

Edinburgh
Jazz
& Blues
Festival

14-23 JULY 2023



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WELCOME

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A BUMPER EDITION OF THE EDINBURGH JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY.

For 10 days, the city will light up to the sounds of jazz and blues from New Orleans to Oslo and beyond as we present some of the world's finest jazz and blues artists.

From the iconic Spiegeltent and much-loved Queen's Hall, to award-winning bakeries, churches and community centres, concerts will take place right across the city. St Bride's Centre in Dalry will become a festival hub, presenting over 30 concerts. Those of you who have been before will have appreciated the intimate setting and the great acoustics.

In addition to presenting a full spectrum of jazz and blues, we have some special themes in 2023 and, to help you navigate our programme, we have some directional markers throughout the brochure. Also look out for the Edinburgh Firsts logo, which lets you know the bands that are playing EJBF for the first time.

On top of our programme of concerts we have our much-loved, family-friendly, free events, **MARDI GRAS** and **EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CARNIVAL**, Scotland's largest and most flamboyant multicultural event in the heart of the city.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events.


Clr. Jason Rust
Chair, Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival

2023 THEMES

SCOTTISH JAZZ EXPO The creative heart of every EJBF programme. A series of concerts featuring original commissions, new collaborations and brand-new projects by Scottish musicians.

SPARK NORWAY SPARK showcases the best in jazz from our international programme partners. In 2023, SPARK will focus on jazz from Norway with a programme curated by **Øyvind Skjerven Larsen**, Director of Oslo Jazz Festival.

FLUX Crossing the boundaries of jazz, hip-hop, afrobeat, funk, dub and more.

 Jazz from Italy including international programme partners i-Jazz curating two next generation bands.

FIND US ONLINE    

TICKETS

Online at [EDINBURGHJAZZFESTIVAL.COM](https://www.edinburghjazzfestival.com)

By Phone on **0131 226 0013** and in Person at **180 High Street EH1 1QS** between 10am and 6pm Monday to Friday and every day of the festival.

Tickets are also available from Assembly George Square Box Office from the start of the festival.

For **Jools Holland**, you can book via our website, call **Festival Theatre** on **0131 529 6000** or visit them at **13-29 Nicolson St, Edinburgh EH8 9FT**

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT of 10% is available for customers booking **5 or more different shows priced at £10 or above**, excluding concerts at Festival Theatre and Jazz Bar Jam Sessions.

Please note: This offer only applies for as many people as are attending all 5 (or more) shows and for tickets booked in one transaction. Offer only available **until Friday 9 June**.

UNDER 16S GO FREE to any concert at the George Square Spiegeltent or St Bride's that starts before 9pm, if accompanied by an adult. These tickets must be booked in advance and are subject to availability on **0131 226 0013**. Babes in arms go free to any concerts starting before 9pm, except Jazz Bar and Leith Arches.

STUDENT STANDBY CONCESSIONS tickets priced **£5** will be available on the door for selected concerts – we will announce the concerts on **Friday 30 June** on our website and on social media. Proof of status must be shown.

 **EJBF23 ONLINE**
EXPERIENCE OUR DIGITAL FESTIVAL

For just **£10**, you can enjoy 10 exclusive online concerts from a host of talented musicians. The concerts will be available until **Sunday 13 August** so you can enjoy your favourite artists again and again. We will announce the full programme on **Monday 5 June**.

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SCOTTISH STARS
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SISTER COOKIE



SPARK: JAZZ FROM NORWAY
ARILD ANDERSEN



FLUX
IBIBIO SOUND MACHINE



BLUES ICONS
POPA CHUBBY



RISING STARS
ALI WATSON



SENSATIONAL SINGERS
GEORGIA CÉCILE



FUNK LEGENDS
HAMISH STUART



CELEBRATING THE HISTORY
PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA



FESTIVAL THEATRE

13-29 Nicolson Street EH8 9FT

This plush Victorian auditorium has sumptuous decor, lavish fittings and a modern glass fronted foyer with bars on three levels.

Doors open 30 minutes before concert start time.

Reserved seating, fully accessible.



QUEEN'S HALL

85-89 Clerk Street EH8 9JG

Converted 19th Century Georgian Church with central table seats/standing area surrounded by traditional pews and a gallery.

Doors open 30 minutes before concert start time.

Fully accessible. Reserved seating. Ibibio Sound Machine: Unreserved & Standing.



ST BRIDE'S CENTRE

10 Orwell Terrace, Edinburgh EH11 2DZ

The former church building is a unique and beautiful space with original features, and a great acoustic. The venue has raked seating.

Doors open 30 minutes before concert start time.

Unreserved seating, fully accessible spaces available, please advise on booking.



THE JAZZ BAR

1 Chambers Street EH1 1HR

Atmospheric basement venue with limited seats and tables with alcove seating.

Doors open 15 minutes before concert start time.

Unreserved and limited seating, no wheelchair access.



GEORGE SQUARE SPIEGELTENT

George Square Gardens EH8 9JZ

The ultimate cabaret and music salon with a central seating area circled by booths. Set in the attractive surrounds of George Square Gardens.

Doors open 15 minutes before concert start time.

Unreserved seating, fully accessible. Please ask about alternative accessible entrance at the time of booking. Some gigs standing - please check listings.



LA BELLE ANGELE

11 Hastie's Close, Edinburgh EH1 1HJ

Nightclub hidden in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town.

Doors open 30 minutes before concert start time.

All performances are standing with some very limited seating. This venue is not wheelchair accessible.

AROUND TOWN

Bellfield

Portobello EH15 2BP

Currie Community Centre

EH14 5RU

The Community Wellbeing Space

EH14 2SW

Edinburgh Airport

EH12 9DN

Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

EH17 7LB

Heriot's Rugby Club

EH3 5QN

Leith Arches

EH6 8LY

Leith Dockers Club

EH6 7EE

Meadowbank Church

EH7 5TT

Murrayfield Church

EH12 6EQ

Napier University (Summer School)

Craiglockhart EH14 1DJ

North Merchiston Club

EH11 1EP

Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre

EH13 9EU

PASS Theatre

Granton EH5 1QE

Patina

Edinburgh Park EH12 9GR

Pianodrome

Ocean Terminal EH6 6JJ

For information on all our venues please see

EDINBURGHJAZZFESTIVAL.COM

FREE EVENT VENUES

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

Princes Street & Princes Street Gardens EH2 2HG

MARDI GRAS

Grassmarket EH1 2HS

From **Thursday 13 to Sunday 17 July**, Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival and Edinburgh Festival Carnival will be presenting daily **free** showcase performances at **EDINBURGH AIRPORT** – to see the schedule, please check our website from early June.



EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY JAZZ SUMMER SCHOOL

Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY

17 – 21 July 2023

Led by saxophonist **Sue Mackenzie**, the summer school is open to all musicians over the age of 14 and you should ideally be around Grade 5 or above on your chosen instrument (although previous experience of playing jazz is not a requirement). The course promises a cross-generational, intensive immersion into the practical aspects of playing jazz, delivered by an expert team of tutors. As part of the experience, you will be given complimentary access to number of selected festival concerts during the week and round the week off with a concert (see page 28) as part of the festival programme on **Friday 21 July**.

Find out more at EDINBURGHJAZZFESTIVAL.COM/SUMMER-SCHOOL



ALI AFFLECK'S STOMP OFF!

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 7-9pm 🎟 £15

It is midnight in New Orleans in the prohibition parlour world of Jellyroll Morton, King Oliver, and the pioneering 'Traveling Jane' Queens of early jazz and blues.

Join American award-winning vocalist **Ali Affleck** and her new 'four nation' hot jazz band in celebration of the roots of the music that changed the world. She is joined by a top-notch band featuring **Enrico Tomasso** (cornet/ trumpet), **Mathieu Meyer** (piano), **Ross Baird** (guitar), **Martin Foster** (reeds), **Roy Percy** (bass) and **Stu Brown** (drums).

“ Music from another time and place, which puts smiles on the faces of the here and now.”
The Herald



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POTATO HEAD JAZZ BAND

📍 Heriot's Rugby Club
🕒 8-11pm 🎟 £15 (14+)

A no-holds-barred, fun recreation of authentic early New Orleans jazz from Clarence Williams, Jelly Roll Morton and early Louis Armstrong. Spain's leading Dixieland band present musically sharp, show-stopping, totally captivating performances.

