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SANDWELL & WESTSIDE**

JAZZ FESTIVAL

JULY 15TH TO 24TH 2022

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Front cover: Two of Britain's outstanding Jazzmen Ralph Salmins and Dave Green pictured at the festival.

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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 returns are a key factor in this process. As things return to normal, audience surveys will again become a key part of the Festival.

Festival-goers are welcome to express their views directly by going to www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/survey.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival is delighted to welcome two new Board members: Lorraine Olley and Nadia Ilya. We hope they find their time on the Board rewarding and productive.



I am delighted that the Birmingham, Sandwell & Westside Jazz Festival is returning once again to the Birmingham and the West Midlands to provide a celebration of performances, talks, workshops and film at over 60 venues across the West Midlands. This festival is cherished by many who look forward to its arrival every year, I know I do. But, this year is even more special - as this established and much loved festival will be a lively part of this summer's

celebration of sport, music and culture as the Birmingham Commonwealth Games is embraced by the region. This exciting summer will showcase all the great things we have to offer in Birmingham and the West Midlands and it's a fantastic opportunity for locals and visitors alike to celebrate and enjoy what this wonderful city and region has to offer.

**Councillor Ian Ward,
Leader, Birmingham
City Council**



I am very proud that Sandwell is once again supporting the Birmingham, Sandwell & Westside Jazz Festival.

We look forward to welcoming some incredible musicians to

venues across Sandwell's six towns, including our libraries, museums and parks.

This 38th festival will be a real showcase of talent, bringing high-quality entertainment to our communities for everyone to enjoy.

This summer is so exciting with the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games just around the corner – and Sandwell is delighted to be hosting the diving and swimming events at the brand-new Sandwell Aquatics Centre in Smethwick.

With international events such as the jazz festival and the Commonwealth Games, we will show what a proud, friendly and diverse place Sandwell is on the world's stage.

It's a great time to shine a light on our rich diversity, culture and heritage and celebrate Sandwell as a Bostin' Place that is home to Bostin' People.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time at this year's jazz festival.

**Councillor Kerrie Carmichael
Leader of Sandwell Council**



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As the new Chair of Westside BID I would like to welcome you to the Birmingham, Sandwell & Westside Jazz Festival 2022.

It has been my privilege and honour as a director of the BID to have been involved with the Jazz Festival for several years. We are looking forward to a fabulous event this year unencumbered by the restrictions of the pandemic and the welcome re-emergence of the night-time economy.

Birmingham is a wonderful place in which to work, live and play and Westside is the beating heart in terms of entertainment, art, and culture not only for Birmingham but region wide. Our long-awaited tram service will soon

be up and running and 2022 also brings the Commonwealth Games to Birmingham and Westside.

The Jazz Festival is renowned for its musical excellence and the cultural capital that it brings. It is an integral and much-awaited part of our calendar, and we are proud to continue to support it.

We hope to see you at what will be a truly special and enjoyable event.

**Gerald Manton
Chair - Westside Business
Improvement District.**

The Jazz Festival Would Like To Thank Our Core Sponsors Birmingham City Council, Westside BID and Sandwell MBC Without their support the festival really would not happen.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 39th
BIRMINGHAM, SANDWELL
AND WESTSIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL
JULY 14th to 23rd 2023.

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



Welcome once again to the Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival 2022. As its Patron since the great Humphrey Lyttelton packed his horn for the last time in 2008, I've been delighted to watch Jim Simpson's constantly inspired programming celebrating new and veteran performers from all points of the international compass to bring us what Louis Armstrong would have called 'the righteous music'. More recently I've also viewed the Festival's gift for triumphant survival amid a sequence of circumstance that would have extinguished less hardy artistic leviathans. Brexit on

its own should have been enough to slap handcuffs on one of its most admirable musical aims: to bring to Britain many of Europe (and America's) most gifted bands and soloists, young and old. But the tireless team that powers Big Bear Music failed to flag; somehow conquering the new and knotty problems of work-permits, passport restrictions and import duty on anything from Russian Vodka to American Hot Tamales.

Then of course there was the unavoidable issue of Covid-19, two years in which – suitably masked up and dutifully observing the governmental six degrees of separation – the Festival managed to mount not one but two festivals in 2020 (one on-line in Summer and a second live sequence of events in October 2020) as well as a further all-live celebration in 2021. How they did it I can't imagine, but they did – and they were the only Festival in Britain to manage it, too.

As you and I would expect, the Festival has once again triumphed with a starry bill including, direct from the USA, the nine-piece Hit Man Blues Band (led by Russell Alexander, son of the legendary US vibraphonist Ray Alexander) who are playing six shows; guitarist B.D. Lenz; the constantly globe-trotting saxophonist Vasilis Xenopoulos and a host of ever-creative UK Festival favourites including saxophonists Alan Barnes, Simon Spillelt and the hugely talented young Alex Clarke; trumpeters Bruce Adams and self; pianist Dave Newton and a supporting cast which would take me well over my welcoming word-limit. So have a good time, come and say 'hello' and enjoy the thirty-eighth Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival, undimmed since 1985 and strong as ever in 2022.

**Digby Fairweather
Patron, Birmingham,
Sandwell and Westside
Jazz Festival**

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SHANGHAI SWING

Wednesday evening at the Duke of Wellington commemorates the appearance of Buck Clayton's Harlem Gentlemen in Shanghai in 1934. Film of Shanghai in the 1930s will be followed by swing music of the era on film and over the PA. Chinese girls wearing the traditional Chinese qipao will be in attendance and music will be provided by Shanghai Hustle, re-creating the atmosphere of the 1930s. And there's a special prize for the best dressed: a ceremonial embroidered round fan.

12:00
WEDNESBURY MUSEUM
& ART GALLERY
SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET

12:30
THE SQUARE
THE SHUFFLEPACK

12:30
MAILBOX
ALAN BARNES & DAVE NEWTON

14:00
ENCORE, SOLIHULL
B.D. LENZ (USA)

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND CHASE JAZZMEN

17:00
BRASSHOUSE
JOHN HEMMING & THE JAZZ LOBBYISTS

17:00
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
THE NITECRAWLERS

17:30
EMPORIO ARTARI,
TOUCHWOOD, SOLIHULL
ROY FORBES

17:30
BRINDLEYPLACE,
WATER'S EDGE BANDSTAND
SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET



17:30
THE PHYSICIAN
BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND

18:00
SLUG AND LETTUCE, SOLIHULL
JOBE SULLIVAN

19:00
BACCHUS
SWING CAFE

19:00
VOCO ST JOHNS, SOLIHULL
SUNJAY

19:00
LIGHTWOODS PARK
BANDSTAND
THE SHUFFLEPACK

19:30
WEST BROMWICH
CENTRAL LIBRARY
ALAN BARNES & DAVE NEWTON

19:30
CROWNE PLAZA, SOLIHULL
WALTER SMITTY & THE UNVIABLES

19:30
THE REP BAR & CAFÉ
HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)

19:30
THE FORUM, PERSHORE STREET
B.D. LENZ (USA)

20:00
GREENS, SOLIHULL
PLAYING DJANGO

20:00
THE BIERKELLER
MARTIN BURCH BAND
£10 ADMISSION REFUNDABLE
AT THE BAR

20:00
JAZZ ON THE TRAM
CHICKENBONE JOHN
WEST MIDLANDS METRO
Departing Birmingham to
Wolverhampton St. George's
and returning to Birmingham

20:00
VEERU'S, SUTTON COLDFIELD
CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET

TUESDAY IS BLUESDAY AT VELVET MUSIC ROOMS

Velvet Music Rooms on Broad Street, new home for Henry's Blueshouse, takes a major part in the Festival, with pretty much daily events. In particular, on Tuesday 19th, taking its cue from the slogan Tuesday is Bluesday! Velvet opens up for the blues at 12 noon, with Chickenbone John, then packs the afternoon with blues events until Henry's Blueshouse hosts Ajay Srivastav in the evening.

