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2021

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11TH - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021  
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SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

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THE BRAND NEW HEAVIES

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SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

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FROM THE JAM

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**37<sup>TH</sup> BIRMINGHAM  
SANDWELL & WESTSIDE  
JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021

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With grateful thanks to the Festival's Sponsors and supporters without whom there would be no Festival.



I'm delighted that once again we are welcoming the Birmingham, Sandwell & Westside Jazz Festival to the borough's venues. And I'm proud that Sandwell is supporting this unique event that once again will bring some of the brightest names in jazz from across the world to our region.

The diversity of the music on this year's programme mirrors the diversity of our people and our communities, and like the great jazz musicians we'll be seeing and hearing in July, we in Sandwell work in harmony together to create something bigger and brighter than the sum of our parts.

Of course, this year's festival – the 37th – will be very different to previous years'. And as we hopefully ease the restrictions we've all followed to fight the pandemic, it's important to keep to the rules that are in place to keep ourselves, our communities and the festival safe.

**Councillor Rajbir Singh**  
Leader of Sandwell Council



Regular Festival goers will be surprised that this year's Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival runs for 17 days, not 10, with the weeknights of the extra week from July 26th containing far fewer events than usual. A word of explanation: originally the Festival was to run from July 16th to 25th, with the expectation that freedom from COVID restrictions would operate from June 21st. When that date was moved to July 19th, several venues expressed a preference for postponing events to the weekend of July 30th-August 1st. Hence the lop-sided programme – and an extra week of jazz!

Back for its 37th year, the Birmingham, Sandwell & Westside Jazz Festival is one of the undoubted highlights of the West Midlands cultural calendar.

The festival, which has provided the soundtrack to our summers since the 1980s, is a celebration of live music. And let's face it, we've all missed the shared pleasure of live performances over the last 16 months.

With almost 130 performances, this year's event offers a timely boost to our visitor economy and previous festivals have attracted audiences of over 75,000, generating almost £5 million for the regional economy.

That success is thanks to the brilliant efforts of the festival organisers and the amazing support of sponsors.

Many of us look forward to this festival every year and I'm sure we won't be disappointed as the 2021 Birmingham, Sandwell & Westside Jazz Festival proves once again that there's nothing quite like top class live music.

Enjoy.

**Cllr Ian Ward**  
Leader of Birmingham City Council



Birmingham in all respects is a fabulous place in which to work, live and play. The Jazz Festival which has been a staple for over 30 years now is truly a valuable ingredient in the buoyancy of Brum. After over a year in which entertainment, like so much else, has been drastically cut back, the Festival returns to its rightful place in the city's calendar. Therefore I'm so pleased that the Westside Business Improvement District (BID) offers it the support that makes this possible.

By any measure the entertainment capital of the English Midlands is Westside. We play host to a comprehensive range of music and have so, so much in Westside to offer the world.

It's therefore with great delight that I welcome the Jazz Festival, for Westside is the beating heart of the Festival. Our stylish venues offer so much quality Jazz it is really a very special time in the calendar of Westside.

Look forward to seeing you.

**Dipesh Mistry**  
Chair of Westside Business Improvement District





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### ANNOUNCEMENT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
38th BIRMINGHAM, SANDWELL  
AND WESTSIDE FESTIVAL  
JULY 15th to 24th, 2022

Performances are free unless denoted otherwise. In restaurant performances accepted etiquette may apply in terms of purchasing food.

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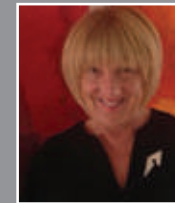
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## FRIDAY 16TH JULY

**12:30**  
The Square  
**JAKE LEG JUG BAND**

**13:00**  
Theatre Square, Solihull  
**BROOKS WILLIAMS**

**14:00**  
Mell Square, Solihull  
**ABI K & THE SWING PIGS**

**15:00**  
Sunrise of Edgbaston  
**DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS**

**18:00**  
Taste Collective, Solihull  
**LEE JONES & TOM HILL**

**19:30**  
Blackheath Library  
**BROOKS WILLIAMS**  
Live Stream (no public admission)  
showing simultaneously at The Bulls Head and online

**20:00**  
Paramo Lounge, Solihull  
**SUZI WOODS**

**21:00**  
Veeru's Bar & Grill,  
Sutton Coldfield  
**ROY FORBES**

## SATURDAY 17TH JULY

**12:00**  
The Bulls Head  
**SKETCHERS MEET-UP**

**12:30**  
Mailbox  
**ALAN BARNES QUARTET**

**14:30**  
Merry Hill  
**CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET**

**14:30**  
Boston Tea Party, Solihull  
**SUZI WOODS**

**15:00**  
Theatre Square, Solihull  
**FOREGATE STREET BLUES BAND**

**16:00**  
Mell Square, Solihull  
**CERI JUSTICE AND THE JURY**

**18:00**  
Mell Square, Solihull  
**TIPITINA**

**18:00**  
Duke Inn, Sutton Coldfield  
**ALAN BARNES QUARTET**

**18:00**  
Lightwoods House Gardens  
**MEET THE AUTHOR DIGBY FAIRWEATHER**  
talks about his book Ace of Clubs:  
A Celebration of the 100 Club

