

COVE PARK

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Cove Park announces its plans for a new Sound Studio in 2026 – made possible with generous support from The Bridge Awards – as part of its 25th anniversary programme.

Cove Park also announces the first Bagri Music Awards for 2025 and 2026, devised in collaboration with the Bagri Foundation and MARSM, performances by the acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Faraj Suleiman, and the launch this month of a limited edition print by visual and sound artist Matthew Arthur Williams.

In May 2025 Cove Park, the internationally acclaimed residency, shared news of its year-long 25th Anniversary Programme to mark 25 years of artists residencies, special projects and commissions on its outstanding 50-acre rural site on Scotland's west coast.

Cove Park can today announce its plans for a new Sound Studio made possible with a major award from The Bridge Awards. This new rehearsal and development workspace, which will be designed specifically with the needs of musicians and sound artists in mind, will complement Cove Park's award-winning Jacobs Building and the organisation's bespoke accommodation, research and workspace, and studios for visual artists, makers, and designers.

The Bridge Awards Sound Studio will make possible new opportunities for local, national, and international musicians and enrich Cove Park's residency and engagement programmes as the organisation looks forward to the next chapter in its development.

The Bridge Awards has been a key partner in Cove Park's residency programme since 2016. Following their ongoing support of Cove Park's Emerging Visual Artist Residency, the Cove Park/Varuna International Writers' Exchange Programme, and The Bridge Awards Residencies, for artists recovering from breast cancer, Cove Park is thrilled to be working on this new capital development project with the Directors of The Bridge Awards, Tracey Emerson, Susan Melville, and Mary Pattinson.

We are grateful to the musicians and former residents who have provided advice on the development of this project: Merlyn Driver, Nabihah Iqbal, Jenn Kirby, and Coby Sey, in addition to the advice received from musician and music studio technician Reuben Taylor.

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Cove Park is also pleased to announce a new two-year partnership with the [Bagri Foundation](#), to launch Sound Series, a new programme of residencies bringing acclaimed international musicians to the UK. The Bagri Foundation works within a network of leading cultural organisations that champion artistic excellence and provide extraordinary artists from across Asia, wider visibility on the global stage.

Working collaboratively to nominate and select the artists, **Bagri Music Award** aims to artistic development and a unique opportunity for acclaimed emerging or mid-career musicians from West Asia. The Award will make possible two residencies at Cove Park, the first in 2025 and the second in 2026, alongside live performances.

Today we are pleased to share news of this year's inaugural **Bagri Music Award** recipient, the internationally acclaimed Palestinian jazz pianist and composer **Faraj Suleiman**.



Faraj Suleiman, courtesy of MARS

Faraj Suleiman's music is deeply influenced by Arabic/Eastern melodies and rhythms, and he frequently incorporates those scales and modalities in his compositions. In addition to being inspired by his Arabic culture, he is also influenced by jazz traditions. As an Arab musician/pianist trained in classical music, he constantly searches for new forms of expression. Based in Paris, Faraj is widely regarded as a leading contemporary jazz pianist and composer, touring internationally and continually developing new music and projects.

Faraj Suleiman's Cove Park residency was developed in collaboration with [MARS](#), the London-based event producer and dynamic digital platform amplifying the vibrant musical culture of the Arabic-speaking world. In partnership with MARS, and as part of the Bagri Music Award, we are pleased to offer two solo performances by Faraj Suleiman in Scotland:

Cove Park	Saturday 1 November 2025 (from 6pm)
he Mackintosh Church, Glasgow	Saturday 8 November 2025 (from 7pm)

Tickets for these events will be released via Cove Park on Monday 8 September 2025

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Finally, Cove Park is today announcing a new limited edition print by the Glasgow-based visual and sound artist, photographer, DJ, and former Cove Park resident **Matthew Arthur Williams**. Commissioned by Cove Park to mark its 25th anniversary year, this special edition is accompanied by a new text on the artist's work by his collaborator, friend, artist, and former resident Emmie McLuskey.

Entitled *77°F*, and developed at DCA Print Studio Dundee, the edition is rooted in William's interest in landscape, but also in the analogue techniques of photography and printmaking. The edition skilfully combines the processes of screenprinting and hand dyeing to create a rich and layered work and each of the 30 prints has its own unique finish and detail.



77°F Matthew Arthur Williams, 2025
Screenprint & Hibiscus Dye on Fabriano Rosaspina Paper
62x47cm

By commissioning this new work and text from former residents - whose practices are deeply embedded in collaboration across visual art, moving image, and sound - Cove Park expresses its commitment to the ongoing support of the artists it welcomes to its programme.

The edition is now available for sale from Cove Park's Shop at the special launch price of £300. All proceeds from sales will support future residencies and opportunities at Cove Park for local, national and international artists.

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