11:00
BIRMINGHAM MARKETS
CUSTOMER CENTRE
PLAYING DJANGO

12:00
CAFFE NERO, BRINDLEYPLACE
STRICTLY JITTERBUG

12:30
THE SQUARE
LOL GOODMAN BAND

12:30
MAILBOX
JAKE LEG JUG BAND

13:00
RAG MARKET
THE WHISKEY BROTHERS

13:00
THEATRE SQUARE, SOLIHULL
AJAY SRIVASTAV & VINOD KERAI

14:00
BIRMINGHAM MARKETS
CUSTOMER CENTRE
EUREKA JAZZ BAND

JAZZ ON THE TRAMS

Birmingham trams network is the latest transport system to be incorporated into the Festival. Three times during Festival time the music hits the tram: 8.00-10 pm on the opening day (15th), 7.00-9.00 pm on 20th and 1.00-3.00 pm on 23rd. Step on the tram at those times and you might have a little jazz or blues to enhance your journey.

14:00
BRINDLEYPLACE,
WATER'S EDGE BANDSTAND
B.D. LENZ (USA)

14:00
MELL SQUARE
ABI K & THE SWING PIGS

14:00
ARCADIAN
THE NITECRAWLERS

14:00
WEDNESBURY MUSEUM
& ART GALLERY
FLORENCE JOELLE

14:00
BRASSHOUSE
WESTSIDE HOUSE BAND

15:00
BOSTON TEA PARTY, SOLIHULL
WALTER SMITTY & THE UNVIABLES

15:00
BRASSHOUSE
THE CATFISH KINGS

15:30
MASON'S ARMS, SOLIHULL
BONNYLOU

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
LOL GOODMAN BAND

17:00
THE BUTTERFLY ROOMS,
SOLIHULL
AJAY SRIVASTAV & VINOD KERAI

17:30
BRINDLEYPLACE,
WATER'S EDGE BANDSTAND
DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND CHASE JAZZMEN

18:00
HILTON GARDEN HOTEL
THE CLASSMATES

18:00
BLACKHEATH LIBRARY
NEW STREET AUTHORS

19:00
BLACKHEATH LIBRARY
B.D. LENZ (USA)

19:00
WINTERBOURNE
HOUSE & GARDEN
JAKE LEG JUG BAND
£15/£12

19:00
THE BEECH HOUSE, SOLIHULL
EUREKA JAZZ BAND

19:30
TASTE COLLECTIVE, SOLIHULL
SWING CAFE

20:00
THE GATE, SUTTON COLDFIELD
THE NITECRAWLERS

20:00
THE WELLINGTON
CHICKENBONE JOHN AND RICKY COOL

20:00
PARAMO LOUNGE, SOLIHULL
WALTER SMITTY & THE UNVIABLES

21:00
YATES, SOLIHULL
ROY FORBES

Mostly free events!

Jazz festival in Sandwell

Friday 15 July	12:00	Widnesbury Museum & Art Gallery	Simon Spilliet Quartet
Friday 15 July	19:00	Lightwoods Park Bandstand, Bearwood	The Shufflepack
Friday 15 July	19:30	West Bromwich Central Library	Alan Barnes and Dave Newton
Saturday 16 July	14:00	Widnesbury Museum & Art Gallery	Florence Joelle
Saturday 16 July	18:00	Blackheath Library	New Street Authors
Saturday 16 July	19:00	Blackheath Library	B.D. Lenz (USA)
Sunday 17 July	14:00	Bromwich Hall (Manor House), Stone Cross	Shakedown Brothers
Sunday 17 July	19:30	Thimblemill Library, Smethwick	The Shufflepack
Monday 18 July	19:30	Great Bridge Library	Chris Bowden Quartet
Wednesday 20 July	19:30	Cradley Heath Library	Grandma's Biscuit Tin
Thursday 21 July	19:30	Great Barn Library	Playing Django
Friday 22 July	19:30	Brinkhouse Library, Oldbury	Apex Jazz & Swing Band
Saturday 23 July	19:00	Widnesbury Library	Val Wiseman
Sunday 24 July	14:00	Haden Hill House, Cradley Heath	The Nitcrawlers
Sunday 24 July	14:30	Oak House Museum, West Bromwich	John Hemming & The Jazz Lobbyists
Sunday 24 July	19:30	West Bromwich Central Library	Neil Coley Big Band*

*Tickets are £10 available at www.ticketsource.co.uk – search for 'Neil Coley Big Band'

Events are free unless otherwise stated
These listings are correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change beyond Sandwell Council's control.
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www.sandwell.gov.uk/jazzfestival

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09:15
SNOW HILL STATION –
SHAKESPEARE EXPRESS
BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS
£30 TOURIST/£79 DINING

12:00
CAFFE NERO, BRINDLEYPLACE
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A UKE**

12:00
MELL SQUARE
THE CATFISH KINGS

12:30
JOHN LEWIS, SOLIHULL
SWING CAFÉ

13:00
THE WOODS, SOLIHULL
ROY FORBES

14:00
BRASSHOUSE
MEET THE AUTHOR PAUL FINCH

14:00
PESTO, SUTTON COLDFIELD
TINA LAW QUARTET

14:00
BRINDLEYPLACE,
WATER'S EDGE BANDSTAND
BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET

14:00
BOTANICAL GARDENS
THE WHISKEY BROTHERS
£7.50 /£5.50 concessions. Free
entry children 5 and under.