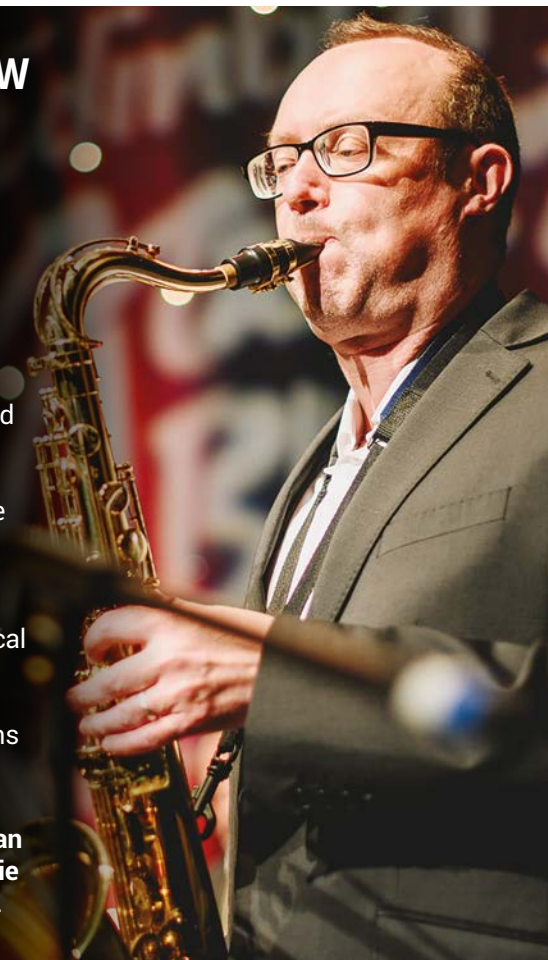
Presented in association with
Edinburgh Jazz & Jive Club

MARTIN KERSHAW QUINTET PLAY LEE KONITZ

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £15

Iconic saxophonist **Lee Konitz** is a musician who needs no introduction to jazz audiences. The legendary saxophonist and leading figure in cool jazz was noted for his daring harmonies and expressive playing. Stellar Scottish saxophonist **Martin Kershaw** has long cited Konitz as one of his musical influences and, with his all-star quintet, he pays homage to one of the titans of the music.

Martin Kershaw (alto sax)
Helena Kay (tenor sax) **Alan Benzie** (piano) **Ewan Hastie** (bass) **Max Popp** (drums).



AT THE JAZZ BAR



NATHAN SOMEVI TRIO

🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A name on the rise! Fusing jazz classics and soul with a dash of gospel, Nathan draws parallels with the music of Herbie Hancock and Sonny Rollins, delivering joyous and hypnotic music.



PETER JOHNSTONE TRIO

🕒 8.30-10pm 🎟 £12.50

Scottish pianist **Peter Johnstone** creates music packed with emotional twists and turns - from the quiet and contemplative to the exuberant. Taking inspiration from mainstream and contemporary jazz, classical and world music, his trio features the talents of **Brodie Jarvie** (bass) and **Stephen Henderson** (drums).

JAM SESSION

🕒 10.30pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

The classic after hours blow. The top-notch house trio will be joined by a host of talented musicians.

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FLUX

LONDON AFROBEAT COLLECTIVE

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 10.30pm-12.30am 🎟 £15 (Standing)

Prepare to party! After their sell-out gig at EJBF19, **London Afrobeat Collective** have taken their vibrant, groove-driven, floor-filling tunes to festivals across Europe. The nine-strong band are an incendiary live act who channel the spirit of the Afrobeat founder, Fela Kuti, Parliament Funkadelic and Frank Zappa to create bass-heavy rhythms and soaring melodies - guaranteed to get you grooving.

GRAHAM COSTELLO'S STRATA

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 9-11pm 🎟 £15

One of the most exciting and innovative bands on the Scottish jazz scene, **STRATA** play original music fusing jazz, rock, and classical minimalism. Pushing the boundaries of the genres, they create a new unique sound combining high-energy polyrhythms, improvisation and collective groove. Lead by visionary drummer **Graham Costello** the band also features pianist **Fergus McCreadie** and saxophonist **Harry Weir**.



“ Intense, hypnotic... frankly thrilling.”
The Times



MARDI GRAS



FULL
LINE-UP
ANNOUNCED
EARLY JULY

A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS IN THE HEART OF HISTORIC EDINBURGH

EDINBURGHJAZZFESTIVAL.COM

SATURDAY 15 JULY

📍 The Grassmarket
🕒 1-4pm 🎟 Free Entry (Standing)

Non-stop entertainment and a party atmosphere as a host of bands perform on multiple stages, bringing Dixieland, funk, soul and brass band music to the heart of Edinburgh. This year's line-up includes **Dixie Fried**, **Pitchblenders**, **Glamour & The Baybes** and many more!

SATURDAY 15 JULY

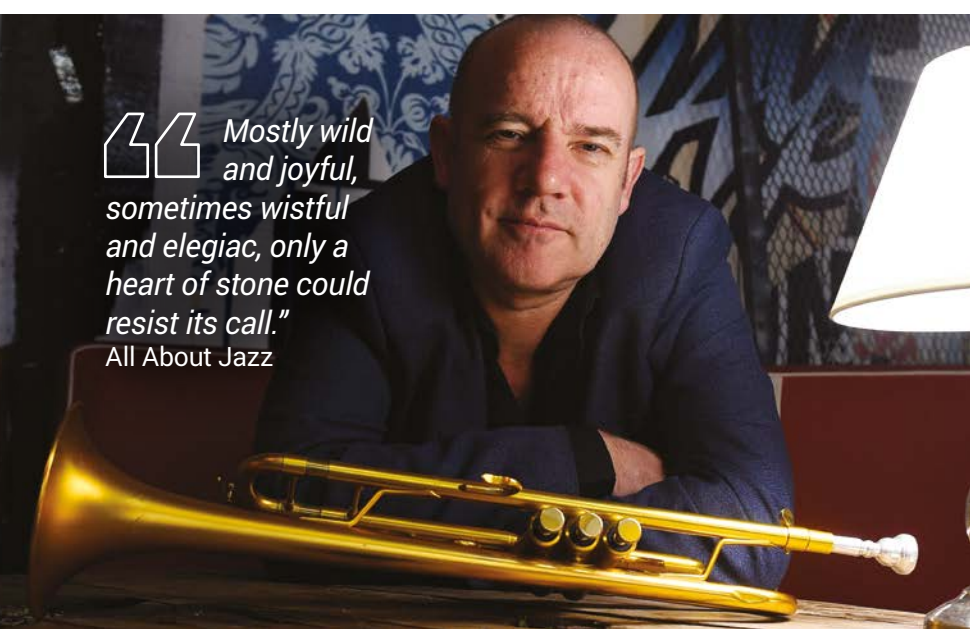
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COLIN STEELE: STRAMASH

📍 George Square Speigeltent
🕒 7-9pm 🎟 £17.50

Exhilarating jazz-folk-classical juggernaut led by powerhouse trumpeter **Colin Steele**. With tunes of a grand scale and emotional power, **STRAMASH** embraces traditional Scottish music with chamber strings and improvisation. Featuring **Colin Steele** (trumpet), **Phil Bancroft** (saxophone), **Rory Campbell** (bagpipes/whistle), **Chris Stout** and **Seonaid Aitken** (fiddles), **Patsy Reid** (fiddle/viola), **Sonia Cromarty** (cello), **Dave Milligan** (piano), **Calum Gourley** (bass), **Alyn Cosker** (drums).

“ Mostly wild and joyful, sometimes wistful and elegiac, only a heart of stone could resist its call.”
All About Jazz



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BRIAN KELLOCK AND ENRICO TOMASSO

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 2-3.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A feast for lovers of mainstream jazz as Scottish swing jazz titan, pianist **Brian Kellock** plays with one of the UK's finest trumpeters, **Enrico Tomasso**. The duo deliver swinging melodies, toe-tapping rhythms and classy jazz. Expect an afternoon of joyful and passionate playing full of improvisation, excitement and humour.

BLUES AFTERNOON: STEPHEN HULL EXPERIENCE | LIZ JONES & BROKEN WINDOWS WITH AL BROWN | SANDY TWEEDDALE BAND & GUS MUNRO



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📍 George Square Speigeltent
🕒 1-4pm 🎟 £20

Making his Edinburgh debut, **Stephen Hull** is one of the rising stars on the American blues scene. The Wisconsin guitarist and vocalist takes cues from Albert King and B.B. King with his sweet, soulful guitar sound. Balance that with his stellar lead vocals and infectious buoyant personality and you've got the Stephen Hull Experience! **Liz Jones** mixes blues, Americana, folk and roots music, providing the perfect backdrop for her powerful smoky vocals and compelling guitar. Her band, **Broken Windows**, will be joined by Glasgow blues guitar star **Al Brown** for this special set. Opening the afternoon, **Sandy Tweeddale's** band is joined by **Gus Munro**. Both these guitarists and singers are inspired by the sophisticated slide styles of Derek Trucks and the Allman Brothers.



