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Musical greats visit academy

LEADING names in the music world - including DJs and producers who have worked with George Michael, Van Morrison and Westlife - are putting their own spin on a series of workshops for students at Newcastle College's Performance Academy this week.

Lange, otherwise known as Stuart Langelaan, Paul Dakeyne, Paul Moran and David Laudat arrived at the flagship academy yesterday for a question-and-answer session with students at the start of a week-long workshop programme.

The DJ, producer, artist and vocal coach will work with students from the college's School of Music and Performing Arts.

David Turner, director of the school, said: "Our students regularly work alongside key

This time they'll learn some tips of the trade from Lange, a producer behind 20 UK chart-toppers; DJ, producer and artist Paul Dakeyne; and Paul Moran who is currently musical director for Van Morrison.

Meanwhile, leading vocal coach David Laudat, who has worked with singers Lionel Richie and George Michael, plus bands including Take That, All Saints and Westlife, will add an extra level of interest for students.

It is hoped that, in the future, the public will also be able to attend question-and-answer sessions at the academy on Ryehill Campus, opened four years ago by Sting and boasting 10 recording studios, plus a range of acting, music and dance studios, and the 250-seat Peter Sarah Theatre, named