**19:00**  
Lightwoods House Gardens  
**DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS**

## SUNDAY 18TH JULY

**14:00**  
Hop Garden  
**CHICKENBONE JOHN & HARMONICA DAVE**

**14:00**  
Botanical Gardens  
**JOHN HEMMING & THE JAZZ LOBBYISTS (ADULTS £6.75, CONCESSIONS £4.72)**

**14:00**  
Mell Square, Solihull  
**THE CATFISH KINGS**

**14:30**  
Masons Arms, Solihull  
**THE WHISKEY BROTHERS**

**16:00**  
Mell Square, Solihull  
**RICKY COOL AND THE IN CROWD**

**17:00**  
Tap & Tandoor, Solihull  
**SHEILA WATERFIELD**

**17:30**  
Greens, Solihull  
**DEBORAH ROSE & MARTIN RILEY**

**18:00**  
The Beech House, Solihull  
**THE CATFISH KINGS**

## MONDAY 19TH JULY

**12:30**  
Mailbox  
**THE SHUFFLEPACK**

**12:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**MARTIN LITTON & JANICE DAY**

**17:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**THE SHUFFLEPACK**

**18:00**  
Tapri Bar and Grill,  
Sutton Coldfield  
**MARTIN LITTON & JANICE DAY**

**20:00**  
The Bulls Head  
**BLUES ON FILM**

## TUESDAY 20TH JULY

**12:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**SAM KENNEDY BAND**

**12:30**  
Henry's Blueshouse  
at The Bulls Head  
**JAMES OLIVER BAND**

**14:00**  
Arcadian  
**STRICTLY JITTERBUG WORKSHOP**

**16:00**  
Henry's Blueshouse  
at The Bulls Head  
**CIGAR BOX GUITAR WORKSHOP WITH CHICKENBONE JOHN**

**17:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**DIGBY FAIRWEATHER WITH EUREKA JAZZ BAND**

**19:00**  
Henry's Blueshouse  
at The Bulls Head  
**BLUES TALKIN' WITH LUCY PIPER**

**20:00**  
Henry's Blueshouse  
at The Bulls Head  
**SAM KENNEDY BAND**

**20:00**  
Three Tuns, Sutton Coldfield  
**THE LOST NOTES**

## WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY

**12:30**  
Mailbox  
**BILLY THOMPSON TRIO**

**12:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE**

**17:00**  
Bournville Gardens  
**CHASE JAZZMEN (£3.00)**

**17:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**ROY FORBES QUARTET**

**19:30**  
Wednesbury Library  
**BILLY THOMPSON TRIO**  
(Live stream)  
Free admission by  
advance tickets only

**19:30**  
The Rhodehouse  
**LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE**

## THURSDAY 22ND JULY

**12:30**  
Mailbox  
**JAKE LEG JUG BAND**

**12:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**BILLY THOMPSON TRIO**

**17:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET**

**18:00**  
Village, Moseley  
**THE QUIET MEN**

**18:00**  
Brewhouse & Kitchen,  
Sutton Coldfield  
**BILLY THOMPSON TRIO**

**19:00**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
**JAKE LEG JUG BAND**

**19:00**  
Old Crown  
**THE WHISKEY BROTHERS**

## NEVER SEEN AGAIN BOOK SIGNING

Paul Finch talks about his latest book, Never Seen Again....

When heiress Jodie Martindale is kidnapped and a staggering ransom demanded, amoral journalist David Kelman forces himself into the investigation, unwittingly giving away vital police intelligence. Subsequently, the hostage is never returned and the kidnappers vanish, leaving a family destroyed and Kelman disgraced.

**19:30**  
Red By Night, Merry Hill  
**BIG JIM & THE ALABAMA BOOGIE BOYS**

**19:30**  
Grain and Glass  
**JUDY BLU & ASHLEY ALLEN**

**21:15**  
The Night Owl  
**CHICKENBONE JOHN & TONY STOKES**

## FRIDAY 23RD JULY

**12:00**  
Central Square, Brindleyplace  
**SIMON SPILLET QUARTET**

**12:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**OLD BABY MACKEREL**

**12:30**  
The Square  
**BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND**





# Jazz events in Sandwell

<b>Friday 16 July</b>	19:30	Blackheath Library	<b>Brooks Williams</b>
Live streamed event, no audience.			
<b>Saturday 17 July</b>	19:00	Lightwoods House, Bearwood	<b>Digby Fairweather and the Backyard Music Boys</b>
Performance will take place in the Shakespeare Garden (weather permitting). Advance ticket only (free) <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lightwoods-house">www.ticketsource.co.uk/lightwoods-house</a> Q&A session with the band from 18:00.			
<b>Wednesday 21 July</b>	19:30	Wednesbury Library	<b>Billy Thompson Trio</b>
Advance ticket only (free), no admittance on the door, call 0121 569 4945 to book your ticket. This event will also be available via a live stream.			
<b>Friday 23 July</b>	19:30	Thimblemill Library, Smethwick	<b>Roy Forbes Quartet</b>
Live streamed event, no audience.			
<b>Saturday 24 July</b>	14:00	Bromwich Hall, Stone Cross	<b>La Bouche Manouche</b>
Performance will take place outdoors (weather permitting). Advance ticket only (free) <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts">www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts</a>			
<b>Saturday 24 July</b>	19:30	West Bromwich Central Library	<b>La Bouche Manouche</b>
Advance ticket only (free), no admittance on the door, call 0121 569 4904 to book your ticket. This event will also be available via a live stream.			
<b>Sunday 25 July</b>	14:00	Oak House, West Bromwich	<b>Shufflepack</b>
Performance will take place outdoors (weather permitting). Advance ticket only (free) <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts">www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-museums-and-arts</a>			
<b>Sunday 25 July</b>	14:00	Haden Hill House, Cradley Heath	<b>David Moore Blues Band</b>
Performance will take place outdoors (weather permitting).			

**Please stay safe at our jazz festival events and follow all safety measures that organisers have put in place to protect you, other music lovers, performers and staff.**

These listings are correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change beyond Sandwell Council's control. Please check our website for latest details and how to view the streamed events.

[www.sandwell.gov.uk/jazzfestival](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/jazzfestival)



**17:00**  
Brasshouse  
**SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET**

**17:00**  
Velvet Music Rooms  
**BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND**

**17:30**  
Victoria Square Bandstand  
**SHEILA WATERFIELD QUARTET**

**18:00**  
Quinto Lounge, Sutton Coldfield  
**THE NITECRAWLERS**

**18:30**  
Pannel Croft Village  
**JAKE LEG JUG BAND (£5 /£2)**

**19:30**  
Ibis Birmingham New Street Station  
**EAGLE JAZZ BAND**

**19:30**  
Thimblemill Library  
**ROY FORBES QUARTET**  
Live Stream (no public admission)  
showing simultaneously at The Bulls Head and online

**19:30**  
Palace Drum Clinic,  
Kingfisher Shopping Centre  
**ALEX CLARKE QUARTET**  
£6 in advance + booking fee,  
£8 OTD