14:00
BROMWICH HALL
THE SHAKEDOWN BROTHERS

15:00
BRASSHOUSE
**DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND
CHASE JAZZMEN**

15:00
THE RHODEHOUSE, SUTTON
COLDFIELD
THE SHUFFLEPACK

15:30
THE NIGHT OWL
TIPITINA

16:00
MELL SQUARE
RICKY COOL & THE IN CROWD

17:00
TAP AND TANDOOR, SOLIHULL
SWING CAFÉ

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
THE CATFISH KINGS

18:00
O'NEILLS, BROAD ST.
BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET

18:00
FLUTE AND FLAGON, SOLIHULL
SEAN DUGGAN

19:00
THE FUNKY BEAR, SOLIHULL
ROY FORBES

19:00
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
NEW STREET AUTHORS

19:30
THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY
THE SHUFFLEPACK

20:30
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
TIPITINA
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12:30
O'NEILLS
THE CINELLI BROTHERS

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
THE NITECRAWLERS

17:00
ALEXANDRA THEATRE, PIANO BAR
**DIGBY FAIRWEATHER TALKS TO
RON SIMPSON ABOUT THE JAZZ
CENTRE UK**

18:00
ALEXANDRA THEATRE PIANO BAR
**DIGBY FAIRWEATHER W/
EUREKA JAZZ BAND**

18:00
WALKABOUT
WESTSIDE HOUSE BAND

18:00
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
THE CINELLI BROTHERS

19:00
SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN HALL
ALEX CLARKE QUARTET

19:30
GREAT BRIDGE LIBRARY
CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET

19:00
WALKABOUT
GRANDMA'S BISCUIT TIN

20:00
WEOLEY CASTLE
WORKING MENS CLUB
**PLATINUM SWING BAND,
DIRECTED BY PHIL PHILLIPS
A TRIBUTE TO COUNT BASIE**
£8



Chris Bowden



Grandma's Biscuit Tin

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Festival depends on the volunteer army whose efforts enable the event to function properly. Volunteer for us and be part of a team that ensures the Festival runs smoothly. You'll meet other like-minded volunteers and musicians, get 30% off food at the Velvet Music Rooms on Broad Street (the Festival Information Point) and receive your special Festival t-shirt - and, of course, you get to hear loads of great music..

We are looking for:

- Drivers
- Technical staff
- Distribution
- Site co-ordination

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THE MUSICAL

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BOOK BY MARSHIA NORMAN MUSIC & LYRICS BY BRENDAN ROSS/ELLIE WILLOU & STEPHEN BRAY



11:30-13:00
CATHEDRAL SQUARE
ALEX CLARKE QUARTET

12:00
ST PAULS SQUARE
AJAY SRIVISTAV & VINOD KERAJ

12:00
BRINDLEYPLACE,
CENTRAL SQUARE
OLD BABY MACKEREL

12:30
HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
THE WHISKEY BROTHERS

15:00
HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
**RICKY COOL BLUES
HARMONICA WORKSHOP**

17:00
HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
**CHICKENBONE JOHN
MEET THE CIGAR BOX GUITAR**

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
ALEX CLARKE QUARTET

18:30
THREE TUNS, SUTTON COLDFIELD
OLD BABY MACKEREL

In the case of outdoor performances alternative indoor venues will be arranged in the event of inclement weather. For up-to-date information on the day, phone the Festival Office on **0121 454 7020**.

19:00
HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
**BLUES TALKIN' (JIM SIMPSON
INTERVIEWED BY RON SIMPSON)**

19:00
WALKABOUT
SARAH WARREN BAND

19:00
LEE LONGLANDS
ANVIL CHORUS

19:00
SABAI SABAI, CITY CENTRE
BONNYLOU

20:00
HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
AJAY SRIVASTAV & VINOD KERAJ

Sarah Warren Band



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SUTTON COLDFIELD WELCOMES

38TH BIRMINGHAM, SANDWELL & WESTSIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL JULY 15TH TO 24TH 2022

Fri 15th July	Veeru's Bar & Grill CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET	20:00
Saturday 16th July	The Gate THE NITECRAWLERS	20:00
Sunday 17th July	The Rhodehouse THE SHUFFLEPACK	15:00
Monday 18th July	Sutton Coldfield Town Hall ALEX CLARKE QUARTET	20:30
Tuesday 19th July	Three Tuns OLD BABY MACKEREL	18:30
Wednesday 20th July	Level 1 SHEILA WATERFIELD QUARTET	20:30
Thursday 21st July	Brewhouse & Kitchen BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND	19:30
Thursday 21st July	Eleon JAKE LEG JUG BAND	20:00
Friday 22nd July	Simpson's Gin Bar TINA LAW QUARTET	19:00
Saturday 23rd July	The Duke ALAN BARNES QUARTET	20:00
Sunday 24th July	The Station SWING CAFÉ	15:00



11:30-13:00
CATHEDRAL SQUARE
SHANGHAI HUSTLE

12:00
ST PAULS SQUARE
JAKE LEG JUG BAND

12:00
BRINDLEYPLACE,
CENTRAL SQUARE
JAMES OLIVER BAND

12:30
MOSELEY ALL SERVICES CLUB
**BIRMINGHAM BIG BAND W/
ALAN BARNES**
£8

12:30
MAILBOX
VASILIS XENOPOULOS QUARTET

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
VASILIS XENOPOULOS QUARTET

17:00
BOURNVILLE GARDENS
THE CHASE JAZZMEN
£3

19:00
WALKABOUT
ALAN BARNES QUARTET

19:00
JAZZ ON THE TRAM
BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS
WEST MIDLANDS METRO
Departing Birmingham to
Wolverhampton St. George's
and returning to Birmingham

19:00
SABAI SABAI, HARBORNE
JAKE LEG JUG BAND

19:00
DUKE OF WELLINGTON
**SHANGHAI SWING FEATURING
SHANGHAI HUSTLE**

S19:30
CRADLEY HEATH LIBRARY
GRANDMA'S BISCUIT TIN

20:00
THE BIERKELLER
JAMES OLIVER BAND
£10 admission refundable at bar

20:30
LEVEL1, SUTTON COLDFIELD
SHEILA WATERFIELD QUARTET

21:00
JAM HOUSE
JULIE DEXTER BAND

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 after such a difficult time for musicians, event organisers and the union itself.

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Vasilis Xenopoulos

FRIDAY 15TH JULY

17:00 Brasshouse	THE NITECRAWLERS
17:00 Velvet Music Rooms	JOHN HEMMING & THE JAZZ LOBBYISTS
17:30 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET
19:30 The Rep Bar & Café	HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)

SATURDAY 16TH JULY

12:00 Caffé Nero, Brindleyplace	STRICTLY JITTERBUG
14:00 Brindleyplace, Waters Edge Bandstand	B.D. LENZ (USA)
14:00 Brasshouse	WESTSIDE HOUSE BAND
15:00 Brasshouse	THE CATFISH KINGS
17:30 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	DIGBY FAIRWEATHER & CHASE JAZZMEN
18:00 Hilton Garden Inn	THE CLASSMATES BARBERSHOP QUARTET

SUNDAY 17TH JULY

12:00 Caffé Nero, Brindleyplace	YOU'RE NEVER ALONE WITH A UKE
14:00 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET
14:00 Brasshouse	MEET THE AUTHOR: PAUL FINCH
15:00 Brasshouse	DIGBY FAIRWEATHER AND CHASE JAZZMEN
18:00 O'Neills	BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET
19:00 Velvet Music Rooms	NEW STREET AUTHORS
20:30 Velvet Music Rooms	TIPITINA