STEPHEN HENDERSON'S MODERN VIKINGS

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📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 9-11pm 🎟 £12.50

Stephen Henderson's **Modern Vikings** brings together five of Scotland's brightest, most creative jazz talents. Drummer Henderson leads an all-star line-up of **Konrad Wiszniewski** (saxes), **Fergus McCreadie** (piano), **David Bowden** (bass) and **Graeme Stephen** (guitar). Together, they create a lively, energetic sound, inspired by Scottish and Scandinavian folk music with a strong emphasis on melody and grooves.



POTATO HEAD JAZZ BAND

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 5.30-6.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A no-holds-barred, fun recreation of authentic early New Orleans jazz from Clarence Williams, Jelly Roll Morton and early Louis Armstrong. Spain's leading Dixieland band present musically sharp, show-stopping, totally captivating performances.

AT THE JAZZ BAR



ENRICO ZANISI SOLO

🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A welcome return for this great piano talent from Rome. His broad palette covers influences from Schumann and Wagner presented with the dynamics of contemporary jazz. Subtle, tender music full of exciting and inventive melodies.



DISHWASHER

🕒 8.30-10pm 🎟 £15

Part of Belgium's thriving jazz scene, **Dishwasher** are making waves across Europe. This trio mix electronic music, Balkan rhythms, hip-hop and even metal with subtle acoustic beats they create a fresh blend of jazz and electronica.

JAM SESSION

🕒 10.30pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

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MAIN STREET BLUES | SAFEHOUSE

📍 La Belle Angele
🕒 7.30-9.30pm 🎟 £12.50 (18+) (Standing)

A red-hot double bill from two of Scotland's best-loved blues bands. **Main Street Blues** have an excellent reputation for putting on a top class, exciting and energetic live show. They play up-tempo electric blues with a broad range of R'n B and funk influences. **Safehouse** deliver red hot blues wherever they go. The southern rock specialists play music steeped in influences from Robert Johnson to The Rolling Stones and feature **John Bruce's** stunning guitar, gravel voiced singer **Chris Peebles** plus **Ali Petrie** (keys), **Andrew Stirling** (bass) and Blues N Trouble founder **Sean Scott** (drums).



MICHAEL ROACH

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📍 Oxbgangs Neighbourhood Centre
🕒 7.30-9pm 🎟 £10

Guitarist and early country blues specialist **Michael Roach** presents a solo set that is perfect for this intimate venue. Promising an evening of good company and great music, his knowledge of the blues is matched only by his expert playing and vocals. He takes audiences on a musical journey back to the 1920s and the soulful blues of America's east coast.

EJBF FIRST **FLUX**

corto.alto

📍 George Square Speigeltent
🕒 10.30pm-12.30am 🎟 £15 (Standing)

Led by brilliant trombonist **Liam Shortall**, **corto.alto** are an incendiary band packed with talented musicians – a who's who from the vibrant Glasgow jazz scene. Wherever they play, they deliver a unique blend of jazz, hip-hop, classic soul and drum and bass and they get dancefloors jumping. Trombonist and singer **Anoushka Nanguy** joins the band for this one-off gig – expect musical fireworks from some of the hottest players around.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 16 JULY

1PM – PARADE ON PRINCES STREET

2.30PM – PRINCES STREET GARDENS

Edinburgh's Princes Street is transformed with a kaleidoscope of colour, sound, and movement, as the Carnival brings together local and international artists for an awe-inspiring display of costumes, dance, music - the perfect FREE day out for all ages.

Over 800 performers will take to Edinburgh's Princes Street with a celebration of music, dance, costumes, puppets, circus and acrobatics. This year's parade features community groups from across Edinburgh, alongside KalentuRa Drums from the Netherlands, the Burntisland & District Pipe Band and many more!

The festivities continue with performances at Ross Bandstand and throughout Princes Street Gardens - from an extended samba explosion to Chinese dancers and dragons. The afternoon culminates with a musical showcase by the The Caribbean Music Festival: Windrush 75.

JULY EVENTS

GOODTREES MINI CARNIVAL

1 Jul, 2-5pm | Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

WESTER HAILES COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

8 Jul, 2-5pm | The Community Wellbeing Space, Wester Hailes
In partnership with SCORE Scotland, The Community Wellbeing Collective, Edinburgh Art Festival

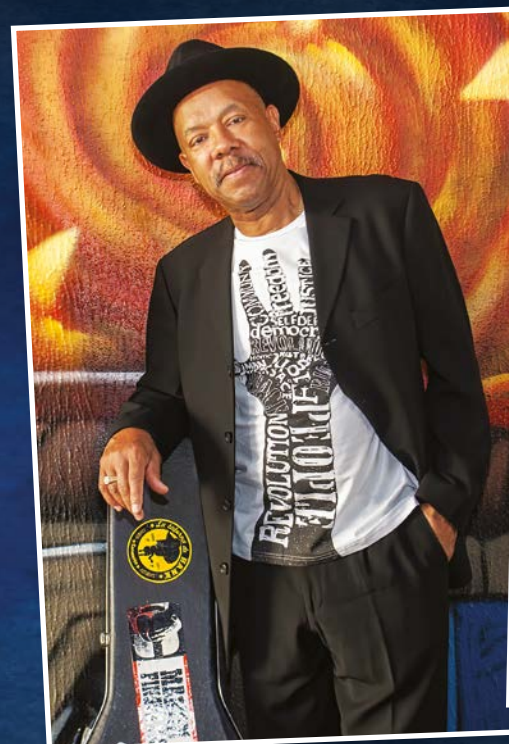
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BLUES AFTERNOON: MICHAEL ROACH | ANDREW EUSTACE BAND
| MARCUS BONFANTI BAND

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George Square Spiegelent
1-4pm £19.50

Described by The Guardian as 'the next British guitar hero' Marcus Bonfanti plays authentic blues whether it's acoustic folk, gutsy country or stomping electric. He is the complete package - a gifted singer with a deep, rich, powerful vocals, a talented songwriter, and an incredible guitarist. Glasgow-based guitarist Andrew Eustace has the blues in his bones. With gritty vocals and swaying guitar riffs, he skilfully evokes the greats of years gone by. American guitarist and early country blues specialist Michael Roach's knowledge of the blues is matched only by his expert playing, taking audiences on a musical journey back to the 1920s and the soulful blues of America's east coast with this solo set.

PLAYTIME FEATURING ZOE RAHMAN

St Bride's Centre
8.30-10.30pm £12.50

MOBO award-winning, vibrant and highly individual pianist and composer Zoe Rahman starts a mini-residency with EJBF. For this special concert, she joins Scottish ensemble Playtime. Renowned for welcoming some of the brightest talents of today's scene to join them for a memorable live experience, Playtime are Martin Kershaw (saxophone), Graeme Stephen (guitar), Mario Caribé (bass) and Tom Bancroft (drums).



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“Stupendous gypsy jazz, and a superb singer.”
Scotsman

ROSE ROOM

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 5.30-7pm 🎟 £17.50

Back by popular demand! Fronted by fiddle player and songstress, **Seonaid Aitken**, **Rose Room** combine brilliant musicianship and personalities. The festival favourites recreate the excitement of Rive Gauche Paris of the 30s and 40s, celebrating the gypsy jazz made famous by names like Stéphane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt.



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CELEBRATING BURT BACHARACH

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 2-3.30pm 🎟 £12.50

Burt Bacharach was one of the most important and influential figures in 20th century popular music. Combining jazz, rock, pop and rock with Brazilian music, his songs are known across the world. Saxophonist **Laura MacDonald**'s band pays tribute to a legend of the music world featuring much-loved tunes like *Catch a Falling Star*, *A House is Not a Home* and *Alfie*.

AT THE JAZZ BAR



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SUE MACKENZIE TRIO

🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £12.50

Sue Mackenzie's gloriously pure and rich saxophone sound brings atmosphere and groove in equal measures. For this performance, she will be joined by innovative harpist, composer and singer **Esther Swift** and percussionist **Jose Rojas Navea**.



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“A voice like you wouldn't believe.”
The National

THE GREAT HIPSTER SONGBOOK

🕒 8-9.30pm 🎟 £12.50

Join vocalist/saxophonist **Angus Munro** and his floor-stomping trio as they interpret modern indie classics into authentic American Standards of the 20th century.

JAM SESSION

🕒 10pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

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DAYKODA

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 5-6.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A hard-hitting, addictive sound full of beats and exhilarating melodies forged by an innovative combination of electronic music, jazz and hip-hop. Inspired by Flying Lotus, Kamaal Williams, and Thundercat, this quartet create atmospheric and emotional music with unexpected twists that leave audiences wanting more.