**20:00**  
Village, Moseley  
**OLD BABY MACKEREL**

**SATURDAY 24TH JULY**  
**11:00**  
Birmingham Markets  
Customer Centre  
**EUREKA JAZZ BAND**

**12:00**  
Caffe Nero, Brindleyplace  
**STRICTLY JITTERBUG**

**13:00**  
Birmingham Rag  
Market  
**BIG BOSS MAN**

**14:00**  
Birmingham Markets  
Customer Centre  
**CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET**

**14:00**  
Waters Edge Bandstand,  
Brindleyplace  
**SPATS LANGHAM'S  
HOT FINGERS**

**14:00**  
Arcadian  
**JAMES OLIVER BAND**

**14:00**  
Hagley Road Village  
**ALEX CLARKE QUARTET**

**14:00**  
Bromwich Hall,  
Manor House Museum  
**LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE**

**14:30**  
Longbridge Village  
**MARTIN LITTON &  
JANICE DAY (£3.00)**

**14:30**  
Merry Hill  
**THE NITECRAWLERS**

**15:00**  
Brasshouse  
**BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET**

**17:00**  
Dog & Doublet Inn, Bodymoor Heath  
**DAVID MOORE BLUES BAND**

**18:00**  
Simpsons Gin Bar,  
Sutton Coldfield  
**SWING CAFÉ**

**18:00**  
Ibis Birmingham,  
New Street Station  
**SPATS LANGHAM HOT FINGERS**

**19:00**  
Cosy Club, Brindleyplace  
**MARTIN LITTON & JANICE DAY**

**19:30**  
The Bulls Head  
**ALEX CLARKE QUARTET**

**19:30**  
West Bromwich Central Library  
**LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE**  
Live stream  
Free admission by  
advance tickets only

**20:00**  
Palace Drum Clinic,  
Kingfisher Shopping Centre  
**BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET**  
£6 +booking fee, £8 OTD

**20:00**  
The Wellington  
**FOREGATE STREET BLUES BAND**

**SUNDAY 25TH JULY**  
**12:00**  
Resorts World  
**ROY FORBES**

**13:00**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
**SHEILA WATERFIELD**

**14:00**  
Resorts World  
**SWING CAFÉ**



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**14:00**

Haden Hill House

**DAVID MOORE BLUES BAND**

**14:00**

Hop Garden

**THE LOST NOTES**

**14:00**

Botanical Gardens

**EUREKA JAZZ BAND (ADULTS**

**£6.75, CONCESSIONS £4.72)**

**14:00**

Oak House Museum

**THE SHUFFLEPACK**

**14:00**

Brasshouse

**MEET THE AUTHOR: PAUL FINCH**

**14:30**

Red By Night, Merry Hill

**PHIL SAYER AND TASH**

**BUXTON-LEWIS**

**15:00**

Flute & Flagon, Solihull

**JOHN HEMMING & THE**

**JAZZ LOBBYISTS**

**15:00**

Brasshouse

**ART THEMEN QUARTET**

**16:00**

The Station, Sutton Coldfield

**ALEX CLARKE QUARTET**

**16:00**

Resorts World

**BIG BOSS MAN**

**18:00**

O'Neills, Broad Street

**THE SHUFFLEPACK**

**20:30**

Velvet Music Rooms

**ART THEMEN QUARTET**

### MONDAY 26TH JULY

**19:00**

Henry's Blueshouse

at The Bulls Head

**BLUES ON FILM**

### BLUESDAY 27TH JULY

**14:00**

Henry's Blueshouse

at The Bulls Head

**MEET THE AUTHOR:**

**JIM AND RON SIMPSON**

**15:00**

**BULLETS AND BENDS**

Illustrated History of The Blues

Harmonica by Stuart Maxwell

**17:00**

**MAXWELL & WHITE**

**19:00**

**BLUES TALKIN'**

Stuart Maxwell Talks Blues

with Joe Nethercoat

**20:00**

**THE SHUFFLEPACK**

### THURSDAY 29TH JULY

**19:00**

Legacy Centre of Excellence,

Newtown

**XHOSA COLE PRESENTS**

**- SOWETO KINCH AND**

**DESCHANEL GORDON & THE**

**HOUSE BAND (£15.00)**

**19:00**

Broomfield Hall, Solihull

**SWING CAFÉ**

### FRIDAY 30TH JULY

**12:30**

The Square

**BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET**

**16:00**

Brasshouse

**LEE BENSON INTRODUCES THE**

**NEW STREET AUTHORS**

**17:00**

Brasshouse

**EMMA JONSON BAND**

**17:00**

Velvet Music Rooms

**BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET**

**21:00**

O'Neill's, Solihull

**BIG BOSS MAN**

### SATURDAY 31ST JULY

**11:00**

Birmingham Markets

Customer Centre

**BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS**

**13:00**

Birmingham Rag Market

**CHICKENBONE JOHN &**

**HARMONICA DAVE**

### BOOK SIGNINGS: DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND JIM SIMPSON

Under the auspices of The Jazz Centre UK, which he founded, Digby Fairweather has edited, and contributed freely to, *Ace of Clubs*, an informative, copiously illustrated, always illuminating and sometimes hilarious history of London's 100 Club.

Meanwhile Festival Director Jim Simpson is re-launching his memoir of 60 years in the music business, *Don't Worry 'bout the Bear*, written with his brother Ron.





**14:00**  
Birmingham Markets  
Customer Centre  
**CHASE JAZZMEN**

**14:00**  
The Arcadian  
**FLORENCE JOELLE**

**15:00**  
Brasshouse  
**TIPITINA**

**17:00**  
Dog & Doublet Inn,  
Bodmoor Heath  
**NITECRAWLERS**

**19:00**  
Cosy Club  
**FLORENCE JOELLE**

**20:00**  
The Wellington  
**CHICKENBONE JOHN &  
HARMONICA DAVE**

### SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

**12:00**  
Caffe Nero, Brindleyplace  
**YOU'RE NEVER ALONE  
WITH A UKE**

**14:00**  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
**THE OLD JELLY ROLLERS**

**15:00**  
Brasshouse  
**BIG JIM & THE ALABAMA  
BOOGIE BOYS**

### MUSICIANS UNION

'An organisation that can help its members throughout their professional careers and beyond.'

As always the Festival is extremely grateful for the support, financial and otherwise, of the Musicians Union, especially at this difficult time for musicians, event organisers and the union itself.

