation, music leading, funding, budgets, marketing & press, networking, social media, project producing and content creating.

Collaborating with HAF, Football Fun Factory, Paddleboat Theatre, Exeter Phoenix, Songs4Us, Evolve Libraries Unlimited, Devon Music Education Hub, South West Coastal Music Hub Alliance, Recovery Devon, Charanga, Primary Schools in Devon, Intergenerational Music Making, (2020 - present)

- **Youth Arts Health Trust Charity-Community Arts Development Worker & Facilitator (part time):** researching and writing funding bids, creating community arts projects and facilitating sessions. Currently leading on 'Breathing Space' project funded by Creative East Devon Fund.

2012-present

Freelance Lyricist/Songwriter/Music Educator/Author (part-time)

- Laura Loft Music - delivering lyrics for **Moonbug Entertainment** and Songwriting for **Lunar X**. (2020-present)
- Laura Loft Music - delivering Music Educational Projects + Arts Consultancy and Project Managing for **Trinity Primary School, Exeter**. (2018-2022)
- Laura Loft Music - various Music Educational Projects as Music Facilitator with **DAISI, Plymouth Music Zone, SWMS, Exeter Phoenix, YAHT, The Space**. (2012-2016)
- Laura Loft Band (2008-2012)

EXPERIENCE (employed)

Employed Roles 2006-2011

- **Support Worker:** Exeter College
- **Communications Officer & Fundraiser:** Amantani UK
- **Marketing Officer:** Exeter Phoenix
- **Marketing Assistant:** Exeter Phoenix
- **Box Office Assistant & Front of House:** Nuffield Theatre, Southampton
- **Box Office Manager/Drama Technician:** South Downs College, Portsmouth



CV

SKILLS

Music Educator/Facilitator: Skilled working with EYFS, Primary & Secondary aged children with a focus on Primary. Gained experience working with diverse groups and SEND of children young people and adults within a variety of settings.

Musician, Singer-Songwriter, Lyricist, Performer: Cello: Grades 1-7. (The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music). Trained for Grade 8; **Piano: Grades 1-6.** (The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music); **Music Theory: Grade 5.** (The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music); **Self Taught Guitar, Ukulele & Singing.**

Marketing: designing publicity, branding, creating campaigns, e-marketing, social media posts, design & updating websites, creating content and press releases.

Arts Consultant, Producer & Facilitator: consulting on educational arts projects, booking artists, creating content and project delivery. Managing funding budgets and timescales, freelancers, volunteers and staff.

Creative Programmes: experience on Adobe, Canva, iMovie, Garageband/Logic.

Other Programmes: Microsoft Office/Teams, Google Docs & Spreadsheets, Mailchimp, Survey Monkey, Dropbox, Zoom, WIX websites.

EDUCATION

- **Certificate For Music Educators: Level 4** Trinity College London (2018)
- **BA (HONS) degree in Music, 2:1** Dartington College of Arts, Devon (2006)
- **A-Level Music B, A-Level R.S. & Philosophy C, BTEC Music Overall Distinction** South Downs College, Hampshire (2002)
- **GCSEs Music A*, R.S. A, French A, English Literature A, English Language B, Science 1 B, Science 2 B, Textiles B, Maths C** Brookfield Community School, Hampshire (2000)



VOLUNTEER

- Volunteer English/Music Teacher, Peru (2003)
- Volunteer Arts Marketing, Artsworld (2006)
- Volunteer Artist, Nicuragua (2012)

CPD

- Arts Award Advisor - Bronze & Silver (2016).
- Arts Award Advisor - Discover & Explore (2017).
- Fully Enhanced DBS checked (updated 2021)
- PLI as a member of Musicians Union. (updated annually)
- Safeguarding Level 2 certificate. (updated 2023)
- TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health (2023)
- PAT tested (updated annually)