LAKECIA BENJAMIN

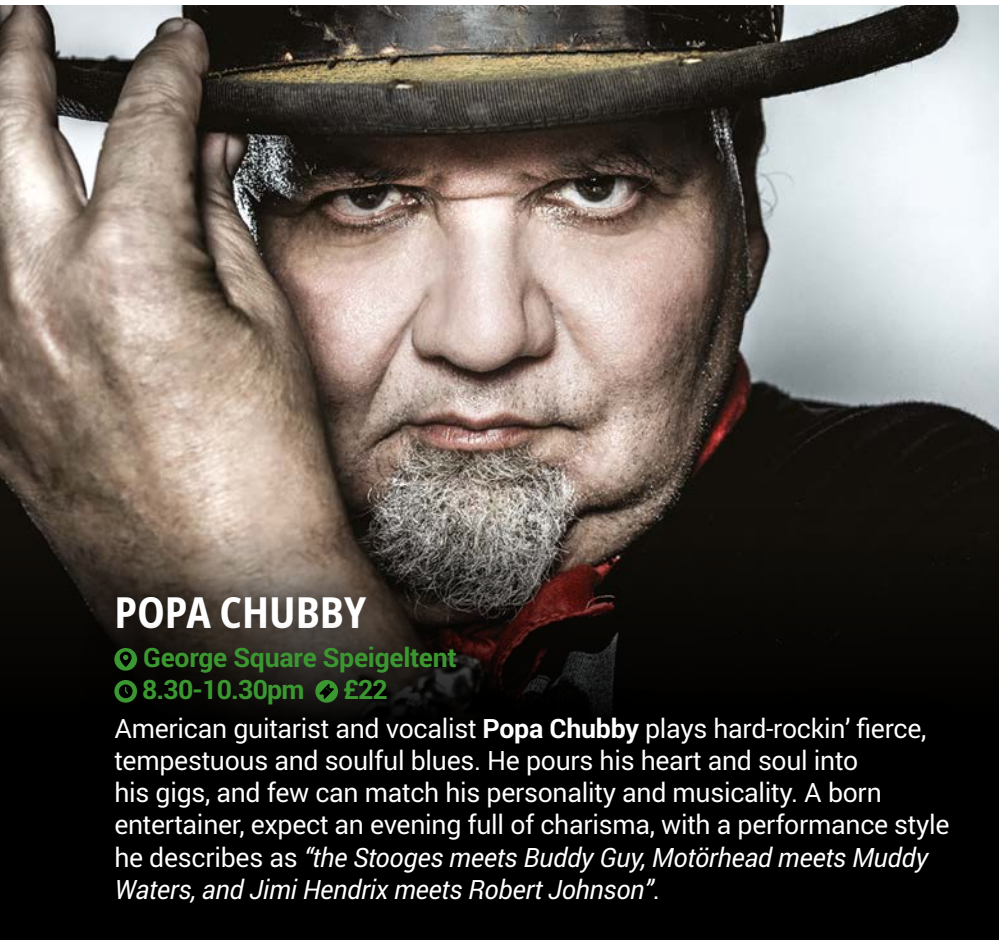
📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 8.30-10.30pm 🎟 £20

Set to become one of the stars of the music, American saxophonist **Lakecia Benjamin**'s career is on a stratospheric rise, with her new album *Phoenix* making waves across the world. She is fierce and fearless, offering a fervent embrace of the jazz canon mixed with the influences of today. With music ranging from ebullient to mystical and enticing, Benjamin's soaring saxophone and virtuoso band are incredible live – don't miss this Edinburgh debut.



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“Alto saxophonist **Lakecia Benjamin** plays jazz sprinkled with the rich flavours of funk and soul—she's a crafty traditionalist who remains in step with the rhythms of the young generation.”
The New Yorker



POPA CHUBBY
 Ⓞ George Square Speigeltent
 Ⓞ 8.30-10.30pm Ⓞ £22

American guitarist and vocalist **Popa Chubby** plays hard-rockin' fierce, tempestuous and soulful blues. He pours his heart and soul into his gigs, and few can match his personality and musicality. A born entertainer, expect an evening full of charisma, with a performance style he describes as "the Stooges meets Buddy Guy, Motörhead meets Muddy Waters, and Jimi Hendrix meets Robert Johnson".



DICK LEE: BECHET NOUVEAU
 Ⓞ St Bride's Centre
 Ⓞ 2-4pm Ⓞ £12.50

Sidney Bechet was the undisputed king of early New Orleans jazz clarinet and one of the most innovative and original soprano saxophonists in jazz. He played with huge power and a big vibrato, in a style that brought New Orleans warmth to classic jazz and swing. Clarinettist, **Dick Lee**, has long been inspired by Bechet and his six-piece band features singer **Ali Affleck** and trumpeter **Colin Steele**.

HAFTOR MEDBØE & FABIO GIACHINO

Ⓞ St Bride's Centre
 Ⓞ 6-7pm Ⓞ £12.50

A brand new partnership. Popular Scottish based Norwegian guitarist, **Haftor Medbøe** will be joined by virtuoso Italian pianist **Fabio Giachino**. They will blend classical influences and electronic sounds with jazz improvisation.




ORIGINAL PINETTES BRASS BAND
 Ⓞ George Square Speigeltent
 Ⓞ 6-7.30pm Ⓞ £20

A real coup for the festival! Straight out of New Orleans, the **Pinettes** are an all-female brass band making waves across the globe with their killer live shows. Playing a mix of crowd-pleasing standards and clever covers, their energetic fusion of jazz, pop, R'n'B, and funk, perfectly blend to form a flavourful gumbo of melodies and rhythms that will transport you to the streets of the Crescent City.

AT THE JAZZ BAR



BEN SHANKLAND TRIO
 Ⓞ 6-7pm Ⓞ £12.50

Pianist **Ben Shankland** continues to make a name on the Scottish jazz scene. His compositions show many influences from traditional recordings, but bring a fresh contemporary jazz sound.

THE JAZZ BAR BIG BAND
 Ⓞ 8-9.30pm Ⓞ £18

The Monday night big band deliver a new programme featuring arrangements by legendary trumpeter Jimmy Deuchar and with special guest **Bruce Adams**. **Limited Capacity**

JAM SESSION
 Ⓞ 10pm-12am Ⓞ £10 (18+)

The classic after hours blow. The top-notch house trio will be joined by a host of talented musicians. **Presented by the Jazz Bar**

EJBF FIRST SCOTTISH JAZZ EXPO SPARK NORWAY



ELEPHANT 9 | HARRY WEIR'S BLUE BOAR BRASS
 Ⓞ La Belle Angele
 Ⓞ 8-10pm Ⓞ £18 (18+) (Standing)

Elephant 9 is a musical monster. The Norwegian jazz rock trio play with strong echoes of Miles Davis' electric period. Dazzling and daring, their music is undeniably compelling, moving from powerful moments to subtle, soaring soundscapes, and their breathless playing is born out of concise and intuitive musicianship. "Music that is lush and mysterious, but still inherently groovy" Jazz Man. Led by saxophonist **Harry Weir**, **Blue Boar Brass** are a brass band with a twist. Influenced by the Hypnotic Brass Ensemble and El Michels Affair, this dynamic quintet plays with huge drive and attack and their set includes originals as well as covers of songs by Björk, Kanye West and System of a Down.

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ZOE RAHMAN TRIO WITH LAURA MacDONALD AND HELENA KAY
 Ⓞ St Bride's Centre
 Ⓞ 8.30-10.30pm Ⓞ £17.50

Pianist and composer, **Zoe Rahman** is one of the brightest stars on the contemporary jazz scene. Her music is deeply rooted in jazz but reflects her herclassical background and the MOBO award-winning artist is known for her powerful technique and exuberant performance. Her trio of **Andy Clyndert** (bass) and **Gene Calderazzo** (drums) will be joined by Scottish saxophonists **Laura MacDonald** and **Helena Kay** to play music from Zoe's new album *Colour of Sound*.

FERGUS McCREADIE & CHARLIE STEWART
 Ⓞ Meadowbank Church
 Ⓞ 7.30-8.45pm Ⓞ £12.50

A summit meeting of young Scottish musical titans as pianist, **Fergus McCreadie** pairs up with fiddler, **Charlie Stewart** to explore their shared love of jazz and traditional music. Exhilarating music in the beautiful surroundings of Meadowbank Church.



TENEMENT JAZZ BAND WITH MORTEN GUNNAR LARSEN

📍 George Square Spiegelent
🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £17.50

Tenement are reviving the sounds of traditional New Orleans Jazz in Scotland, bringing new energy and excitement to music that was shocking and thrilling in equal measure in its time. For one night only, they are joined by one of the world's leading exponents of classic jazz and stride piano, **Morten Gunnar Larsen**. Together they will play the likes of Jelly Roll Morton and other early classics.