**15:00**  
Velvet Music Rooms  
**YOU'RE NEVER ALONE  
WITH A UKE**

**15:00**  
Yates, Solihull  
**FOREGATE STREET BLUES BAND**

**16:00**  
Night Owl  
**TIPITINA**

**18:00**  
O' Neills, Broad Street  
**THE OLD JELLY ROLLERS**

**18:00**  
Slug and Lettuce, Sutton Coldfield  
**BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND**

**20:30**  
Velvet Music Rooms  
**BIG JIM & THE ALABAMA  
BOOGIE BOYS**

### WEST MIDS BIDS

The Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival is extremely grateful to no fewer than four Business Improvement Districts which have supported the Festival this year.

So our thanks go to the following BIDs:

**Colmore  
Business District  
Solihull  
Sutton Coldfield  
Westside**

### NEW STREET AUTHORS

Launched in 2015, New Street Authors has established itself as a major player in the West Midlands publishing scene providing readings and workshops throughout the region as well as reading events and launches in Birmingham. Author, piano player, painter and photographer Lee Benson will talk about the independent publishers group.

### LIVE STREAMS

To watch our 100% live streams advertised here in the programme, check in on [www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/streams](http://www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/streams) on the day of the performance.

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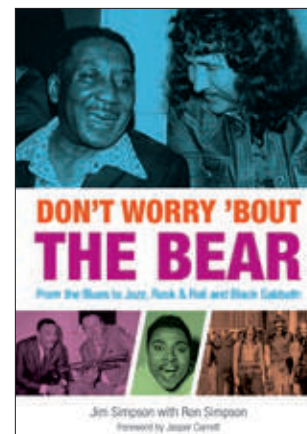
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### MONDAY 19TH JULY

20:00 The Bulls Head

BLUES ON FILM

### TUESDAY 20TH JULY

16:30 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head  
19:00 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head  
20:00 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head

CIGARBOX ROADSHOW WITH CHICKENBONE JOHN  
BLUES TALKIN' WITH LUCY PIPER  
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### THURSDAY 22ND JULY

19:00 Hilton Garden Inn

JAKE LEG JUG BAND

### FRIDAY 23RD JULY

12:00 Central Square, Brindleyplace  
17:00 Brasshouse  
17:00 Velvet Music Rooms

SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET  
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### SATURDAY 24TH JULY

12:00 Caffé Nero, Brindleyplace  
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15:00 Brasshouse  
19:00 Cosy Club, Brindleyplace  
19:30 The Bulls Head

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BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET  
MARTIN LITTON & JANICE DAY  
ALEX CLARKE QUARTET

### SUNDAY 25TH JULY

13:00 Brasshouse

MEET THE AUTHOR: PAUL FINCH - WRITER OF THE  
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SHEILA WATERFIELD  
ART THEMEN QUARTET  
THE SHUFFLEPACK  
ART THEMEN QUARTET

13:00 Hilton Garden Inn

15:00 Brasshouse

18:00 O'Neills

20:30 Velvet Music Rooms

### MONDAY 26TH JULY

19:00 The Bulls Head

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### TUESDAY 27TH JULY

14:00 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head

MEET THE AUTHORS: JIM AND RON SIMPSON  
- DON'T WORRY 'BOUT THE BEAR  
BULLETS & BENDS. THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF  
THE BLUES HARMONICA WITH STUART MAXWELL  
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BLUES TALKIN': STUART MAXWELL TALKS THE BLUES  
WITH JOE NETHERCOAT  
THE SHUFFLEPACK

15:00 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head

17:00 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head

19:00 Henry's Blueshouse at The Bulls Head

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### FRIDAY 30TH JULY

16:00 Brasshouse

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17:00 Velvet Music Rooms

LEE BENSON INTRODUCES THE NEW STREET AUTHORS  
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### SATURDAY 31ST JULY

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19:00 Cosy Club

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Wednesday 21st July	Rhodehouse <b>LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE</b>	19:30
Thursday 22nd July	Brewhouse & Kitchen <b>BILLY THOMPSON TRIO</b>	18:00
Friday 23rd July	Quinto <b>THE NITECRAWLERS</b>	18:00
Saturday 24th July	Simpson's Gin Bar <b>SWING CAFE</b>	18:00
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We are always grateful for the response of festival-goers to volunteers bringing round surveys for them to complete. For a mostly free festival it is essential to raise funds from elsewhere and impressive survey results are a key factor in this process. However, as we go to print, we cannot be sure that the normal amount of one-to-one contact will be permissible or even comfortable for audiences and volunteers alike.

Therefore we hope that festival-goers will respond by going to [www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/survey](http://www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/survey)

## 100 CLUB CELEBRATED

Digby Fairweather's new book, *Ace of Clubs*, tells the story of London's 100 Club in the words of those who were there, musicians for the most part. In telling the story of almost 80 years of Oxford Street's legendary club Digby draws on the memories of such departed notables as George Melly, Lennie Hastings, Campbell Burnap and Jim Godbolt as well as many of the current stars of the British jazz scene: Art Themen, Alan Barnes, Bruce Adams and the rest. Digby will have plenty of stories of his own to tell at book signings during the Festival.

*Ace of Clubs* is published by Brewin Books with the aid of funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund on behalf of The Jazz Centre UK.

## ABI K & THE SWING PIGS

Abi K is a professional singer, songwriter, bandleader, and vocal coach with a passion for jazz, blues and soul.

Abi's most recent single *Just Say Yes*, was released on 20th April 2020 (available on numerous music platforms), followed by the EP *Let's Begin*. This release demonstrates music and vocals with more grit and sensuality than her previous jazz and blues-influenced self-titled EP, released in 2016.

## ALAN BARNES

No Birmingham Jazz Festival would be complete without the outstanding clarinetist/saxophonist/composer/arranger Alan Barnes. His career since leaving Humphrey Lyttelton's Band has taken in playing with many of the top American jazzmen, collecting over 30 British Jazz Awards in at least five categories and being twice nominated as BBC Jazz Musician of the year. One of the highlights of 2020's small-scale Birmingham Festival was his quintet set with Alex Clarke streamed from West Bromwich Central Library.

## ALEX CLARKE

As a finalist in the BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year 2020, and winner of the Rising Star category in the 2019 British Jazz Awards, Alex Clarke is known to be one of the most in-demand and versatile young reeds players emerging on the British jazz scene. Praised for her extensive repertoire list and intelligent ear for harmony, she brings a youthful, intuitive approach which sounds authentic in a variety of musical settings from New Orleans to bebop. Alex's deep respect for the heritage of the music can be heard in a swinging, melodic approach reminiscent of Scott Hamilton and Lester Young, with strong influences of Phil Woods and Cannonball Adderley.