MONDAY 18TH JULY

12:30 O'Neills	THE CINELLI BROTHERS
18:00 Walkabout	WESTSIDE HOUSE BAND
18:00 Velvet Music Rooms	THE CINELLI BROTHERS
19:00 Walkabout	GRANDMA'S BISCUIT TIN

TUESDAY 19TH JULY

12:00 Brindleyplace, Central Square	OLD BABY MACKEREL
12:30 Velvet Music Rooms	THE WHISKEY BROTHERS
15:00 Velvet Music Rooms	RICKY COOL BLUES HARMONICA WORKSHOP
17:00 Velvet Music Rooms	CHICKENBONE JOHN CIGAR BOX GUITAR WORKSHOP
19:00 Velvet Music Rooms	BLUES TALKIN': JIM SIMPSON INTERVIEWED BY RON SIMPSON
19:00 Walkabout	SARAH WARREN BAND
19:00 Lee Longlands	THE ANVIL CHORUS
20:00 Velvet Music Rooms	AJAY SRIVASTAV & VINOD KERALI

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

12:00 Brindleyplace, Central Square	JAMES OLIVER BAND
19:00 Walkabout	ALAN BARNES QUARTET

THURSDAY 21ST JULY

12:30 Brindleyplace, Central Square	HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)
17:30 Hilton Garden Inn	VAL WISEMAN WITH THE APEX JAZZ & SWING BAND
20:00 Hilton Garden Inn	WESTSIDE HOUSE BAND

FRIDAY 22ND JULY

17:00 Brasshouse	LOL GOODMAN BAND
17:00 Velvet Music Rooms	SHANGHAI HUSTLE
17:30 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	THE SHAKEDOWN BROTHERS
19:30 The Rep Bar & Café	THE UPSIDERS
20:30 Velvet Music Rooms	HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)

SATURDAY 23RD JULY

14:00 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	ALAN BARNES QUARTET
15:00 Brasshouse	BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET
17:30 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	THE NITECRAWLERS

SUNDAY 24TH JULY

13:00 Lee Longlands	THE UPSIDERS
14:00 Brindleyplace, Water's Edge Bandstand	THE SHUFFLEPACK
15:00 Brasshouse	ART THEMEN QUARTET
19:00 O'Neills	ART THEMEN QUARTET
20:30 Velvet Music Rooms	THE SHUFFLEPACK

12:00

ST PAULS SQUARE
ROY FORBES TEXAS RUMBLE

12:00

BRINDLEYPLACE, CENTRAL
SQUARE
HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)

12:30

MAILBOX
FLORENCE JOELLE

12:30-14:00

CATHEDRAL SQUARE
JAKE LEG JUG BAND

17:00-18:30

CATHEDRAL SQUARE
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17:00

HIPPODROME SQUARE
CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET

17:30

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20:00

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THE NITECRAWLERS
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Hitman Blues Band



11:30-13:00
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LOL GOODMAN BAND

12:00
ST PAULS SQUARE
SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET

12:30
THE SQUARE
THE SHAKEDOWN BROTHERS

12:30
MAILBOX
SHANGHAI HUSTLE

14:15-15:45
CATHEDRAL SQUARE
HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)

17:00
BRASSHOUSE
LOL GOODMAN BAND

17:00
VELVET MUSIC ROOMS
SHANGHAI HUSTLE

17:00
HIPPODROME SQUARE
BOPERATOR BOOGIE BAND

17:30
BRINDLEYPLACE – WATERS EDGE
BANDSTAND
THE SHAKEDOWN BROTHERS

17:30
THE PHYSICIAN
ROY FORBES QUARTET

19:00
BACCHUS
**BOB WILSON & HONEYBOY
HICKLING**

19:00
SIMPSON'S GIN BAR, SUTTON
COLDFIELD
TINA LAW QUARTET

19:30
BLEAKHOUSE LIBRARY
APEX JAZZ & SWING BAND

19:30
THE REP BAR & CAFÉ
THE UPSIDERS

19:30
IBIS BIRMINGHAM CENTRE
SIMON SPILLETT QUARTET

20:00
THE VILLAGE MOSELEY
**BIG JIM & THE ALABAMA
BOOGIE BOYS**

20:00
HAGLEY ROAD VILLAGE
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14:00
LONGBRIDGE VILLAGE
TINA LAW QUARTET

15:00
BRASSHOUSE
BRUCE ADAMS QUARTET

17:00
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WESTSIDE BID

The 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 in 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. As always a stroll down Broad Street in the afternoon or evening is accompanied by the sound of jazz and blues, with events, in most cases more than one, at the Velvet Music Rooms, the Brasshouse, O'Neill's, the Rep Bar & Café, Walkabout and Brindleyplace Water's Edge and Central Square.



Abi K

ABI K AND THE SWING PIGS

Self-described as "a bunch of ragamuffins who enjoy messing around with neo-soul, RnB, soul, funk and blues", Abi K and the Swing Pigs can be more flatteringly termed a highly popular band on the Birmingham scene. Abi is a songwriter as well as a singer and her work can be heard on the EP, *Let's Begin*.

AJAY SRIVASTAV & VINOD KERAI

Ajay Srivastav is a critically acclaimed blues musician

who reflects the lessons learned as a British-born artist of Indian heritage. His unique rootsy guitar style is layered with inflections of sitar and sarod and shows the ability to merge scales and techniques from classical Indian music with Delta blues slide playing. Both his albums, *Karmic Blues* (2019) and *Powerless* (2021) topped the Amazon Blues Chart and received a host of award nominations. Ajay will be joined onstage by renowned British tabla player Vinod Kerai.

ALAN BARNES

An outstanding clarinetist, alto saxophonist and baritone saxophonist for some 40 years – apart from other instruments too numerous to mention – Alan Barnes has gained a reputation for his near-annual suites, many on themes out of Charles Dickens. 2022 is the year of *Copperfield*, but we at Birmingham can enjoy the instrumental skills that have brought



Alan Barnes

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ALEX CLARKE QUARTET

Alex Clarke, winner of the Rising Star category at the 2019 British Jazz Awards and a finalist in the BBC Young Jazz Musician of



Alex Clarke

2020, brings an intuitive youthful response to a variety of musical settings from New Orleans to bebop. Alex's deep respect for the heritage of the music shows in a swinging melodic approach reminiscent of Scott Hamilton and Lester Young. Capable of going head to head with Alan Barnes in a festival livestream, she is also versatile enough to fit in with a wide variety of bands, most recently the Jake Leg Jug Band.

ANVIL CHORUS

Anvil Chorus are a male barbershop chorus who were founded in 1976 and have regularly performed at the Jazz Festival. Prior to the Covid pandemic the chorus regularly achieved a top 10 position in competition including a Bronze medal at the UK National Championship and a Silver in Ireland. Hopefully they will do so again when they return to competition in 2023.

