



THE GARAGE

Name: Dominic Trevor

Age: 16

Time involved in The Garage: 6 years

Activities: Passion Productions, Alice in Wonderland, MDP

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Dominic first came to the Garage 6 years ago as part of Street Dance Group Passion Productions and later attended the Alice in Wonderland production playing the part of the caterpillar. He later joined the Musicians Development Programme (MDP) in May 2014.

Dominic has played saxophone for the last 5 years. He learned of the MPD and auditioned because he knew there would be performance opportunities and coaching. He wanted to expand his musical ability, learn new things, push his skills and gain a reputation for his music.

Since joining the MDP Dominic has performed at a range of ‘Gig’s including the Lord Mayors Celebration, Halloween, Christmas Lights and the Bernard Matthews Youth Awards. When asked for a particular highlight of his time, Dominic is quick to choose the Bernard Matthews Youth Awards because “it took place in a very cool venue where he had seen one of his favourite bands perform” Dominic loves performing, he says he feels more comfortable when performing than in many other situations.

Since joining MDP Dominic has met, and been able to work with, many other good young musicians. He particularly enjoys this because his own work is jazz/soul/funk orientated but many of the other performers play guitar or are vocalists. This means that he has the opportunity to practise a more commercial musical style and work in other genres which he wouldn’t do normally. For example recently he has been able to record a more ‘commercial’ track with Dano, another MDP performer. He feels that this is great experience because it is like session practise, helping him gain experience for life working as a professional musician.

“The atmosphere in the group is really friendly, all of the staff are really helpful and I particularly enjoy working with Carl. I have a lot of respect for him and what he has



achieved. I am able to talk to him, not just about my performing, but to get advice about careers in music and life as a musician”

When asked, Dominic would recommend MDP to other young people thinking of a career in music and performing because *“Everybody is here because they want to be. It’s not because we are forced, we choose to join because we want to progress and get better together. We all get what we need, it’s a great environment to be in”*

The opportunity has given me a real confidence boost. This is what I want to do and it’s been a big help to me. I’ve had opportunities I wouldn’t otherwise have had and been introduced to good people that can help me develop myself and my music”

In the future Dominic plans to go to City College to study music performance and production. He says that he will remember The Garage when he is successful and maybe will even come back to deliver the odd workshop for other young musicians!