## ART THEMEN

During the lockdown Art has kept busy, with two recordings, one with Dave Green, Dave Barry and Gareth Williams, the other with Pete Whitaker and George Double –Thane and the Villeins. This resulted in two BBC radio broadcasts and a flurry of gigs for the trio starting last summer which were stopped short by COVID. As well as taking part in Ronnie Scott's anniversary celebrations Art played a single gig in Norway with Soft Machine before the latest lockdown

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confined him to a handful of Zoom gigs, one with Jon Etheridge at the 606 Club.

## THE BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS

Led by Matt Palmer, the Backyard Music Boys are a four-piece acoustic band lining up with clarinet, trumpet, sousaphone and banjo and guaranteed to provide the excitement and verve of 1920s and 1930s hot jazz.

## BIG BOSS MAN

This mandolin/guitar duo features two of the area's most highly regarded blues players: Richard Heath from Festival favourites The Whiskey Brothers and Stuart Johnson, once of Tea and Symphony.

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## BIG JIM AND THE ALABAMA BOOGIE BOYS

Fronted by Big Jim Merris of the Red Lemons Blues Band, the Alabama Boogie Boys have become audience favourites at Henry's Blueshouse, both at the Bulls Head and in the Botanical Gardens. Their mix of blues, boogie and rock and roll is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser.

## BIRMINGHAM URBAN SKETCHERS

This light-hearted Facebook group is made up of 602 members who just like to capture all things Birmingham and the Jazz Festival is a perfect event for us. All sketches are done from life, not photographs, and Sketchcrawls are organised where a number of people come together to record a visit or event. Individuals also happily sketch and send in their work to share.

We love to sketch anything: music gigs ,chickens, trains, buildings, cranes and just life going on in Birmingham.

## BILLY THOMPSON TRIO

Billy Thompson is a classically trained improvising violinist from North Wales who works in a wide variety of styles. He achieved the rare distinction of reaching

the televised stages of the BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year in both 1996 and 1998. He worked regularly with Barbara Thompson's Paraphernalia (no fewer than five albums) and also played with such big names as Mike Westbrook, Jools Holland and Huw Warren. Endlessly versatile, in recent years he has worked most often with his gypsy jazz group.

## BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND

Originally a 40s jump jive and 50s rhythm and blues outfit called Boperator, the band revamped itself in 2013, with a more colourful line-up and repertoire. Now a seven-piece aiming to please anyone with a soft spot for hard boogie, the Boperator Boogie Band covers tunes from an eclectic mix of artists. Ray Charles, Louis Jordan and Prima, Asleep at the Wheel, Caro Emerald and many more.

## BROOKS WILLIAMS

Born in Statesboro, Georgia, and now domiciled in Cambridge, England, Brooks Williams was playing Americana even before it was called that. With 30-plus recordings and 30-plus years touring, Brooks has been recognised as one of the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists. He

makes a more than welcome return to the Birmingham Festival shortly before the September release of his latest album, *Ghost Owl*, duos with fiddler Aaron Catlow.

### BRUCE ADAMS

A ferocious player with impeccable technique, Bruce can also display a surprising lyricism and melodic gift. A regular at Birmingham, he has featured on several live recordings from the festival, with the likes of Django's Castle and the great Kenny Baker. Most recently, Bruce has been working with Craig Milverton on a project celebrating the great cornet and piano players. After delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the album should be complete in August.

### STREAMING FROM SANDWELL

The support of Sandwell Council in recent years has been crucial, with the many events in the borough's libraries and museums a particular joy. In the truncated 2020 Festival Sandwell's libraries, though not open to the public, hosted two outstanding concerts by the Alan Barnes/Alex Clarke Quintet and the Bruce Adams Quartet which were available on stream in Birmingham venues as well as on Youtube where both concerts are still available.

So successful was the experiment that four performances will be streamed from Sandwell libraries this year: with a live audience from Wednesbury Library (Wednesday 21st) and West Bromwich Central Library (Saturday 24th), streamed without an audience from Blackheath Library (Friday 16th) and Thimblemill Library (Friday 23rd). The Friday performances feature American guitar wizard Brooks Williams (16th) and Festival favourite, song stylist Roy Forbes (23rd). Audiences are allowed in at Wednesbury for twice BBC Young Jazz Musician finalist Billy Thompson with his trio and at the Central Library for another fine gypsy jazz group, La Bouche Manouche.

For information on this year's live streams and to watch our archive from 2020, head to [www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/streams](http://www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/streams)

### THE CATFISH KINGS

The Catfish Kings serve up a mix of rock'n'roll, boogie and rhythm and blues, with Chuck Berry, Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis at the centre of their set, with some jump jive, New Orleans rhythm and blues and swing to help keep the party moving. Patrons of Henry's Botanical Blueshouse will already have had the chance to hear the Catfish Kings in one of the band's first post-lockdown gigs.

### CERI JUSTICE AND THE JURY

Ceri Justice is a singer-songwriter from Solihull who began writing poetry and songs as a teenager. In the 1990s she entered a nationwide singer/songwriter competition and beat

many thousands to win a place in the semi-finals, but was denied a coveted place in the grand final.

Ceri came back with a debut album called *Justified*, now available on most media platforms and she also began performing locally with her band, Ceri Justice & The Jury, a mixture of Americana and blues with a hint of country. Her second album, as yet untitled, is due out in July of this year.

### CHASE JAZZMEN

Based in the Shropshire area, the Chase Jazzmen are made up of talented musicians experienced in the field of popular traditional jazz. Regulars at the Trumpet, Bilston, and much in demand for

functions of all sorts, they base their repertoire on the great jazz and popular music of the period 1900 to 1950, all performed with a touch of humour.

### CHICKENBONE JOHN AND HARMONICA DAVE/ TONY STOKES

Chickenbone John, 'The Godfather of the Cigar Box Guitar', has become a huge favourite at the festival in recent years, with highly successful workshop/concerts demonstrating how to make and play 3-string cigar box guitars. In performance he is joined by his regular associate, Harmonica Dave or, on some gigs, Tony Stokes of the Red Lion Blues Band and the Crossroads Blues Club, in reviving the authentic sounds of early blues.