APEX JAZZ AND SWING BAND

This fine band was formed over 20 years ago by reedman Robin Mason and plays the music of Count Basie and Duke Ellington alongside more traditional fare.

ART THEMEN

Art Themen's career has taken in rhythm and blues and a distinguished career as a consultant orthopaedic surgeon before settling to become one of the most versatile, fluent and cogent tenor players around. Patrons of last year's Jazz



Ajay Srivastav


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THE BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS

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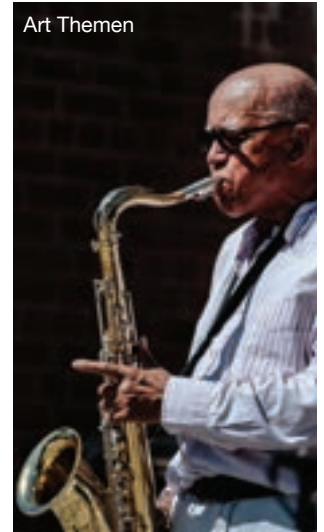
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MEET THE AUTHOR: PAUL FINCH

Lorraine Olley talks with Paul Finch about his work. A native of Wigan, Paul worked as a policeman and journalist before turning to writing fiction. After working on *The Bill*, he has since produced seven novels in the "Heck" series, three Lucy Clayburn novels and, most recently, a standalone novel, *Never Stand Alone*.

Art Themen



B.D. LENZ (USA)

New Jersey native B.D. Lenz is a guitarist whose style fuses the music of Pat Metheny, Mike Stern and Stevie Ray Vaughan. His versatility shows in his appearances in everything from orchestra pits to small combos, even accompanying an Elvis impersonator! His own music can be found on 12 acclaimed albums.

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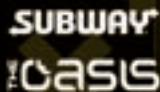
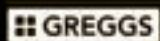
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Birmingham Big Band

Boys have become audience favourites at Henry's Blueshouse, playing a mix of blues, boogie and rock and roll in a guaranteed crowd-pleasing show.

BILLY THOMPSON TRIO

Billy Thompson is a classically trained improvising violinist from North Wales. His jazz career takes in Barbara Thompson's Paraphernalia and such names as Mike Westbrook, Jools Holland and Huw Warren, but mostly these days it's Billy Thompson Gypsy Style. Regular patrons of the Festival will remember Billy's performances from last year, as full of energy as of musicianship.

BIRMINGHAM BIG BAND

The Birmingham Big Band was formed by John Ruddick to give professional and semi-professional musicians a chance to meet up during the day and play more challenging charts than they were used to in their evening gigs. The highly experienced band members have appeared with the likes of Mel Torme,

Peggy Lee, Shirley Bassey, Bruce Forsyth and The Drifters. Quarterly concerts, with guest artists, are held and this year the band again tours Holland and Germany.

BIRMINGHAM URBAN SKETCHERS

This light-hearted Facebook group is made up of 722 members who just like to capture all things Birmingham and the Jazz Festival is a perfect event to do so. 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.

BOB WILSON AND HONEYBOY HICKLING


Bob and Honeyboy are a charismatic duo with many years' experience playing with the best. Guitarist Bob has worked with most of Birmingham's finest, including Steve Gibbons, Idle Race and Ruby Turner. In the 1970s he worked with American bluesmen Eddie Guitar Burns, Lightnin' Slim, Whispering Smith and the King Biscuit Boy. Harmonica player/singer Honeyboy can point to a long association with Steve Marriott and recording with Bo Diddley.

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BRUCE ADAMS

Bruce Adams' legendary richness of tone has recently been enhanced by his partnership with Eclipse trumpets, providing him with a trumpet, flugel and cornet.

An album of duos with Craig Milverton, *Keepin' Out of Mischief Now*, was released in the last few months to universal acclaim. Bruce's long career has brought him associations with many top players who value his spectacular technique and lyrical capacity – from Kenny Baker's Dozen to a regular feature spot in Alan Barnes' Octet.

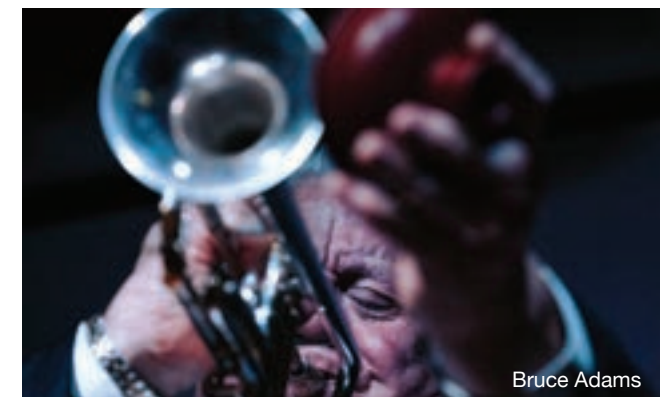
CATFISH KINGS

Singer Harry Lang leads a five-piece band from Bristol

FESTIVAL INFORMATION POINT

In the last two Jazz Festivals the volatility of the situation meant that the Festival Information Point at the Bull's Head was invaluable. This year, hopefully, the situation will be more stable, but nonetheless the Festival Information Point remains an important resource. With the closure of the Bull's Head, the Information Point moves round the corner to Velvet Music Rooms on Broad Street. There punters can pick up programmes and get the latest information.

that specialises in 1950s rock'n'roll, jump jive, New Orleans rhythm and blues, and swing. Long-time favourites at the Festival, they guarantee a show that will get the patrons up and dancing!



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CHASE JAZZMEN

Based in Shropshire, the Chase Jazzmen consist of musicians with a long pedigree in playing traditional jazz. Their repertoire consists of great jazz and popular music from the period 1900 to 1950, all performed with a touch of humour, plus songs associated with the likes of Frank Sinatra.

CHRIS BOWDEN QUARTET

Having started out with K-Creative in the early 1990s, alto saxist Chris Bowden is now well established on the Birmingham scene, comfortable in all styles from acoustic to hip hop and drum and bass. His most recent album, *Unlikely Being*, dates from 2018.

CINELLI BROTHERS

The Cinelli Brothers, Marco and Alessandro, have just been nominated in two categories at the UK Blues Awards: Best Band and Best Album for *Villa Jukejoint*. Not only that, the end of May saw the release of their latest album, *No Country for Bluesmen*, on which they

CHICKENBONE JOHN


Chickenbone John has been making and playing cigar box guitars for more than a decade. Having spent his youth in a punk band, his interest in music lapsed until he became fascinated by the sort of primitive guitars that the likes of BB King began on. From that he has built a huge reputation as "The Godfather of the Cigar Box Guitar", organising workshops and concerts, being featured on a BBC documentary and selling his three-string guitars worldwide.



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are supported by a host of top blues performers: Dana Gillespie, Ian Siegal, Big Joe Louis and the rest.

CLASSMATES

An award-winning male a cappella barbershop quartet, formed 15 years ago and now comprising David (tenor), John (lead), George (bass) and Henry (baritone).

