Project Update:
St Andrews Voices is Scotland’s only festival devoted to vocal and choral music. It’s a festival with a prestigious track-record and an ambitious future. It launched to great acclaim in 2012, and since then has grown to become a much-loved fixture in the local calendar and an important part of Scotland’s cultural landscape.

Brief Resume:
Robyn Stapleton will lead three Dementia friendly workshops in St Andrews in the run up to the festival for local Dementia groups based in the North-Fife community. These will be carefully tailored performance for people with dementia and their families and/or carers. Using traditional Scottish music, and also the history of the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landings, the participants will be encouraged to enjoy the music, share memories and even sing-along. They will be able to connect to music in an environment that is comfortable, peaceful and supportive.

Outcome/Aims:
The aim is to fill the town of St Andrews with light and voices, and create unique, immersive experiences where the audiences are taken on a journey of discovery, bathed in light and music. Luxmuralis have never worked in Scotland and this project will offer Scottish audiences a new way of experience vocal and choral music. It’s a one of a kind and a truly special event that deserves to be on the world stage.

The project culminated with a Dementia friendly performance during the festival, where Robyn Stapleton performed with Mike Vass (guitar). Many of the participants of the Dementia Song Project attended as well as some new faces. Feedback across the board was very positive and future festivals will most definitely include this aspect of programming.

Watch the festival video here