SCOTTISH JAZZ EXPO

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THEON CROSS

📍 George Square Spiegelent
🕒 8.30-10.30pm 🎟 £18

A leading light from the ebullient London jazz scene, tuba sensation **Theon Cross** is redefining the instrument with a modern take on music firmly rooted in the traditions of jazz. He made waves with MOBO award-winning Sons of Kemet and now he's striking out on his own, blending R'n'B, hip-hop and jazz to create an expressive and groove-inflected sound. Don't miss this new star on the block as he makes his EJBF debut.



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“He generates astonishing beats, textures and melodies with his instrument.”
The Guardian



kitti

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £12.50

Glaswegian singer/songwriter **kitti** is a name on the rise. Winner of Best Vocalist at the 2022 Scottish Jazz Awards and the Female Breakthrough Award at last year's Scottish Music Awards, her soulful, smoky vocals and unique lyrics demand attention and make it easy to see why fans are making comparisons to the likes of Amy Winehouse and Alicia Keys.

AT THE JAZZ BAR



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CHUN-WEI KANG: NEW SONG

🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £12.50

One to watch! The young Glasgow drummer is making waves on the Scottish jazz scene. Showing skill well beyond his years, he plays with a melodic and rhythmic mastery and will be joined by **Jon Green** (trumpet/electronics), **Tom Gibbs** (piano) and **Ewan Hastie** (bass).



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EMONG

🕒 8-9.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A unique grouping of two horns, guitar and drums that create an uplifting and exciting sound, mixing American folk traditions with electronic music and jazz. They create hymn-like melodies and virtuosic and inspiring soloing. With music rich in invention, surprise and adventure, leader and guitarist **Michele Bonifati** is joined by **Manuel Caliumi** (saxophone), **Federico Pierantoni** (trombone) and **Evita Polidoro** (drums).

JAM SESSION

🕒 10pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

The classic after hours blow. The top-notch house trio will be joined by a host of talented musicians.

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“Happy, jaunty, feelgood jazz.”
The Herald

HAVANA SWING

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 2-4pm 🎟 £12.50

Inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt's fabulous quintet, the Hot Club de Paris, **Havana Swing** combine artistry, fun and feel-good music featuring clarinetist Walter Smith and a top-notch ensemble.

JED POTTS & THE HILLMAN HUNTERS

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 8.30-10.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A new commission from Jed Potts & The Hillman Hunters is always something to celebrate. Infectious guitar lines, grooving bass lines, playful drums and raw tinged vocals range from moody to gritty creating blues-infused rock with irresistible melodies. A band brimming with passion, playfulness and intensity.

SCOTTISH JAZZ EXPO



ORIGINAL PINETTES BRASS BAND

📍 Murrayfield Church
🕒 6.30-7.45pm 🎟 £15

A real coup for the festival! Straight out of New Orleans, the **Pinettes** are an all-female brass band making waves across the globe with their killer live shows. Playing a mix of crowd-pleasing standards and clever covers, their energetic fusion of jazz, pop, R'n'B, and funk, perfectly blend to form a flavourful gumbo of melodies and rhythms that will transport you to the streets of the Crescent City.



MARK HENDRY: fractus

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £12.50

A phenomenal talent on the Scottish scene, bassist **Mark Hendry** writes compelling and lyrical music that explores the boundaries between jazz, classical and pop. His rich, multi-layered pieces are delivered by a super-talented septet including **Irini Arabatzi** (vocals), **Bernadette Kellerman** (violin), **Matt Carmichael** (saxophone) and **Alan Benzie** (piano).

TCHA LIMBERGER'S THE VIPER CLUB

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📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £17.50

A summit meeting of four European swing stars. Gypsy jazz violin superstar **Tcha Limberger** joins forces with the exhilarating Armstrong-inspired trumpeter **Jérôme Etcheberry** for an evening of compelling and undeniably hard-swinging jazz played by master virtuosos. Together with the impeccable **Dave Kelbie** on guitar, and **Sebastien Girardot** on bass, they celebrate pre-eminent jazz violinist Stuff Smith, who was famous in New York in the 30s and worked alongside Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald.



MORTEN GUNNAR LARSEN

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 2-4pm 🎟 £15

One of the world's leading exponents of classic jazz presents rags, stomps, hot jazz, and stride piano from Jelly Roll Morton and Eubie Blake to Jabbo Smith. The virtuoso Norwegian pianist is steeped in the traditions of New Orleans and Tin Pan Alley, and plays music that exhilarates and excites in this solo set.



FERGUS MCCREADIE TRIO

SCOTTISH JAZZ E-PO
📍 Pianodrome, Ocean Terminal
🕒 8.30-9.45pm 🎟 £20
(includes glass of wine/water)

Sensational pianist, **Fergus McCreadie** delivers effervescent and uplifting music packed with emotional charge, and combines jazz sensibilities with traditional Scottish flavours. Following his Mercury Award nomination, his star is riding high and, for EJBF23, he is recording a live album over four nights in the atmospheric Pianodrome with his long-term colleagues **David Bowden** (bass) and **Stephen Henderson** (drums). Limited seats – book early.



AT THE JAZZ BAR



KEVIN MacKENZIE: PRIME TRIO

🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £12.50

Featuring the classic guitar-organ-drums line-up, this collaborative trio is **Kevin MacKenzie** (guitar), **Peter Johnstone** (organ) and **Doug Hough** (drums). Mixing new original compositions with classic standards and contemporary jazz repertoire, London Jazz News stated that the music is "alluring and engaging ... a straight-ahead organ trio par excellence".



MONA KROGSTAD QUARTET

🕒 8-9.30pm 🎟 £15

A rising star of the Norwegian jazz scene known for her beautiful, lush melodies, playful compositions and the intricate and imaginative interplay with her young band. Inspired by modern, Scandinavian jazz and the lineage of saxophonists such as Wayne Shorter and Joe Henderson she creates hypnotic modern jazz.

JAM SESSION

🕒 10pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

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THE KATET PLAY STEVIE WONDER

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 8.30-10.30pm 🎟 £15 (Standing)

The seven-piece funk machine, fronted by singer **Mike Kearney**, delivers pounding grooves, funky horns and whiplash-inducing bass as they celebrate the music of **Stevie Wonder**. A guaranteed good time featuring classics like *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*, *Sir Duke* and *Superstition* the band will fill the Spiegeltent with sounds guaranteed to get you grooving. Get your tickets early!



JAMES OLIVER BAND

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 8.30-10.30pm 🎟 £17.50

A new blues name to watch out for. An outstanding guitarist backed by a powerhouse trio delivers raw intensity and spontaneity in a rocking set. Taking their inspiration from Duane Eddy and Hank Williams they mix blues, rockabilly, rock and country into an explosive pickin' package.



FLAM

📍 Leith Arches
🕒 7.30-9.30pm 🎟 £10

Inspired by rock, jazz, electronic, and progressive music, **Flam** are influenced by Esbjorn Svensson Trio, Forq, Snarky Puppy, Vulfpeck and Medeski, Martin & Wood. A power trio of keys/piano, bass guitar and drum mixing heavy grooves and mind-bending solos.

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RACHEL LIGHTBODY

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £12.50

Inspired by artists like Joni Mitchell, Sarah Vaughan and Brian Wilson, acclaimed vocalist **Rachel Lightbody** sings fresh arrangements of familiar favourites alongside new original material, rooted in jazz and improvisation. She is backed by her band of **Thomas Gibbs** (piano), **David Bowden** (bass) and **Stephen Henderson** (drums).



“One of those beautiful performances that stops you in your tracks, and forces you to listen.”
Jazz Journal

BRIAN KELLOCK AT 60

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 8.30-10.30pm 🎟 £18

Renowned for his rip-roaring inventiveness, seriously swinging style and mischievous sense of fun, pianist **Brian Kellock** has been a stalwart of the festival since the late 1980s. To celebrate his 60th birthday, he's hosting a festive get-together with **Ross Milligan** (guitar) and **Roy Percy** (bass) plus an all-star front line featuring **Bruce Adams** (trumpet), **Alan Barnes** and **John Burgess** (clarinet/saxophones). The joint will be jumping!

HAMILTON LOOMIS TRIO

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £17.50

Blend together Lenny Kravitz's hybrid of classic rock and soul, the bluesy swagger of Stevie Ray Vaughan and the sweltering funk of Prince and the result is American guitarist/singer, **Hamilton Loomis**. The Texan was mentored by Bo Diddley and plays with the energy and swagger of the great 60s blues showmen.