DAVID NEWTON

16 times winner of the British Jazz Awards, David Newton is everyone's idea of the complete jazz pianist. From swinging stride piano to meditative improvisations to beautifully supportive accompaniments to singers, he has it all. From his emergence from Leeds College of Music in 1979, he instantly commanded a place at the top table of British jazz, a place he has shown no sign of vacating.

DENNY ILETT

Denny has been playing since the mid-1980s, bringing his guitar to bear on pretty much all kinds of jazz and blues. As Artistic Director and co-founder of the Bristol Jazz and Blues Festival he has brought many big names to the city as well as entertaining with his swing-style vocals as part of the Bruce/Ilett Big Band.

DIGBY FAIRWEATHER

Patron of the Jazz Festival and a distinctively melodic trumpeter, Digby Fairweather

has taken up a sequence of causes during his long career. As well as leading such bands as the Great British Jazz Band and his ever-popular Half Dozen, Digby has devoted himself to broadcasting, writing,

the National Jazz Archive and, most recently, the Jazz Centre UK in Southend. This year's new project is a new jazz club, Jazz at the Sands, in Southend which opened in April. Birmingham patrons can be



Denny Ilett



Cinelli Brothers

Eureka Jazz Band



expected to enjoy Digby's bubbling personality and encyclopaedic knowledge as well as his trumpet playing.

EUREKA JAZZ BAND

With a repertoire encompassing the melodic

and jazzy sounds of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, the Eureka Jazz Band appears in various forms, from a trio to a full marching band, with flexibility and entertainment value always top priorities.

FLORENCE JOELLE (FRANCE)

French-born, but London-based, Florence Joelle covers a wide field in her appreciation of jazz. Among other things she works as an A&R record

label consultant and gives talks as a jazz expert on Zoom. However, it's as a *chanteuse* with echoes of Edith Piaf and Peggy Lee that she will appear at the Festival, singing in a style summed up as a Franco-Anglo blend of Latin and classic jazz, vintage and contemporary blues, gypsy folk, 50s R&B and Parisian torch song.

GRANDMA'S BISCUIT TIN

A jazz band with a twist! Trad jazz, upbeat swing and original tunes in new arrangements, ranging from Ellington and Sinatra to Tom Waits. If you want a toe-tapping night of variety, then Grandma's Biscuit Tin's your band. Formed by prize-winning conservatoire musicians, Grandma's Biscuit Tin has played in venues across Birmingham, with an unusual line-up of keys, violin, tuba and drums supporting singer Linnea Markgren.

Digby Fairweather



Florence Joelle

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HITMAN BLUES BAND (USA)

A real coup for the Festival is booking the Hitman Blues Band which was formed in 1989 by Russell Alexander, the Hitman! Playing a brand of modern/alt blues that brings in more than a little humour, the band boasts a full brass section and three female backing singers! Russell himself spent many years playing with all sorts of bands

before settling down to the blues and producing seven CDs for the band. The band's sensational performances have brought a nomination for International Blues Act in the UK Blues Awards.

HOBO JOE

Hobo Joe is a three-piece blues and Americana band (mandolin, harmonica, guitar) led by The Whiskey Brothers' Richard Heath.

JAKE LEG JUG BAND

Having recently totted up their 300th gig and with a pretty full date sheet taking them towards 400, the Jake Leg Jug Band are definitely back in action post-Covid. A new live CD was issued in May and the band is having fun keeping alive the authentic spirit of 1930s America. Recently Alex Clarke, finalist in the BBC Young Jazz Musician and one of the most versatile young saxists, joined the band.



James Oliver

JAMES OLIVER BAND

As last year's festival-goers will recall, James Oliver is a formidable guitarist who plays with intensity and a remarkable technique. As Bill Kirchen said, 'James Oliver is the real deal, a passionate roots rocker loaded with

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Jake Leg Jug Band

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guitar firepower.' From 2012, first with GLAS and now with his own three-piece band, he has built such a reputation that in 2020 he was awarded the title Best Blues Emerging Artist.

JOBE SULLIVAN

Jobe Sullivan is a seasoned musician, a multi-instrumentalist with skills in many different genres. He takes a chameleon approach, welcoming a range of other musicians to join him. His programme will mainly consist of jazz standards and he will be joined by singer Dalma Sinka.

JOHN HEMMING AND THE JAZZ LOBBYISTS

Why the Jazz Lobbyists? John Hemming, political campaigner and former MP, is the link. Away from politics, John is a jazz enthusiast, a Festival Board member



John Hemming

and a polished pianist who can be relied upon to bring a first-class band to the Festival. His Lobbyists are now established as Festival regulars.

JULIE DEXTER AND HER BAND

Born in Birmingham, but long domiciled in the States, Julie Dexter brings her own band to the Jam House for

the Birmingham Festival. She also operates as a member of J-LIFE and runs her own Ketch a Vibe record label. Recently acclaimed as one of Black Women in Jazz at the Afro-Caribbean Soul of Jazz Awards, Julie is a major figure on the music scene of America.

LOL GOODMAN BAND

From Manchester the Lol Goodman Band is building a reputation as the band to see on the blues circuit. With four critically acclaimed albums to their credit, they play almost exclusively original blues/rock-inspired material.

"A blues masterpiece." – HRH magazine of *Scruddy and the Healing Sun*

MARTIN BURCH BAND

The Martin Burch Band from Leicester offer a ferocious take on the blues, making them crowd favourites at Henry's Blueshouse. Aside from



Lol Goodman Band



Martin Burch Band

Birmingham, they are playing the Dereham and Upton Blues Festivals this month.

NEIL COLEY BIG BAND

Based in Oldbury, the Neil Coley Big Band is a 17-piece made up of professionals and talented amateurs. With a repertoire that ranges from early 1920s material to the present day, they play a mix of the best of jazz, swing and big band jazz, including Latin, blues, soul and arrangements of modern pop classics. They are joined by star singer Rich Hazelwood.

NEW STREET AUTHORS

New Street Authors is a collective of independent, self-publishing writers based in and around Birmingham.

Launched in 2015 it quickly established itself as a major player in the West Midlands independent publishing scene.

Its members publish across a wide range of markets,

including literary fiction, science fiction, crime, fantasy, historical and children's, in a range of formats: novels, short stories, poetry, non-fiction and graphic novels.

New Street Authors present readings by: AA Abbott, David Wake, Dawn Abigail, Dawn Bolton, Jill Griffin, Jon Hartless, Lee Benson, Martin Tracey, Wanda Pierpoint-Jones



The Nitecrawlers

THE NITECRAWLERS

Regulars at Henry's Blueshouse will know that The Nitecrawlers aim to recreate the sheer enjoyment of the original R&B clubs of the 60s. With a lifetime of experience behind 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 bluegrass songs as they should be played, but with a twist of British wit on the side. With a classic line-up of banjo, guitar, double bass, fiddle and mandolin they offer tales of love, murder, whiskey and railroads alongside blistering solos and the sweetest of harmonies. Before Covid



Old Baby Mackerel

struck, Old Baby Mackerel had built an international reputation, including festivals in Germany, Italy and Switzerland and touring Asia.

