

Introduction

When we started the Singing Wells project back in 2011, we had a mission to preserve the rich musical heritage of East Africa, by filming different musical groups on our yearly field visits. But aside from this, we have always aimed to showcase this incredible music with the wider global music community to show just how innovative and exciting this music is. With that in mind, as we approach our 10 year anniversary, we want to truly combine these two missions and celebrate how music in the modern age can transcend global barriers.

Alongside our partners, London record label, Abubilla Music, and Kenyan music studios, Ketebul Music, we are launching our Global Influences project. We have curated a series of musical loops, taken from our field recordings across East Africa over the last decade, and are looking to commission several artists, producers, dancers, videographers and songwriters to show how this "traditional" music is still relevant into today's modern world.

The Brief

We want you to create your own artistic responses using these loops. You could use these loops to create a house track, as inspiration for a dance piece, or as the soundtrack to a painting you create.

If chosen to be a part of the project, we will send you a link to our music sample library so you can download the loops you resonate with. **We will then give you 3** weeks from commission date to create your art.

If you're sending a musical response:

- Send back your track as an MP3
- Tracks need to be a minimum of 30 seconds long and must incorporate one or more of the loops.
- If you have any footage of you producing, recording, writing the song, send that too but this is not a requirement.

If you're sending a dance/visual response:

- Please create a video/footage of your piece of work.
- The musical loops must feature in your work in some capacity.
- 1920p x 1080p
- Minimum 30 seconds, Max 60 seconds.
- Pro-res or .mp4 file preferred
- 25 fps

All submissions and queries should be sent to

info@singingwells.org

Further Info

Posting and Release

All collaborations will be posted on our YouTube, social media pages, and website, with all artists involved appropriately credited and linked. We have the full right to use your submission in any capacity (to include small edits) for marketing and publicity purposes. We will happily write some info about you and what you do on our posts. You may link and repost these (in fact please do!) but please do not post pieces before we have done so, and please tag us (@singingwells).

Finance and Terms

We will pay £60 per submission. Payments will be made through PayPal.

If you want to independently release your music for sale or streaming using these samples, please get in touch with us so that we can grant you a license.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at info@singingwells.org.