“A non-stop turbo of power, one minute moving from side to side of the stage and then taking on his horn player in a head-cutting contest the next minute.”
Blues Blast

MARIANNE MCGREGOR

📍 Patina
🕒 6-7.35pm 🎟 £12.50

With the tone of Amy Winehouse, an Ella-like improvisational freedom and the ability to capture emotion like Billie Holiday, singer **Marianne McGregor** is destined for success. **Patina** is a new restaurant and music venue in Edinburgh Park and they will be offering an exceptional tapas menu which is available to order on arrival and will be served in the interval.



SKYLARK: THE SONGS OF HOAGY CARMICHAEL & JOHNNY MERCER

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 2-4pm 🎟 £12.50

Celebrated singer **Iain Ewing** will be joined by **Colin Steele**, **Brian Kellock**, **Roy Percy** and **Jim Drummond** as they pay tribute to the legendary songwriting partnership of **Hoagy Carmichael** and **Johnny Mercer**. Expect to hear *Georgia*, *Come Rain or Come Shine* and *Jeepers Creepers* in this very special celebration of the timeless songs from this famous partnership.

IBIBIO SOUND MACHINE | MOTHER ALL MIGHTY

📍 Queen's Hall
🕒 8-10.15pm 🎟 £27.50

They're back! Melding West African highlife, disco, post-punk and psychedelic electro soul, **Ibibio Sound Machine** set dancefloors alight wherever they play. Their shows are high energy, high impact and absolutely unmissable. Fronted by charismatic singer **Eno Williams**, the eight-piece band have taken their funky grooves, infectious rhythms and deep electronica synth beats to festivals across Europe. Opening the concert, blending neo soul, hip-hop & R'n'B to thrilling effect, **Mother All Mighty** led by **Naledi Herman** channel Erykah Badu, D'Angelo, and Jorja Smith in a set of irresistible original music.

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ALI WATSON QUARTET

6-7pm £12.50

The young double bass player from Glasgow takes influences from contemporary jazz greats such as Larry Grenadier, Aaron Parks and Shai Maestro as well as classical and Scottish folk music. His quartet features some of the rising stars on the Scottish scene and together they create intricate yet lyrical melodies and thoughtful improvisations.



ASQ

8-9.30pm £15

This young Norwegian band is set for great things. **Amund Stenøien Quartet** consist of vibraphone, acoustic fretless bass, piano and drums – expect hard swinging New York jazz, club grooves and strong, catchy melodies and complex structures, strong themes and explosive solos.

JAM SESSION

10pm-12am £10 (18+)

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THE REVEREND PEYTON'S BIG DAMN BAND

George Square Spiegeltent
8.30-10pm £18 (Standing)

A killer live show you must experience. Straight out of rural Indiana comes **The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band**, a country blues trio who conjure up such greats as Son House and Charley Patton. They apply great musicianship to powerful blues, with great song writing to create a rollicking live show packed full of energy and fun. They've had three top ten Billboard blues records, and toured all over the world, but are still rooted in the Southern Indiana hills. Featuring the vocals and guitar of "Reverend" **Josh Peyton**, his wife **Breezy Peyton** on washboard/vocals, and **Aaron Persinger** on drums.



FERGUS MCCREADIE TRIO

Pianodrome, Ocean Terminal
8.30-9.45pm £20
(includes glass of wine/water)

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A TRIBUTE TO TEXAS BLUES

Leith Dockers
8-10pm £12.50

Jed Potts and The Hillman Hunters take a tour away from the main blues centres of Chicago and the Mississippi Delta, visiting the Lone Star State and take inspiration from Freddie King, Johnny Winter, ZZ Top, Johnny 'Guitar' Watson, Albert Collins and many more.

PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA

Queen's Hall
7.30-9.30pm from £20 - £30

For more than 50 years, the **Pasadena Roof Orchestra** have been re-creating the sounds of the golden era of swing music from the 1920s and 1930s. The fun-packed show includes timeless classics from the great American songbooks of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and their peers. Featuring hot jazz by Fletcher Henderson, Duke Ellington and all those wonderful songs that miraculously lifted people's spirits during the depression era, and made household names of singers like Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, this is a must see!



FULL FAT

St Bride's Centre
6-7pm £10

Full Fat are a three-piece band who bring classy blues and vibrant energy in a set packed with 50s rockabilly and rock 'n roll influences. Blending heavy rhythms with bluesy tones and influenced by Johnny Cash to Jaco Pastorius, this power trio blues and rockabilly roots deliver a distinctive blues groove.

MARIO CARIBÉ: CRUSADERS TIME MACHINE

St Bride's Centre
9-10.30pm £15

Bassist **Mario Caribé** leads an homage to the legendary **Jazz Crusaders**, the hip, swinging 60s and 70s band that moved from funky jazz to jazz funk but always delivered with style and swagger. The band features **Konrad Wiszniewski** (saxophone), **Chris Grieve** (trombone), **Malcolm MacFarlane** (guitar), **Alan Benzie** (keys), **Mario Caribé** (bass) and **Max Popp** (drums). Expect jazz, funk and soulful grooves aplenty.





GEORGIA CÉCILE

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 5-6.30pm 🎟 £16.50

Singer **Georgia Cécile** is a star on the rise. Winner of the *UK Jazz Act of the Year* and *Vocalist of the Year* at the 2022 Jazz FM awards, she is at the forefront of the new wave of UK jazz. Bringing warmth and personality to her performances, she fuses classic jazz and soul influences reminiscent of Duke Ellington and Nina Simone with a contemporary edge in the vein of Gregory Porter and Melody Gardot - a must for lovers of great jazz and great singing.

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MILLHOUSE COLLECTIVE | ASTROSNAX

📍 La Belle Angele
🕒 7.30-9.30pm 🎟 £10 (Standing)

Two bands delivering a night of infectious grooves. Opening the party, **Astrosnax** deliver a heady brew of funk, hip-hop and soul colliding with jazz improvisation. This sound is served up by well known faces from the Glasgow scene including **Anoushka Nanguay** (trombone and vocals), **Gyan Panesar** (baritone saxophone), **James Mackay** (electric guitar). Daring and unpredictable, delivering killer live shows and serving up punk-funk-jazz mixed with kitsch psychedelia. **Millhouse Collective** are a collective of musicians from Dundee who have appeared live on Gilles Peterson's Worldwide FM and were a hit at Kelburn Garden Party.



NICOLE SMIT: THE TRAVELLING TENT SHOW

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 8-9.30pm 🎟 £18.50

After the sell-out success of 2022, the **Travelling Tent Show** is back, and this year it's bigger and better! Acclaimed singer **Nicole Smit** takes a trip back in time, journeying across jazz and cabaret with a show celebrating the 1920s tent shows that shot Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith to fame. With an all-star cast including **Tenement Jazz Band** and special guests, this show garnered standing ovations and left audiences yelling for more in 2022. A guaranteed good time - don't miss it.

JAZZ BAR

ENUJSS CONCERT

🕒 2-3.30pm 🎟 £5

An opportunity to see and hear the jazz stars of the future as the summer school students show off their newly acquired skills. Led by saxophonist **Sue Mackenzie**.



PHIL BANCROFT TRIO

🕒 6-7.30pm 🎟 £12.50

A major figure on the Scottish jazz scene, saxophonist and composer **Phil Bancroft** plays strong, searing modern jazz. To celebrate launching his new project *Myriad Streams*, he is joined by **Mario Caribé** (bass) **Tom Bancroft** (drums) mixing daring improv alongside almost telepathic interplay.



RICHARD GLASSBY

🕒 8.30-10pm 🎟 £12.50

After an attention grabbing debut at EJBF in 2022, drummer **Richard Glassby** is back with a new band and a new album which features BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year winner **Ewan Hastie** on bass, **Matthew Kilner** on tenor saxophone and **Peter Johnstone** on piano. They deliver dynamic propulsive jazz which showcases their improvisational prowess.

JAM SESSION

🕒 10.30pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

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ALLIGATOR GUMBO

🕒 Heriot's Rugby Club
🕒 8-11pm 🎟 £12.50

Upbeat and fun young band playing jazz from the hey-day of the New Orleans swing era, in particular the "roaring 20s". The seven-piece band have been wowing audiences with their mix of foot-stomping rhythms and toe-tapping tunes.

Presented in association with
Edinburgh Jazz & Jive Club



CLASSIC JAZZ ORCHESTRA

🕒 St Bride's Centre
🕒 1-3pm 🎟 £15

Step back into the golden age of swing with the band that sets the standard for classic jazz, playing a repertoire ranging from Jelly Roll Morton to Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. This eight piece band features **Lorne Cowieson** (trumpet), **Chris Greive** (trombone), **Dick Lee**, **Stewart Forbes** and **Martin Foster** (clarinet/saxophone), **Paul Harrison** (piano), **Roy Percy** (bass) and **Tom Gordon** (drums).