PLATINUM SWING BAND

The Platinum Swing Band is a 16 piece band who formed just after the coronavirus sanctions

were lifted, comprising some of the Midlands' most respected musicians who have a major passion for playing swing music and a great desire for live entertainment. Directed by Phil Phillips, they present a tribute to the original 16 men swinging, the Count Basie Orchestra.



Playing Django

PLAYING DJANGO

Birmingham-based Hot Club of France devotees, Playing Django, have recently settled in to a new Monday night venue, De La Vies in Harborne after 15 years at La Bastille in the city centre and the Dark Horse at Moseley.

RICKY COOL & THE IN CROWD

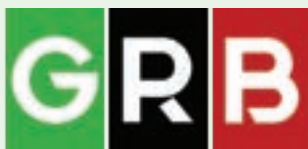
Formed in 2013 by singer/harmonica player Ricky Cool, the In Crowd mix rhythm and blues with Jamaican genres such as blue beat, ska and reggae. This is no nostalgia trip: the music is as relevant and exciting as ever, with sharp showmanship to the fore in dynamic stage performances.

RICKY COOL HARMONICA WORKSHOP

Ricky Cool, he of the In Crowd, will be conducting a demonstration-cum-workshop for aspiring harmonica players. You are welcome to attend, but, if you want to take part, make sure you bring along a diatonic Richter harmonica tuned to C.

ROY FORBES QUARTET

Song stylist Roy Forbes' vocal style is, as *Jazz UK* expressed it, 'infused with the warmth of his own personality.' His smooth treatment of the Great American Songbook has



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Second City
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Roy Forbes

seen him acclaimed at festivals as far apart as Milan, Marbella and St. Lucia as well as in his native Birmingham.

ROY FORBES' TEXAS RUMBLE

Roy Forbes is renowned as a smoothly dynamic singer of the Great American Songbook, but, as Covid struck, he decided to visit the origins of this music in the blues of T-Bone Walker, Gatmouth Brown, Bobby Bland, Albert Collins and Freddy King. So he got together a new band – his Texas Rumble – and for the past few months has branched out into the blues.

SARAH WARREN BAND

Formed 15 years ago by Sarah, one of the finest voices on the scene, and songwriter Nick Lyndon, the Sarah Warren Band is steeped in the bluesy country rock that never

goes away. In 2022 the band re-formed, with only Sarah and Nick remaining, and the new band is guaranteed to put on a brilliant live show.

SEAN DUGGAN

An up-and-coming singer/songwriter from Birmingham, Sean Duggan played his first gig in a crowded pub at the age of 14 and has carried on the same way. With a full,

mainly local date sheet, he commands an enthusiastic following and this year makes his Birmingham Jazz Festival debut.

SECOND CITY SOUND: LADIES' BARBERSHOP FROM BIRMINGHAM

Second City Sound is the only female barbershop and show chorus in Birmingham. Formed by Olive Ryder



Sean Duggan



Shakedown Brothers

Themen and bassist Tom Clarke-Hill, Shanghai Hustle will be seen out of about during the festival, with Sinatra-style vocals, exciting improvisations and a touch of the 1930s.

SHEILA WATERFIELD

Sheila Waterfield burst on the scene with performances at the Festival of Song Cheltenham, Jazz Live Grimsby and the Big Band Festival in Aberdeenshire, resulting in two albums and widespread acclaim. Her vocal style draws on jazz, blues, soul, folk and Latin to create an exciting mix. Now she has produced her third album, *Every Sunrise*.

'A beautiful, warm, expressive voice.' - Ron Bailey, *Jazz Live*.

THE SHUFFLEPACK

Led by singer/harmonica player/blues expert Stuart Maxwell, the Shufflepack plays shuffling blues in the classic style, from Chicago to the West Coast. The



Sheila Waterfield

with a couple of friends in her front room in 1990, it's now a registered charitable organisation raising funds for good causes whilst inviting women from around the West Midlands and further afield to join us. Our Music Director, Rob Barber, is a dynamic gold-medal winner helping us to push the boundaries of singing excellence, musicality and performance.

SHAKEDOWN BROTHERS

The Shakedown Brothers are an experienced Midlands-based five-piece who together present an eclectic and energetic brand of blues and blues/rock, serving up a passion-filled mix of

self-penned material and lesser-known songs by blues greats. Expect everything from the soulful sounds of the Delta to full-blown blues-rock.

SHANGHAI HUSTLE

An all-star trio comprising singer/guitarist Denny Ilett, tenor sax star Art



Simon Spillett



Strictly Jitterbug

music of Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Sonny Boy Williamson, the Kings and the rest, plus plenty of original material, guarantees a stomping, foot-tapping session.

SIMON SPILLETT

Shortly before Covid struck, top tenor saxophonist Simon Spillett had dusted down the parts for the old Tubby Hayes Big Band and the Simon Spillett Big Band was about to debut. Covid, of course, set that back, but Simon is now taking the big band on the road. This is, of course, alongside his crowded schedule of quartet appearances. Simon, the acknowledged expert on Tubby Hayes, keeps his memory alive by his own dynamic performances as well as by the many books/reviews/sleeve notes which he writes so elegantly.

STRICTLY JITTERBUG

The ever-popular dance classes run by Strictly Jitterbug are a much-loved feature of the Festival. Strictly Jitterbug have been teaching a mixture of East Coast Swing and Charleston for over ten years, including two years as resident dance teachers at Birmingham's Waterworks Jazz Club.

SUNJAY

Sunjay (born Sunjay Brain) is a folk and blues singer/songwriter from Brierley Hill. He received tremendous acclaim when he burst onto the folk scene a decade ago. A finalist in the BBC Young Folk Award, he picked up the Young Performers Award at the Wath Folk Festival and was nominated for the New Roots Award at St Albans and the British Blues Young Artist Award. He has produced six albums and supported the likes of Mud Morganfield, Albert Lee, Curved Air and Fairport Convention.

SWING CAFÉ

Led by popular Midlands singer Billie Baker, Swing Café is a swing and jazz band devoted to playing the best loved songs of the era from the 1920s to the 1950s. Fine melodies mix with a sound that keeps you on the sunny side of life!



Sunjay

Swing Cafe

**TINA LAW QUARTET**

In a 25-year professional career Tina Law has performed in top theatres, night clubs and cruise ships, supporting such big names as Tom O'Connor, Jim Davidson and Freddie Starr. Her repertoire ranges from the Great American Songbook to classic standards and big band swing. Tina has performed frequently as Barbra Streisand, winning the 2013 National Tribute Award.

TIPITINA

Named after the celebrated New Orleans club (or, maybe, the song) Tipitina bring to life the spirit of New Orleans, the music of Professor Longhair, Dr. John, Fats Domino, James Booker and Allen Toussaint. Debbie Jones' powerful vocals and Justin Randall's mastery of New Orleans piano make them regular favourites at the Festival where they recorded a live album in 2011.