### CHRIS BOWDEN

Having first made a mark with K-Creative in the acid jazz boom of the early 1990s, saxist Chris Bowden went on to record the highly original *Time Capsule* in 1996, featuring his arrangements for 12-piece band. As a performer, Chris also has a highly individual style and he is equally at home in a variety of genres: acoustic jazz, hip hop, drum and bass.

### DAVID MOORE BLUES BAND

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great favourites at Henry's Blueshouse, David Moore graduated from the Birmingham Conservatoire in 1999. In 2010 he moved to New York where he worked in a number of styles of music. Now back in Birmingham, he takes a fresh and original approach to blues, rock and soul.

### DEBORAH ROSE/ MARTIN RILEY

Welsh-born singer/songwriter/guitarist Deborah Rose straddles jazz, folk and Americana, with more than a touch of Celtic influence. Her voice, frequently praised for its purity and emotional quality, was described by folk legend Judy Collins as "one of the finest I've heard." Back in 2013, her debut album, *Song Be My Soul*, featured orchestrations by classical composer/pianist Martin Riley, an association that has continued in their immediately post-lockdown concerts.

### DIGBY FAIRWEATHER

Digby Fairweather has been a great influence for good on the British jazz scene, not just for his distinctively melodic trumpet style. Currently his main preoccupation is the Jazz Centre UK which

he has established in Southend, with an impressive display of memorabilia, a comprehensive archive and an ever-growing programme of events. Digby also has a fine track record as jazz writer, broadcaster, archivist and bandleader – his Half Dozen has been one of the most popular of British small groups for many years.

### EAGLE JAZZ BAND

The Eagle Jazz Band is one of the great names in Birmingham jazz, with a history stretching back to 1951. Now led by reedman Matt Palmer, the band operated under the name The Millennium Eagle Jazz Band for some time, but has now restored the much-loved traditional name. With a recent CD out, *Memories*, the band mainly homes in on classic jazz material and the songs of the 1920s to 1940s, but, with many multi-instrumentalists in the band, their sound and approach are flexible.

### EMMA JONSON

Emma is a rapidly up and coming, award winning blues pianist from the Midlands having already supported some of the



UK's top acts including Jamie Cullum, Heather Small and Roy Wood and recently was personally invited to join Walter Trout onstage at Birmingham Town Hall. Emma is not only an accomplished songwriter, having had tracks selected for BBC radio, but is widely known for giving the piano some welly! Emma's energetic performance and charismatic rapport with her band and audiences have made her one of the must see acts of this year. With a brand new album release and UK tour, this is an artist not to be missed in 2021!

### EUREKA JAZZ BAND

Birmingham-based traditional jazz band, the Eureka Jazz Band adopts a flexible approach, suiting the music to the occasion. Only the entertainment value remains constant in

a programme that ranges from Dixieland jazz to the great popular songs of the 20s, 30s and 40s.

**FLORENCE JOELLE**  
Get ready for the chanteuse *Time Out* called 'super fine and sassy...fusing a Tarantino sense of cool, with a vocal style that imbibes both Peggy Lee and Edith Piaf.' Don't think you can get a better endorsement than that, but we'll try!

With the stylings of Nick Tomalin on piano and organ and Ian Marcus holding it down on double bass, bringing the Latin and Bossa flair, Joelle is free to express all her musical passions and talents.

### FOREGATE STREET BLUES BAND

The Foregate Street Blues Band released their latest

album *Love...and other Tragedies* in April 2019 at a sell-out launch in Worcester followed by another 50 gigs around the Midlands promoting the album before being halted by the pandemic. They have spent the last 12 months writing a whole batch of new songs ready for the recording studio in the coming year.

### JAKE LEG JUG BAND

The Jake Leg Jug Band brings you the authentic sounds of 1920s and 1930s America – jazz, blues, gospel, ragtime – songs of murder, betrayal, gambling, liquor and redemption. After a year of frustration, with over 50 gigs cancelled, the band is looking forward to being able finally to perform live the tracks from their latest album, *Goodbye Booze*, released the week after their last gig before lockdown.

### JAMES OLIVER BAND

As Bill Kirchen said, 'James Oliver is the real deal, a passionate roots rocker loaded with guitar firepower.' From 2012, first with GLAS and now with the three-piece James Oliver Band, he has built a formidable reputation in Wales and far beyond, so much so that last year he was awarded the title of Best Blues Emerging Artist. Last year he also released the acclaimed CD, *Twang*, made up of originals, on The Last Music Co.

### JOE NETHERCOAT

The Shufflepack's guitarist Joe Nethercoat's style has been memorably described as 'pick-your-King guitar'. In *Blues Talkin'* he recounts his life in the blues in company with singer/harmonica wizard Stuart Maxwell who just happens to be the guy who came up with that description!

### JOHN HEMMING AND THE JAZZ LOBBYISTS

Once again the Birmingham Jazz Festival presents the acceptable face of politics. Away from political campaigning, former MP John Hemming is a jazz enthusiast, a Festival Board member and a polished pianist who can be relied on to bring a first-class band to the festival. The always popular Jazz Lobbyists are now regular festival favourites.

### JUDY BLU AND ASHLEY ALLEN

Soulful singer Judy Blu has been a popular performer at the Birmingham for some years as well as at other festivals such as Nantwich, Lichfield and Newcastle-under-Lyme. This year she teams up with keyboardist Ashley Allen, a rising figure on the Birmingham jazz and gospel scene, in a dynamic duo.

### LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE

Featuring Irene Serra on vocals, all the musicians

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in the band are highly experienced, in-demand performers who have played in many prestigious venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, the Barbican Centre, the Southbank Centre, the Royal Festival Hall and Ronnie Scott's.

### LEE JONES AND TOM CLARKE-HILL

Lee Jones is a British jazz-rock guitarist who is making his first appearance at the Festival. Stylistically capable of taking in modern jazz, fusion, blues and rock, he

has played alongside the likes of Larry Coryell, Martin Taylor and Dennis Rollins. He has made six solo guitar albums and a series of guitar videos, with his next album, *Night Train Part II*, scheduled for this year.

Lee appears in a duo with bassist Tom Clarke-Hill.