“Terrific music, imaginative arrangements and strong playing with great panache.”
The Herald

SCOTTISH JAZZ EXPO

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JOOLS HOLLAND & HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA

FEATURING GILSON LAVIS

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS **PAULINE BLACK** AND **ARTHUR 'GAPS' HENDRICKSON** FROM THE SELECTER

& GUEST VOCALISTS **RUBY TURNER**, **LOUISE MARSHALL** & **SUMUDU JAYATILAKA**

+ SUPPORT

🕒 Festival Theatre

🕒 7.30-9.30pm 🎟 from £32.50 - £65

Back by popular demand! Famed for their exhilarating live shows featuring a thrilling mix of boogie-woogie, swing, jazz and R'n'B, Jools' Jazz & Blues Festival party is not to be missed. Featuring powerhouse drummer **Gilson Lavis** and guest vocalists **Ruby Turner**, **Louise Marshall** and **Sumudu Jayatilaka**, the incredible 20-piece band will be joined by special guests **Pauline Black** and **Arthur "Gaps" Hendrickson** from *The Selecter*.



HAMISH STUART & THE TOMORROW BAND

🕒 Queen's Hall

🕒 8-10pm 🎟 from £20 - £30

Iconic singer/guitarist **Hamish Stuart** fronts a new project celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Average White Band's 1973 *Show Your Hand* album. Joined by the all-star Scottish funk/soul collective, **The Tomorrow Band** they will play *Show Your Hand* in its entirety plus a selection of AWB hit songs.

“Danceable funk and soul at its best - wicked solos. Down tools, take five, and shimmy.”
BBC Radio Scotland





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BEBOP CONSERVATION SOCIETY

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 5-6.30pm 🎟 £15

An all-star band celebrating the classic Charlie Parker quintets, with Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and Red Rodney. The repertoire includes *Shaw 'Nuff*, *Bebop*, *Dizzy Atmosphere* and *Dewey Square*, *Donna Lee*, *Moose the Mooch* and *Relaxin' at Camarillo*. The band features **Stewart Forbes** (saxophone), **Bruce Adams** (trumpet), **Brian Kellock** (piano), **Ed Kelly** (bass) and **Tom Gordon** (drums).

BLUES AFTERNOON: TRUE STRAYS | CONNOR SELBY BAND | MAMA ROUX



📍 George Square Spiegelent
🕒 1-4pm 🎟 £17.50

With an exhilarating, electric, no holds barred live show, **True Strays** blend the raw unadulterated sounds of delta blues and psychedelic rock. Their live shows are a joyous fusion of huge bass driven riffs, a howling tornado of resonator guitar, cacophonous drums and soaring hammond organ. **Connor Selby** is a rising British guitarist and vocalist, drawing on influences as diverse as Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Ray Charles, Free and Nick Drake, creating a soulful blend of hard-hitting blues and emotional, introspective songs. Taking their name from the iconic Dr John song, **Mama Roux** is a melting pot of southern soul, bayou funk and Memphis blues, boasting the soulful vocals of Charlotte Marshall.



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“ Loving this.
Really cool
voice... love the voice!”
Craig Charles

SISTER COOKIE

📍 George Square Spiegelent
🕒 8-9.30pm 🎟 £16.50

From London via Lagos, charismatic singer **Sister Cookie** and her band deliver a unique blend of jazz, rhythm & blues, rock 'n roll and soul. Inspired by greats like Eartha Kitt, Nina Simone and Bessie Smith, her smoky, soulful vocals and stage presence is unmatched. Don't miss her EJBF debut!



KING LOUIS AND THE PRIMAS

📍 George Square Spiegelent
🕒 5.30-6.30pm 🎟 £15

Jump/jive music from a killer band dedicated to the music of Louis Prima. This is up-tempo party music packed with good vibes, fun and entertainment and with the incomparable trombonist and vocalist, **Dave Batchelor**, at the helm a good time is guaranteed. Expect to hear classics like *Just A Gigolo*, *I Ain't Got Nobody*, *Buona Sera*, *When You're Smilin* and of course *I'm the King Of The Swingers*.

JAZZ FOR KIDS

📍 Currie Community Centre
🕒 10.30am

📍 North Merchiston Club
🕒 2pm

Do you know your scooby doos from your doo-dats? Learn all about jazz in this fun, interactive workshop for 3 to 5 year-olds led by the brilliant saxophonist **Sue Mackenzie**. **These 30-minute sessions are packed full of fun and only cost 🎟 £6 for a child plus an adult.**



LIMITED CAPACITY



FIONNA DUNCAN TRIBUTE

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 1-3pm 🎟 £15

Singer **Fionna Duncan** was a national treasure and a jazz icon. Her distinctive gravelly tones and unerring sense of swing graced many bands like The Clyde Valley Stompers and saw her sharing stages with musical greats like Louis Armstrong and The Beatles. She also ran Glasgow Jazz Festival's jam sessions and led the Fionna Duncan Vocal workshops, winning a host of accolades and awards along the way. She was an inspiration and friend to many and today's concert features a host of musicians who want to pay tribute: **Sophie Bancroft**, **Suzanne Bonnar**, **Gina Rae**, **Sylvia Rae** (vocals), **Kit Carey** (banjo and vocals), **John Burgess**, **Phil Bancroft** (saxes), **Bruce Adams**, **Colin Steele** (trumpet), (trombone), **Paul Harrison**, **Brian Kellock** (piano), **Mario Caribé**, **Roy Percy** (bass), **Kenny Milne** (drums).

AT THE JAZZ BAR



LIV HAGUE TRIO WITH MATT CARMICHAEL

6-7.30pm £15

Rising star of Norwegian Jazz, **Liv Hague's** piano trio blends the joy of exploring impulses in free improvisation with clear, melodic compositions. She recreates, interprets, and innovates jazz history alongside her own exciting and fun new work. Tonight she reunites with saxophonist **Matt Carmichael** who joins her trio as special guest.



ESCHER

8.30-10pm £12.50

Making their EJBF debut is an exciting young Glasgow five piece nu-jazz collective comprising drums, bass, keys, sax, flute. They are inspired by everything from bebop to drum and bass, Ethiopian jazz and hip-hop. Fresh and exciting, sure to be a hit.

JAM SESSION

10.30-12am £10 (18+)

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NUBIYAN TWIST

FLUX

George Square Spiegeltent
11pm-12.30am £20

One of the hottest bands on the scene, **Nubiyán Twist** are an explosive live act. They create a unique, infectious sound drawing on jazz, hip-hop, afrobeat, latin, soul, reggae and dance music. The 10 piece band have rocked festival stages from Glastonbury to Wilderness and Love Supreme with their sensational performances, featuring club rhythms from all over the world and across genres. Expect ultra-tight musicianship and a powerful sound from this brilliant, feel-good, dance-floor filling band.



ARILD ANDERSEN TRIO FEATURING TOMMY SMITH AND THOMAS STRØNEN

St Bride's Centre
8.30-10.30pm £20

"How often do just three musicians produce music as vast and panoramic in its scale and vision?" asked Jazzwise. Norwegian master bassist **Arild Andersen's** trio with big-toned tenorist **Tommy Smith** and powerhouse drummer **Thomas Strønen** is one of the most viscerally exciting jazz groups of the present moment.



BLUES AFTERNOON: CONOR SELBY BAND | TROUBLEMAKERS WITH MAGGIE BELL



George Square Spiegeltent
1-4pm £20

Blues N Troubles' **Tim Elliott** comes out of retirement to refresh some old school blues classics. His gravelly voice and trenchant harmonica are showcased in the free spontaneous style of acoustic blues delivered alongside fellow BNT bandmate **Sandy Tweeddale** and Rezillo's bass player **Chris Agnew**. The Scottish Queen of the Blues, **Maggie Bell** then joins Sandy and Chris for an intimate set of blues and some anecdotes. From heartfelt to powerful, she proves just why she is held in such high esteem. With an opening set from rising British guitarist and vocalist, **Conor Selby**, the afternoon concludes in a grand finale with Tim and Maggie joining forces.

GIL SCOTT HERON SONGBOOK

George Square Spiegeltent
8.30-10.30pm £16.50

Closing out the festival in style, the dynamic duo of **Aki Really** and **Fraser Urquhart** return with the full quartet to pay homage Gil Scott Heron. Together they delve deep into the work of the revolutionary poet, jazz musician and rap pioneer whose lyrics expressed views on politics, culture and social injustice - expect a whole lotta of funk, jazz and soul tunes.