Tipitina



Tina Law

**THE UPSIDERS**

'If you haven't heard of The Upsiders, then why the hell not?' – Neil Wilkes, 96.2 Touch FM

The Upsiders are fun personified. Having met at university, The Upsiders are friends who just want to invite you along to their party. Never boxed in by musical style or genre, their versatility knows no bounds, with songs in the style of funk, disco and pop.

VAL WISEMAN

Long established as one of the UK's top singers, Val Wiseman has established a relationship with the Festival with her performances

Val Wiseman



of *Lady Sings the Blues*, the definitive Billie Holiday tribute, recorded by Big Bear Records at the Festival, and also as a solo performer. Val is also an enthusiast for the Bronte Sisters and combined her two passions by writing, with Brian Dee, *Keeping the Flame Alive*, a song cycle based on the Brontes.

VASILIS XENOPOULOS (GREECE)

One of the finest Greek jazzmen of his generation, Vasilis Xenopoulos settled in London on completing his studies at Berklee College in Boston. He soon made an impact and in 2017 formed XPQ (the Vasilis/Price Quartet) with Nigel Price with whom he tours prolifically.

'Old school warmth and modern-day dynamism.' - *Jazzwise*

WALTER SMITTY AND THE UNVIABLES

With vocals from Suzi Woods, whose sophisticated stylings have brought her an appearance before Princess Grace of Monaco, the Unviables provide a mix of Latin, jazz, blues and chart classics to ensure an upbeat ambience for summer audiences.

THE WESTSIDE HOUSE BAND

Westside BID has been an energetic supporter of the Jazz Festival for a number of years.

With the team that looks after the BID there is much musical talent, so what better than to channel that talent into a live band to further support the 2022 Jazz Festival?

Lorraine Olley vocals
Elaine Weir vocals
Jeff Weir bass guitar
Danielle Robinson lead guitar
Ryan Weir keys

WHISKEY BROTHERS

Fast becoming festival favourites at Birmingham, Big Bear recording artists the Whiskey Brothers are Richard Heath on vocals and mandolin



Westside House Band

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-time acoustic blues combined with their own material.

YOU'RE NEVER ALONE WITH A UKE!

One of the Birmingham Festival's most popular features returns! Putting smiles on to the faces of ukulele enthusiasts of all ages is the return of Julian Cockshott of Ukulele Rocks with informal workshops for all levels of ability from absolute beginners upwards. No Birmingham Festival would be truly complete without a gathering of happy amateurs strumming away under Julian's vigorous, but kindly, leadership.



You're Never Alone With A Uke



The Whiskey Brothers

RHYTHM TEAMS

BILL COLEMAN

For many years the bassist with Kenny Ball's Band, Bill Coleman is a stalwart of the accompanying trios at the Birmingham Festival, playing with taste and an unerring sense of swing.

BILL HAYES

Walsall-based pianist cut his teeth on working Summer seasons and winter on the cruise ships, but in the last ten years has increasingly worked in the jazz idiom with leaders such as Dutch Lewis.



Dave Storer



Craig Milverton

CRAIG MILVERTON

Among the highlights of a 35-year career in jazz is taking part in the first ever jazz concert in Albania with Julian Stringle. A most accomplished pianist with stylistic links to Oscar Peterson, Craig has spent many years on assorted Digby Fairweather projects, has a show with Louise Parker called *When Oscar Met Billie* and recently produced an acclaimed duo album with Bruce Adams, *Keepin' Out of Mischief Now*.

DAVE STORER

Bassist/bass guitarist Dave Storer is a graduate of the Birmingham Conservatoire and vastly experienced in a variety of styles, from accompanying Katherine Jenkins to playing in bands at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, taking in jazz and rock music en route.

JAMES OWSTON

Conservatoire-trained bassist James Owston was a finalist in the BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year and began his jazz career by joining the Clark Tracey Quintet.

JIM BASHFORD

Initially self-taught as a drummer, Jim Bashford then studied at Birmingham Conservatoire and went on to become a faculty member. A remarkably busy musician, he has toured with such names as Katie Melua.

MALCOLM GARRETT

Master-drummer and tutor at the Birmingham Conservatoire, Malcolm Garrett is always first choice among visiting soloists to occupy the drum chair. A drummer of great taste and technique, he has been a stalwart of the Jazz Festival for many years.

MILES LEVIN

As son of one of Britain's top jazz drummers, Tony Levin, Miles Levin has plenty to live up to, but, working with the likes of Paul Dunmall, he has built his own reputation as a fine drummer and will play his part in the Festival's rhythm teams.

TASH BUXTON-LEWIS

A highly regarded drummer in the Birmingham area, Tash is a regular member of the Steve King Big Band and works as a duo with Dino Baptiste. She will appear at the Festival as a member of the accompanying rhythm sections.

TOM CLARKE-HILL

Tom Hill is an actor and voice over artist who came to Birmingham from California many years ago. His voice and sense of humour have graced various Jazz Festival shows over the years, but mainly his role has been as a stylish and capable double bass player whose services are much in demand from visiting soloists.

TOM LINDSAY

Pianist/singer Tom Lindsay, who will appear in the accompanying trios at the Festival, brought out his debut album, *Now's The Time*, in 2019. His style and lyrical wit have seen him tour all over the country with his own groups and the 18-piece State 51 Swing Orchestra, as well as playing such festivals as Montreux and Bologna.

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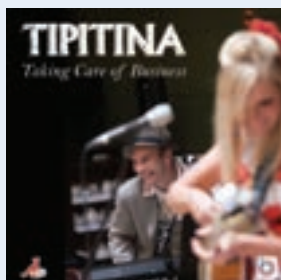
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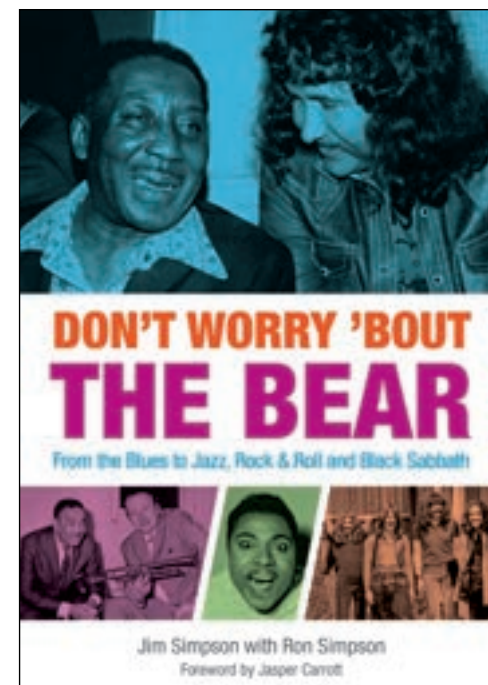
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We've got a bunch of fine musicians playing our Festival this year - and quite a few new faces. But we're really sorry not to be able to welcome back a lot of folk who have become good friends over the years. One of the consequences of Brexit. Don't Worry, they will all be back in 2023.

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