



# **Ludomusicology Conference**

### 26<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY, LEEDS, UK

#### Welcome to Leeds! In the heart of God's Own Country

Leeds sits in the middle of the British province of Yorkshire, an area of Britain so beautiful for its landscape that it has become known as God's Own Country, as the deity would only reside in the most beautiful of places, of course! In close proximity to Leeds is the world-famous Yorkshire Dales National Park, the UNESCO world heritage site of Saltaire and the ancient walled Roman city of York.

The School of Film, Music and Performing Arts at Leeds Beckett University fosters a culture of creation and participation. We are proud shapers of, and contributors to, the cultural life of this great Northern city – a city that is the original birthplace of film. We nurture the arts pioneers of the future: influencers who will not just reflect the outside world, but impact upon it. The school is led by staff such as David Bowie music producer Ken Scott and Oscar nominated cinematographer Phil Robertson; and our community of alumni, such as Piers and Kesi from Rudimental and Oscar winner Peter Baumann.

An innovator in the research and educational fields Leeds is an international academic mecca home to institutions such as Leeds University, Leeds Art University, Leeds College of Music ,Leeds, Trinity University and of course ourselves Leeds Beckett University. Each September Leeds welcomes over 30,000 new students to the city making it one of the most culturally rich and vibrant cities in the whole of the UK!

Leeds doesn't like to brag, but many famous and talented people have emerged from the city, including: Industrialist Sir Titus Salt, comedian Vic Reeves, astronomer and seismologist Herbert Hall Turner, actor Peter O'Toole, writer Kay Mellor, rock band The Kaiser Chiefs, New Romantic provocateur Marc Almond and last but certainly not least our greatest export Mel B (Scary Spice) from the Spice Girls!

While you are in Leeds be sure to visit some of our fantastic attractions like the historic Corn Exchange, Royal Armouries, Henry Moore Institute plus many more! For music lovers there's something for everyone whether it's an international act playing The First Direct Arena, Opera North at The Grand Theatre or a DIY gig at one of many local venues such as The Brudenell Social, Wharf Chambers or CHUNK.

#### How to get here?

Venue Post Code: LS6 3QS

#### By Car:

Leeds/Headingley have good motorway links to the M1, M62 and M621.

Approaches to Leeds City Centre/Headingley:

- North: A1-A58 •
- East: M62 to J29 then M621 to J3
- South / south-east: M1 to J43 then M621 to J3
- West: A65 via Kirkstall
- North-west: A660 via Headingley

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Please note there is visitor car parking at our Headingley Campus site.

#### **By Air:**

#### From Manchester Airport - http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/

Many International flights (particularly from Europe) will arrive at Manchester. It is very easy to get from Manchester Airport to Leeds city centre. At Manchester airport, there is a train station and a quick train will take you to Leeds. Price for this train is usually about £13.50 in advance ticket or £26.60 bought on the day and usually takes one hour. You can then either each a connecting train / and or bus to our Headingely campus.

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From Leeds Bradford Airport - http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/

The closest airport is to Leeds is Leeds Bradford Airport, it is a 15-minute Taxi journey to Leeds city centre/Headingley and usually costs about £20 - £30. Taxi Company Arrow Cars services Leeds Bradford Airport details found on their web page:

http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/getting-to-from-the-airport/travel-by-taxi

#### From London Airports:

Heathrow - http://www.heathrow.com/ Gatwick - http://www.gatwickairport.com/ Stansted - http://www.stanstedairport.com/

More international flights will arrive at one of London's airports. All London airports have train stations in them and easy transport links to London city centre

(Book through: http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Further airport/train information can be found: <u>http://www.rail.co.uk/uk-train-travel/rail-connections/airports/</u>

Once in central London you can get take a train from London Kings Cross Station to Leeds with train company Virgin Trains: <u>https://www.virgintrainseastcoast.com</u>

This train line is very comfortable and has lovely views of the British countryside.

Prices can be as low as £16 single journey or £52 for return ticket when booked early in advance. Book on the day can become quite pricey up to £125 for a single journey ticket, so it's best to book this in advance.

#### By Train:

Headingley does have its own train station which is around a 15-minute walk to the conference venue. Information and tickets can be found and bought on the National Rail website, it caters and links to all train companies that operate in the UK:

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk

#### By Taxi:

If you need a taxi once you are in Leeds, the university recommends the company Amber Cars. Phone Number: (+44) 0113 202 2117 / Website: <u>http://www.taxileeds.co.uk</u>

#### By Bus:

Headingley Campus is very well connected to the city by a number of regularly running buses. For full timetable information please visit <u>Metro timetable hub</u>

Bus services 29 and 29X run directly onto Headingley Campus.

Buses 1, 6 & 97 from the city centre all stop at the **Otley road/Churchwood avenue** bus stop, which is a 6-minute walk to the campus entrance, up Churchwood avenue.

#### Where to stay?

There are many hotels in Leeds/Headingley ranging from budget hotels to the most luxurious. Prices and availability can be found online using hotel comparison websites:

https://www.booking.com/city/gb/leeds.en-gb.html https://www.trivago.co.uk/leeds-41373/hotel

| Budget                              | Budget                                      | Budget  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| The Boundary B&B                    | Ascot Grange Hotel                          | Premier Inn, Headingley                                   |
| Prices from £34 (per<br>night)      | Prices from £35.50 (per night)              | Prices from £47 (per night)                               |
| http://www.boundaryhot<br>el.co.uk/ | http://www.ascotgrangehotel.<br><u>com/</u> | https://www.premierinn.com/g<br>b/en/hotels/england/west- |

|                                      |  | <u>yorkshire/leeds/leeds-</u><br><u>headingley.html</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Mid-range                            | Mid-range  | Mid-range   |
| Haleys Hotel                         | Village Hotel, North Leeds   | Headingley Lodge  |
| Prices from £59 (per<br>night)       | Prices from £65 (per night)  | Prices from £65 (per night)                             |
| https://www.haleys.co.u<br><u>k/</u> | <u>https://www.village-</u><br>hotels.co.uk/hotels/leeds-<br><u>north/</u> | https://www.headingleylodge.<br>co.uk/                  |

#### **Conference Venue Information**

The conference will take place within Leeds Becket University's Headingley Campus and within the James Graham Building, Lecture Theatre D. The James Graham Building is located in Headingley which is a 15-minute bus ride from the city centre,

Leeds Beckett University: <u>http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/</u> How to find us: <u>http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/visiting/getting-here.htm</u>

James Graham Building is highlighted on map below (building 1)



#### **Conference Parking Information**

Visitors to Headingley Campus should use the main entrance off Churchwood Avenue (for sat nav use: LS6 5LF), as St Chad's Drive entrance is for permit holders only.

There is a public pay and display car park at Headingley Campus accessed from the Churchwood Avenue entrance. Car parking is charged at 80p an hour.

Further Information: http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/visiting/car-parking.htm

#### See You Soon!

We are really excited to be hosting the 2019 Ludomusicology Conference here at Leeds Beckett University. We look forward to welcoming you to Leeds and the university on **26/27/28**<sup>th</sup> **April 2019.** 



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