MUSIC CREATOR

- Dartington College of Arts: Music & Performance BA Hons. (2006)
- Session Singer: Friction Production Company, London (2006)
- Co-songwriter for band Malaka (2006)
- Released as a featured artist on Cafe del Sol, Spain (2007)
- Session Singer for Sonority (2009)
- Jazz, Blues & Soul Singer for Sheriff Bickle (2012)
- Band Work: Laura Loft Band (was Laura Dugmore Band)
- Laura Dugmore Debut EP "J'aime La Vie" (2010)
- Selected for Mercedes Benz Mixed Tape v35 "Blue Mood"- Featured Track "Gone" from J'aime La Vie (Oct 2010)
- SW Tour including radio showcases on BBC Radio Devon (2010)
- Second EP "Cardigans and Woollen Things" (2011)
- Third Live EP "Live at Birley Centre" (2013)
- Songwriting Project in Central America. (2014)
- Fourth EP "Hush Now" (2016)
- Associate Artist Exeter Phoenix Projects (2016/2017)
- #4TheLove: songwriting collaboration project with visual artists (2016/17)
- Beauty Unseen: song commission + performance at Bristol Fashion Week for charity Beauty Unseen (2016)
- EXE: Conversation Between Floods: song commission + performance for British artist Tania Kovats (2017/18)
- Trinity Primary School Exeter: Songwriting Children's Values Songs. (2018)
- Resources: BIG MUSIC: BIG EMOTIONS: Mindful Music For Little People (EYFS/KS1); BIG DREAMS: Imaginative Songwriting(KS1/KS2);
- KIDS LEARN: Mindful Music Resources including music making & songwriting lessons. (2020)
- Take Heart: Songwriting for Children's Educational Resource. (2020)
- EVOLVE Libraries Unlimited: Big Dreams: Imaginative Songwriting Commission Arts Awards (2021)
- LUNAR X - Giggiebellies Children's Spotify Album - 9 songs (2022).
- Moonbug Entertainment: Lyricist (2020- current)
- Big Music Collective - current www.bigmusiccollective.com



MUSIC EDUCATOR

- Piano Music Tutor: Adult course at Brookfield School (2007).
- Private Songwriting Tutor: one-to-one sessions (2007).
- Eastbourne College: Songwriting & Performance Masterclass & Workshop (2012).
- Exeter Phoenix: Young Singer Songwriter Club; Light Bulb Sessions; Arts Award Bronze Summer Sessions; Acoustica Music Workshops.
- Plymouth Music Zone: Shekinah; Young Offenders; Refugees; Attik Dance.
- DAISI: YMCA Exeter Music Project & Arts Award Bronze Project; National Trust Killerton & Broadcylst Girl Guides Suffrage Project.
- South West Music School: Songwriting Feeder Workshops.
- The Collective (The Space): Children in Care Music Project.
- Youth Arts & Health Trust: one-to-one songwriting.
- Trinity Primary School Exeter: Creative Consultant & Music Educator leading music making, WCET, Choir, CPD and special arts projects including Arts Week & Christmas Around the World Film.
- Song 4 Us: Music Facilitator of Big Dreams Songwriting Project (2022)
- Big Dreams Imaginative Songs: working with South West Coastal Alliance created 10 week scheme of work (2022).
- Clubs: BIG MUSIC FOR LITTLE PEOPLE (Under 4's) & UKULALA CLUB (KS2).
- Arts Awards at St Margaret's Church, Topsham: Big Emotions Arts Award.
- Paddleboat Theatre - The Light House Keepers Lunch Workshop
- Paddleboat Theatre - Deaf Academy Exmouth: Splash Workshops - 10 week project.
- EVOLVE Libraries Unlimited - Get Creating: Big Silly Gigs



BIG MUSIC COLLECTIVE: COMMUNITY PROJECTS

BIG MUSIC COLLECTIVE are a South West Music Collective delivering music wellbeing resources, courses, live shows and events for children and young people. All of what we do centres around the emotional wellbeing and development of the child using music and creativity as the vehicle. Oh and having FUN!

Big Emotions developed after mentoring with Help Musicians in 2019. Since it's release in 2020 the project has grown as an educational wellbeing package of songs, workshops, resources and performances including the following;

- Funded Project **Community Champions** at Trinity Primary School - World Book Day piloting of music workshops and show (Feb 2020)
- National Pilot of Teachers Pack Project - The Wisdom Bundle (2020)
- **BBC Radio Devon & Music Room** - Big Emotions Songwriting Competition (2020);
- Partnership Collaboration with **Intergenerational Music Making & Together With Music** (Jan 2021)
- **Devon Music Education Hub** Funded Project & endorsed by **Exeter City of Literature** - Big Emotions Live Tour - piloting in Devon based Primary Schools and a family interactive show at Exeter Phoenix (Summer 2021)
- Partnering with **Southampton Music Hub** to deliver the Wisdom Bundle Teachers Pack in 50 + schools (Music Making Resource)
- Collaboration with **Exeter Northcott** Summer Theatre Workshop at Newcourt Community Centre (2021)
- Workshops in various Devon Primary Schools.
- Partnership with **South West Coastal Hub Alliance**: Big Dreams Imaginative Songs Project (2022)
- **Libraries Unlimited** Cultural Credits: Big Dreams Arts Awards; Big Silly Gigs; Big Emotions Interactive Readings.
- **Bloom Festival** Performances at Exeter Phoenix - Big Emotions & Big Silly.
- **Big Emotions Interactive Readings** - Primary Schools in Devon
- **Big Emotions Live** - Turner Sims, Mast Theatre, Exeter Phoenix and schools.
- **Arts Awards Discover** - St Margaret's Church, Topsham - for social exclusion, SEN children.
- **Big Music Collective** with HAF, Football Fun Factory, Bickleigh School delivering music making.
- **Big Ukulala Club** at Trinity Primary School
- **Charanga Music** International Educational Platform - Big Emotions & Big Dreams Course