### THE LOST NOTES

The Lost Notes are a five-piece acoustic roots band from Moseley specialising in their own original material. The band's most recent

## HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE AT THE BULLS HEAD

In recent years The Bulls Head in Bishopsgate Street has become an essential venue for jazz and, especially, blues. Each week until lockdown forced its closure Henry's Blueshouse operated under the slogan *Tuesdays is Bluesdays!* During the pared-down 2020 Festival Henry's made its mark with special events comprising blues films, record sessions and talks. In addition The Bulls Head screened live streamings of concerts and operated as the Festival Information Point.

Now the good news is that Henry's Blueshouse returns in its original live form every Tuesday from June 20th and the re-launch is celebrated with Henry's Bluesday at the Festival. The following Tuesday Stuart Maxwell and the other members of The Shufflepack present seven hours of history, blues talk and great music from 1500.

album, the splendidly titled *Low Lifes and High Times*, prompted some head-turning comparisons. *Rocking Magpie* opined, 'Fits in amongst peers like Fleet Foxes, Fairport Convention and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.'

### LUCY PIPER

Top blues drummer Lucy Piper is appearing with the Sam Kennedy Band and also talking about her experiences with the blues in *Blues Talkin'*.

### WESTSIDE BID

Westside BID, centred on Broad Street, has been a crucial element in the Festival's success in recent years, both in generous financial support and the number of bars, pubs and restaurants giving their whole-hearted participation. Such is the extent of Westside's participation that their name was added to the Festival title two years ago. As always a stroll down Broad Street in the afternoon or evening is accompanied by the sound of jazz and blues, with events, in many cases more than one, at the Brasshouse, the Bull's Head, O'Neills, the Velvet Music Rooms, the Cosy Club, Lee Longlands, the Hilton Garden Inn and Central Square, Brindleyplace.

In demand as teacher and session musician, Lucy is the daughter of the late Julian Piper, a legendary figure in the South West and beyond. Lucy herself has played at such major festivals as the Juke Joint Festival in Clarksdale, Mississippi, the Notodden Blues Festival in Norway and the Freiburg Blues Festival in Germany.

### MARTIN LITTON AND JANICE DAY

Martin Litton is a brilliant and versatile pianist with a remarkable sense of historical context in jazz. The names of two of his groups, his Gramercy Five and his Red Hot Peppers, show his delight in the great jazz of the past and he is an acknowledged expert of ragtime and stride. First making an impact with Kenny Ball's Band in the 1980s, he is now in demand for festivals and all-star groups in the UK and internationally.

His wife and musical partner, Janice Day, specialises in authentic performances of the finest songs of the inter-war years, commemorating a great age of female singers. Together they have presented stage shows such as *Dance Band Divas* and *Fats Waller in Love*.

### MAXWELL & WHITE

Shufflepack's dynamic singer and harmonica

player Stuart Maxwell is joined in duo format by Derek White, Britain's best loved blues bassman, also from Shufflepack.

### THE NITECRAWLERS

Stalwarts of Henry's Blueshouse and regulars at such blues festivals as Upton-on-Severn and Newcastle-under-Lyme, the Nitecrawlers aim to re-create the sheer enjoyment of the original R&B clubs of the 60s. With a lifetime of experience between them, the four band members have appeared with some of the biggest names in the music business – and now they concentrate on serving up archetypal hard-driving, foot-tapping Chicago blues – no-nonsense authentic blues.

### OLD BABY MACKEREL

Old Baby Mackerel are a UK band who play traditional bluegrass songs as they should be played, with a twist of British wit on the side. Expect tales of love, murder, whisky and railroads alongside blistering solos and harmonies so sweet they could make an onion cry! The project is a coming together of respected musicians from the UK with a classic line-up of banjo, guitar, double bass, fiddle and mandolin.

### THE OLD JELLY ROLLERS

The Old Jelly Rollers are a musical collective whose

raucous, joyful spirit celebrates the exciting and vibrant music of New Orleans. Expect roaring brass, uplifting vocals, foot-stomping drum beats, and nostalgic 20th-century repertoire played with exciting new 21st-century energy. The band is led by up-and-coming songstress and multi-instrumentalist Louise Balkwill, named by multi-award-winning singer Liane Carroll as a singer to listen out for. Come and move to the beat of the streets of New Orleans!

### PHIL SAYER AND TASH BUXTON-LEWIS

A Jam House favourite with his Born to Boogie Band, Phil Sayer is a boogie and rhythm and blues pianist, playing energetic and upbeat boogie woogie with a hint of funk, soul and ska. Phil is joined by drummer Tash Buxton-Lewis of the Steve King Big Band and Dino Baptiste and Night Train.

### THE QUIET MEN

Returning to the Festival are The Quiet Men, the excellent trio of Colin Browne, Dan Machin and Roy Adams in a classy set of covers and original material.

### RICKY COOL & THE IN CROWD

One of the most entertaining front men in the business, Ricky Cool has toured with the likes of Billy Connolly

## FESTIVAL INFORMATION POINT

In the October 2020 Festival, when circumstances and arrangements changed by the day, the Bulls Head in Bishopsgate Street was invaluable as the Jazz Festival Information Point. Hopefully the situation will be less volatile this year, but this remains an important resource, a City Centre location where punters can pick up programmes and the latest information.

and shared a stage with George Harrison. His current dynamic group, the In Crowd, was formed in 2013 to create a potent mix of classic American rhythm and blues with Jamaican genres bluebeat, ska and reggae. The band currently also present *A Night at the Flamingo* which re-creates the world of the iconic Soho venue of the 1960s.

### ROY FORBES

Song stylist Roy Forbes' vocal style is, as *Jazz UK* expressed it, 'infused with the warmth of his own personality.' His dynamic and soulful treatments of the Great American Songbook have brought him acclaim at international festivals as far afield as Milan and St. Lucia, as well as continuing popularity in his native Birmingham. His impeccable song stylings are a regular, much admired feature of the festival.

### SAM KENNEDY BAND

This Devon-based blues trio, including one of the country's top blues drummers in Lucy Piper, labels its music, rooted

in the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jimi Hendrix, as 'blues and roll'. Back in action with a June gig in Teignmouth, the band is also lined up for an All Day Festival as a Memorial to West Country blues legend, Julian Piper, in Exeter in October.