As close to the sound of the great **Stéphane Grappelli** as I think you're going to hear in Scotland." BBC Radio Scotland

SEONAI AITKEN PLAYS STÉPHANE GRAPPELLI

PASS Theatre
2-3.15pm £15

Who better to present attribute to the grandfather of jazz violinists, **Stéphane Grappelli** than Scotland's stellar violinist **Seonaid Aitken**. Marking 25 years since his death, this concert spans lyrical, passionate and romantic music ranging from swing to hot club by way of bossa. She will be joined by **Ross Baird** (guitar) **Dan Brown** (piano), **Andy Sharkey** (bass) and **Max Popp** (drums).





KULTURA

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 5-6.30pm 🎟 £12.50

Exciting, uplifting, grooving and soulful music. For this special concert, they premiere a new suite of music commissioned by EJBF. With influences that include Brad Meldhau, John Scofield and Dr. John, **Kultura** are **Harry Higgs** (guitar), **Cameron Bradley** (bass), **Vid Gobac** (drums).



TOMMY SMITH YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 1-3pm 🎟 £12.50

Stellar Scottish saxophonist **Tommy Smith** directs a top flight youth jazz orchestra that measures up against the best professional outfits and is packed with youthful exuberance, talent and excitement.



HAMISH MCGREGOR PLAYS BARBER, BALL AND BILK

📍 George Square Spiegeltent
🕒 5.30-7pm 🎟 £15

Edinburgh native, clarinet virtuoso and traditional jazz band leader extraordinaire, **Hamish McGregor** pays tribute to the three big hitters of the British trad jazz revival, featuring **Colin Steele** (trumpet) and **Dave Batchelor** (trombone). All the fun and all the hits!



COLIN STEELE TRIO

📍 Bellfield
🕒 2.30pm-3.45pm 🎟 £12.50

Local hero **Colin Steele** presents his superb trio in his hometown of Portobello, bringing thrilling, joyful and life-affirming music to the beautiful surroundings of Bellfield. He will be joined by **Martin Kershaw** (saxophone) and **Ross Milligan** (guitar) for this very special, intimate concert – book early.

MILES! MILES! MILES!

📍 St Bride's Centre
🕒 8-10pm 🎟 £17.50

Miles Davis was the Sorcerer, the Prince of Darkness, the man who fell in love too easily. His 1960s quintets set the standard for a generation with their dynamic interplay between the soloist and the rhythm section. Paying spirited homage this quintet is led by pianist **David Patrick** and features the acclaimed American trumpeter **Yati Durant** with young drum sensation **Dan Shearer**, saxophonist **Brian Molley** and bassist **Ed Kelly**.



AT THE JAZZ BAR



KRISTINA FRANSSON WITH GRAEME STEPHEN TRIO

🕒 6-7pm 🎟 £15

Kristina Fransson was the standout musician from the Europe Jazz Workshop in 2022 and has won accolades and awards from Oslo Jazz Festival. Now the trumpeter returns to collaborate with guitarist **Graeme Stephen** and his handpicked band. Expect peerless improvisations from these fearless musicians.



NABOU

🕒 8-9.30pm 🎟 £15

Set to be a future star, Belgian trombonist **Nabou Claerhout** has assembled a band of talented young musicians making their way up in the newest jazz-&-beyond wave. Their strong interplay and interesting interaction creates both up tempo grooves as well as more contemplative melodies.

JAM SESSION

🕒 10pm-12am 🎟 £10 (18+)

The classic after hours blow. The top-notch house trio will be joined by a host of talented musicians.

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	Festival Theatre, The Queen's Hall, La Belle Angele 📍 Free Events	George Square Spiegeltent	St Bride's Centre 📍	The Jazz Bar 📍	Around Town 📍
Fri 14 Page 6		7pm Ali Affleck 10.30pm London Afrobeat Collective	6pm Martin Kershaw: Lee Konitz 9pm Graham Costello's STRATA	6pm Nathan Somevi Trio 8.30pm Peter Johnstone Trio 10.30pm Jam Session	8pm Potato Head <i>Heriot's Rugby Club</i>
Sat 15 Page 9	1pm Mardi Gras FREE <i>Grassmarket</i> 7.30pm Main Steet Blues Safehouse <i>La Belle Angele</i>	1pm Blues Afternoon 7pm Colin Steele STRAMASH 10.30pm corto.alto	2pm Brian Kellock & Enrico Tomasso 5.30pm Potato Head 9pm Stephen Henderson's Modern Vikings	6pm Enrico Zanisi 8.30pm Dishwasher 10.30pm Jam Session	7.30pm Michael Roach <i>Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre</i>
Sun 16 Page 13	1pm Edinburgh Festival Carnival FREE <i>Princes Street</i>	1pm Blues Afternoon 5.30pm Rose Room 8.30pm Lakecia Benjamin	2pm Celebrating Burt Bacharach 5pm Daykoda 8.30pm Playtime Ft. Zoe Rahman	6pm Sue McKenzie Trio 8pm The Great Hipster Songbook 10pm Jam Session	
Mon 17 Page 16	8pm Elephant 9 Blue Boar Brass <i>La Belle Angele</i>	6pm Original Pinettes Brass Band 8.30pm Popa Chubby	2pm Dick Lee: Bechet Nouveau 6pm Haftor Medboe & Fabio Giachino 8.30pm Zoe Rahman Trio	6pm Ben Shankland Trio 8pm The Jazz Bar Big Band 10pm Jam Session	7.30pm Fergus McCreadie & Charlie Stewart <i>Meadowbank Church</i>
Tue 18 Page 18		6pm Tenement With Morten Gunnar Larsen 8.30pm Theon Cross	2pm Havana Swing 6pm kitti 8.30pm Jed Potts & The Hillman Hunters	6pm Chun-Wei Kang Quartet 8pm Emong 10pm Jam Session	6.30pm Original Pinettes Brass Band <i>Murrayfield Church</i>
Wed 19 Page 20		6pm Tcha Limberger 8.30pm Katet: Stevie Wonder	2pm Morten Gunnar Larsen 6pm Mark Hendry: fractus 8.30pm James Oliver Band	6pm Kevin MacKenzie Prime Trio 8pm Mona Krogstad Quartet 10pm Jam Session	7.30pm Flam <i>Leith Arches</i> 8.30pm Fergus McCreadie Trio <i>Pianodrome</i>
Thur 20 Page 22	8pm Ibibio Sound Machine <i>Queen's Hall</i>	6pm Hamilton Loomis 8.30pm The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band	2pm Skylark 6pm Rachel Lightbody 8.30pm Brian Kellock At 60	6pm Ali Watson Quartet 8pm ASQ 10pm Jam Session	6pm Marianne McGregor <i>Patina</i> 8pm Tribute To Texas Blues <i>Leith Dockers Club</i> 8.30pm Fergus McCreadie Trio <i>Pianodrome</i>
Fri 21 Page 25	7.30pm Pasadena Roof Orchestra <i>Queen's Hall</i> 7.30pm Astrosnax Millhouse Collective <i>La Belle Angele</i>	5pm Georgia Cécile 8pm The Travelling Tent Show 11pm The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band	1pm Classic Jazz Orchestra 6pm Full Fat 9pm Mario Caribe: Crusaders	2pm ENUJSS Concert 6pm Phil Bancroft Trio 8.30pm Richard Glassby 10.30pm Jam Session	8pm Alligator Gumbo <i>Heriot's Rugby Club</i> 8.30pm Fergus McCreadie Trio <i>Pianodrome</i>
Sat 22 Page 29	7.30pm Jools Holland <i>Festival Theatre</i> 8pm Hamish Stuart <i>Queen's Hall</i>	1pm Blues Afternoon 5.30pm King Louis and the Primas 8pm Sister Cookie 11pm Nubyan Twist	1pm Fionna Duncan Tribute 5pm The Bebop Conservation Society 8.30pm Arild/Tommy/Thomas	6pm Liv Hague Trio & Matt Carmichael 8.30pm Escher 10.30pm Jam Session	10.30am Jazz 4 Kids <i>Currie Community Centre</i> 2pm Jazz 4 Kids <i>North Merchiston Club</i> 8.30pm Fergus McCreadie Trio <i>Pianodrome</i>
Sun 23 Page 33		1pm Blues Afternoon 5.30pm Hamish McGregor 8.30pm Gil Scot Heron Songbook	1pm TSYJO 5pm Kultura 8pm Miles! Miles! Miles!	6pm Kristina Fransson & Graeme Stephenl 8pm NΔBOU 10pm Jam Session	2pm Seonaid Aitken <i>PASS Theatre</i> 2.30pm Colin Steele Trio <i>Bellfield</i>

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