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Big Emotions Playlist



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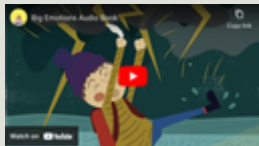
Excited Bubbles

Angry Storm Clouds

I Am Calm

Sleepy Cats

I Feel Surprised



Big Emotions

Book & Audio Book
Interactive Readings in Schools
Scheme of Work
Arts Awards
Workshops
Digital Packs
Live Shows



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Big Dreams Playlist



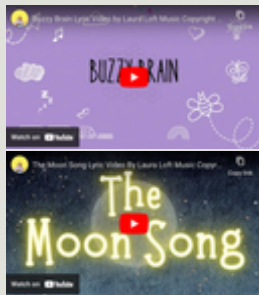
Buzzy Brain

Hendrix The Roller skating

Disco Cat

The Moon Song

Sleep Now Soundscape



Big Dreams

Audio Book
Scheme of Work
Arts Awards
Workshops
Digital Packs
Show TBC



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Big Silly Playlist



Cheeky Seal Bop

I Love Colours

He's A Toad

Brilliant Bodies

I Feel Surprised



Big Silly Gigs

Bloom Festival
Funded Libraries Unlimited



Projects



PMZ: music making a difference

Shekinah
Attik Dance
Young Refugees
EYFS Sensory
Music Making

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DAISI:

Arts Award at YMCA
National Trust Girl Guides
Project The Space

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Exeter Phoenix & DMEH:

Project Young Singer
Songwriter Club
Project Summer Sessions



Lofts Music Shed

Project Lightbulb Sessions



South West Music School

Project: Songwriting Feeder
Workshops



Song4Us: Big Dreams Songwriting
Workshops in partnership with
Doorstep Arts, Beaford Arts,
Freefall Youth Group Exeter
Phoenix



**Trinity Primary School
Music Projects**

Whole Class Ensemble Teaching
CPD Delivery
Sing 4 Joy Choir

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**Trinity Primary School
Community Projects**

Artsmark
World Book Day
Arts Week
Christmas Around The World

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Devon Education Music Hub

Special Projects Big Emotions Live
in Devon Schools & Exeter Phoenix

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**Intergenerational Music Making &
Together with Music Collaboration
Big Emotions Home Pack**

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South West Coastal Alliance

Big Dreams

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Big Music Collective in Schools

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**Big Music Collective:
Uku-lala Club**

Trinity Primary School Club
School Workshops



**Big Music Collective:
Big Music For Little People**

Sessions at The Guildhall Play Area



**Big Music Collective:
Arts Awards**

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**Big Music Collective & Libraries
Unlimited Cultural Credits**

Big Dreams Arts Award Discover
Big Silly Gigs South West

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**Big Music Collective &
Paddleboat Theatre**

Lighthouse Keepers Lunch
Splash & Uncertain Tides at Deaf
Academy Exmouth

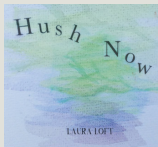
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Youth Arts Health Trust

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Commissions



Associate Artists

#4thelove project with visual artists as an associate artist at Exeter Phoenix

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Beauty Unseen

Songwriting Commission & performance for charity show. Song called 'Diamonds'.

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EXE:
Conversation Between Floods

Song commission + performance for British artist Tania Kovats



Charanga

Coming soon, Big Music Collective Music Sessions online with Charanga.

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Gigglebellies

Wrote, performed and produced Children's Spotify Album - 9 songs

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Moonbug Lyricist

Wrote lyrics for Cocomelon, Little Baby Bum & Blippi Spotify Albums

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Band Work



J'aime La Vie

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Cardigans & Woollen Things

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Laura Loft Band Live

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