**Pro7ect Announces Dates For Its 2017 Songwriters Retreat**

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller*

**Brighton, UK: May 12th, 2016: Pro7ect** is returning to Brighton’s Hotel Pelirocco from the 12th - 17th March 2017 for another stimulating week of musical collaboration – and for the second year running acclaimed producer Andrew Levy will be taking part in the event.

The official launch of **Pro7ect 2017** will take place at the Hotel Pelirocco on Friday 20th May 2016 during the Great Escape. It will feature a performance by Eddie Prove, a guest artist from this year’s retreat, and will be broadcast live by 1Brighton FM.

Now in its fourth year, this exciting retreat gives songwriters and artists the opportunity to work with A-list producers to write, record and produce great music. These face to face collaborations with producers such as Liam Howe (Lana Del Ray/Ellie Goulding/FKA Twigs), Stew Jackson (Massive Attack/Phantom Limb) and Andrew Levy (Brand New Heavies) has already resulted in success, with a number of songs from previous events attracting attention from the international music industry.

“It’s a great experience - an eye opener and very inspirational,” says Andrew Levy, who is already confirmed to take part in the 2017 retreat.

“Being thrown into a creative environment with people you don’t know is an odd thing to do, but fun,” adds Stew Jackson.

“Our aim is to facilitate creative retreats where songwriters, producers and musicians join forces to inspire musical collaboration,” says Lisa Fitzgibbon, who co-founded **Pro7ect** with Ivor Novello nominated producer/composer Ian Wallman. “The benefits of collaboration are obvious – this year, for example, 14 participating songwriters and artists wrote and recorded 15 songs in four days. That level of creativity would be hard to sustain on your own, but when you get a group of like-minded people together, it is amazing to see what they can achieve.”

The inspirational setting of the Hotel Pelirocco adds an additional element of creativity to the experience. Now a by-word for those seeking seaside getaways laced with glamour and hedonism, the hotel has 19 individually themed rooms each reflecting a different aspect of Rock’n’Roll culture. Since its inception it has attracted many celebrity and music industry guests including the Happy Mondays, Primal Scream, Scissor Sisters, New Order, Chrissie Hynde and the Chemical Brothers.

For the duration of **Pro7ect@The Hotel Pelirocco**, four pop-up recording studios are installed at various locations around the hotel. Each studio is equipped with the latest recording technology from renowned equipment manufacturers such as PMC, Focusrite/Novation, Roland and Audio Technica. Participants work in teams led by a producer and write a track a day for four days. The teams are changed each day and the songs are either written for one of the artists in the room or to spec using tip sheets supplied by **Pro7ect**. Every evening there is a feedback session where teams play the result of their day’s work to the entire group.

“This approach works really well – as can be seen by the successes we’ve had with songs written during previous **Pro7ect@The Hotel Pelirocco** retreats,” Lisa Fitzgibbon adds. “Elle Exxe is recording two of our songs on her new LP and another tack has gone to a synch option for TOWIE. A track written this year is also an option on the next Brand New Heavies album, while singer/songwriter Eddie Prove may include at least two tracks from this year’s retreat on his next album.”

Songwriters and artists who have taken part in previous **Pro7ect@The Hotel Pelirocco** retreats have nothing but praise for the experience.

“It is a spot-on venue and the producers provide a level of knowledge and expertise that can only elevate songs as they’re taking shape,” says C Kowalchuk who participated in 2015. Fellow 2015 participant, Love Lemon, adds: “I had no idea what to expect in the slightest, but it was definitely awesome! The hotel was friggin amazing!”

To find out more, please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/3NUeKQxTn9I>

Details of the producers taking part in **Pro7ect 2017** will be announced over coming months. The cost of participating is between £789 and £969, which includes food and accommodation for five nights. Places are limited and anyone wishing to take part should visit [www.hotelpelirocco.co.uk/hp/pro7ect/](http://www.hotelpelirocco.co.uk/hp/pro7ect/) to apply.

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**About Pro7ect:**

Pro7ect is a global network of musical professionals that facilitate creative opportunities for songwriters, producers and musicians to collaborate at residential writing retreats. We inspire musical collaboration.

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