ICASP Partnerships: Building a Collaborative Project

Based out of the University of Guelph and directed by Dr. Ajay Heble, the Improvisation, Community, and Social Practice (ICASP) research project explores musical improvisation as a model for social change. The ICASP project is a collaborative research initiative that works with many community-based organisations on research activities, project outcomes, and dissemination of research results.

**Festival Partners**
ICASP festival partners are involved in dissemination of research results. ICASP presents annual colloquia in Guelph, Montreal, and Vancouver, in partnership with music festivals in those cities. Interlinking scholarly colloquia with the festivals enables ICASP to reach a broad, diverse audience. ICASP has also established a similar relationship with the Sons d’hiver festival in Paris, France.

**University Partners**
A Major Collaborative Research Initiative, ICASP receives generous support from the University of Guelph, McGill University, University of British Columbia, and Université de Montréal. ICASP has also established a partnership with Université Paris Diderot in Paris, France.

**Outreach Partners**
ICASP outreach partners are involved with design and implementation of outreach projects. The partners provide staffing support and other assistance during workshops and events.

**Policy Partners**
Policy partners are working with the ICASP research team on a series of four policy papers that will be created as outcomes of the project.

**Media Partners**
ICASP media partners support the project through documentation (recordings, radio programming) and announcements of activities and events.

**Dissemination Partners**
ICASP dissemination partners provide support in disseminating the results of research activities. In particular, these partners work with ICASP to deliver colloquia, lectures, and other unique events that support ICASP’s ability to present our research findings to a wide audience.

**Foundation Partners**
Foundation partners work with ICASP to support research and outreach initiatives. ICASP works collaboratively with the foundation partners to plan, design, and implement these initiatives.

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