### SHEILA WATERFIELD

Working in all musical settings from duo to 17-piece big band, Sheila Waterfield's sound is a unique blend of jazz, folk, soul, Latin and blues, described by Ron Bailey of *Jazz Live* as 'a beautiful, warm, expressive voice'. Her third studio album, *Every Sunrise*, featuring some of the finest musicians on the jazz scene, showcases Sheila's talents as writer, producer and arranger as well as singer.

### THE SHUFFLEPACK

Led by singer/harmonica player Stuart Maxwell, the Shufflepack plays groovy shuffling blues in the classic style, from Chicago to the West Coast. The music of Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Sonny Boy Williamson, the



Kings and all the rest, plus plenty of original material, guarantees a stomping, foot-tapping session.

### SIMON SPILLETT

Over his 25 year career Simon Spillettt has worn almost as many hats as it is possible to wear in jazz: multi-award winning instrumentalist, leader of an acclaimed big band, author, historian, record producer, archivist, magazine columnist, social media

### PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Calthorpe Estates, the Festival Photography Project has built up a wonderful portfolio of images over the years, to be displayed in many exhibitions at Grand Central or Sandwell Libraries and on many striking photofilms. The Festival's photographer-at-large has always been Merlin Daleman who has picked up many awards in his native Netherlands, but a body of outstanding British photographers have involved themselves in the Festival, too, so, whatever the rulings currently in place around travel from the Netherlands, we can look forward to superb results from the Photography Project.

commentator and latterly blogger. However, he identifies most strongly as a swinging, straightahead tenor saxophonist, capable of taking his audiences on a roller-coaster ride encompassing everything from energetic bebop to heartfelt balladry. This year he plans to mark his 25th anniversary as a professional musician with a new band, a new book and a much awaited fourth album.

### SPATS LANGHAM'S HOT FINGERS

Spats Langham, singer, guitarist, banjo player, all-round entertainer and repository of old songs both lewd and lovely, is joined by multi-instrumentalists Danny Blyth and Malcolm Sked in Hot Fingers. Neatly described as 'vintage acoustic string music', Hot Fingers' brand of musical entertainment is ageless, if hardly new. Generally one of the busiest live groups around, Hot Fingers have pretty much taken an unwelcome sabbatical in the last year, but in recent years have worked on a show describing the origin and history of acoustic blues and a project called *The Banned Plays On*.

### STRICTLY JITTERBUG

Hopefully the easing of social distancing will allow the Festival to resume its always popular audience

participation events, including the highly successful dance classes by Strictly Jitterbug. Strictly Jitterbug have been teaching a mixture of East Coast Swing and Charleston for over 10 years, including two years as a resident dance teachers at Birmingham's Waterworks Jazz Club, and were much missed in 2020's more limited festival.

### STUART MAXWELL: HARMONICA WORKSHOP

Stuart Maxwell, as well as leading the blues band the Shufflepack, is an authority on all things blues. He writes widely on the subject and his book, *Starting Blues Harmonica*, has been widely re-printed, with an accompanying CD. Stuart's workshop should be unmissable for the aspiring blues harmonica player.

### SUZI WOODS

Suzi Woods' repertoire is an engaging mix of American Songbook greats and modern classics. Her sophisticated style has brought her music to an international audience, with shows for Valentino in Rome and Princess Grace of Monaco in Monte Carlo.

### SWING CAFÉ

Led by popular Midlands singer Billie Baker, Swing Café is a swing and jazz band playing the best loved songs of an era from the 1920s to

the 1950s. Fine melodies mix with a sound that keeps on the sunny side of life!

In the last year Billie and the band have kept themselves busy by writing and rehearsing new material which they look forward to showcasing alongside all the traditional familiar standards that we love to play.

### TIPITINA

Tipitina's unique take on the blues, barrelhouse, boogie and gospel of New Orleans owes much to the music of Professor Longhair, Dr. John, James Booker, Fats Domino and Allen Toussaint, and still more to the powerful vocals of Debbie Jones and Justine Randall's mastery of New Orleans piano. With two acclaimed Big Bear CDs behind them, Tipitina regularly excite and charm audiences at the Birmingham Festival where they recorded a live album in 2011.

### THE WHISKEY BROTHERS

Fast becoming festival favourites at Birmingham, Big Bear recording artists the Whiskey Brothers are Richard Heath on vocals and mandolin and Gerry Smith on piano. In the mid-1990s they formed the Splinter Blues Band, but since 2012 they have worked as a duo, playing their favourite style of music, old-style acoustic blues combined with their own material. Their unique

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Festival depends on the volunteer army whose efforts enable the event to function properly. Volunteers are already at work in the Festival Office and around the area, but many more are needed and it is certainly not too late to come on board!

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- Drivers
- Technical staff
- Distribution
- Marketing
- PR
- Administration

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style is captured on the Big Bear CD, *Bottle Up and Go*, of which blues authority Stuart Maxwell wrote:

### XHOSA COLE

The latest star saxophonist to emerge from Birmingham, Handsworth-born tenor saxist Xhosa Cole took the jazz world by storm when he won the 2018 BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year competition. Since then he has continued to build an impressive reputation with his dynamic playing.

### YOU'RE NEVER ALONE WITH A UKE!

The Great Ukulele Revival continues! Putting smiles back on the faces of ukulele enthusiasts of all ages is

the return after lockdown of Julian Cockshott of Ukulele Rocks. No Birmingham Jazz Festival would be truly complete without a gathering of happy amateurs strumming away under Julian's vigorous, but kindly, leadership. Once again he is running informal workshops for all levels of ability from absolute beginners upwards.

### THE RHYTHM SECTIONS:

**Piano:** Craig Milverton, John Patrick, Tim Huskisson  
**Double bass:** Bill Coleman, Tom Clarke-Hill  
**Drums:** Garry Allcock, Malcolm Garrett, Miles Levin

## GENESIS RADIO

Genesis Radio will be broadcasting daily jazz news and updates between 1pm and 3pm throughout the entirety of the festival. Be sure to tune in online at <https://www.genesisradiobirmingham.com/>

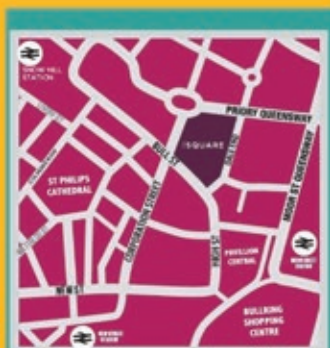
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