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Brecon Jazz Festival 2024 4 - 18 August

Welcome Message from The Mayor of Brecon, Cllr. John Powell

Dear Jazz Enthusiasts,

As Mayor of Brecon, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2024 edition of the Brecon Jazz Festival. This year, we are thrilled to bring you a diverse and vibrant lineup of performances that truly embody the spirit of jazz. It is said that anyone well known in the jazz world has played Brecon Jazz, and from the beginning, local jazz musicians as well as Councillors have been involved too. Each year brings new and exciting performances, making every festival unique and memorable.

Brecon has a rich history of celebrating jazz, and this festival has been a cornerstone of our cultural calendar for many years. It is a time when our beautiful town comes alive with the rhythm and melody of jazz music, drawing visitors from near and far.

The famous Brecon Frazz Parade is an afternoon full of costumes, characters, fun and community involvement. Activity workshops for both children and adults take place in preparation for the parade. This year will once again feature the wonderful jazz band Wonderbrass performing during the parade and in the town centre.

In addition to the main festival, Brecon Fringe is organised as alternative free music in pubs, hotels, galleries, and cafes in the town.

Local NPTC students have been working with the team for months and contributions from the local community have helped shape the Brecon Jazz Festival into the renowned event it is today. We thank all for these collaborative partnerships.

Brecon Jazz Festival has a significant positive impact on local businesses and tourism by attracting thousands of visitors from around the country and more, boosting tourism in the area. This influx of visitors brings an increase in spending and promotes Brecon as a cultural destination. Many local businesses of all kinds benefit from the increased footfall during the festival. Brecon Jazz also provides opportunities for local artisans and vendors to showcase their products.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the organisers, volunteers, musicians, and, most importantly, you, the audience, for your continued support of the Brecon Jazz Festival. Your enthusiasm and love for music make this event possible each year. This festival truly embodies the spirit of jazz and the community of Brecon, as it continues to be a colourful and unique experience set in the Welsh hills.

So, whether you are a seasoned jazz aficionado, or a newcomer to the genre, immerse yourself in the music, enjoy the camaraderie, and experience the magic of the Brecon Jazz Festival.

Here's to a memorable 2024 festival filled once again with outstanding performances and unforgettable moments!

Warm Regards, Cllr. John Powell,
Mayor of Brecon



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13 June - TASTER DAY



Jazz Taster Day 2024 with NPTC Brecon Beacons College and Brecon Jazz Festival

The NPTC Group of Colleges and Brecon Jazz Festival held another successful Jazz Taster Day in June, with even more students participating this year. Neath College's Jazz Ensemble provided live music, while Brecon's hair and beauty students showcased their skills. Newtown College students designed posters, with standout work from foundation art student Bhaigid Ahmed.

The event offered hair and beauty students some hands-on experience for big events, whilst the young jazz band performed popular pieces like "Tequila." Students from Welsh organisation Tân Cerdd also took part, highlighting the contribution of Black voices in jazz and music.

Festival co-organizers praised the collaboration and energy of all participants, expressing excitement for the upcoming festival in August.



For festival tickets, visit [Breconjazz.org](https://breconjazz.org).

For more about NPTC Group courses, visit nptcgroup.ac.uk

*"It was great to experience the rich culture of
Welsh jazz, the posters were inspired by
the classic era of jazz". Bhaigid Ahmed*

*"It's given the students the rare opportunity
to experience what it would be like to work on
a big event, which they wouldn't
normally get to experience so early on."*

College tutors

*"We are delighted to have the support from
the College once again and impressed by the
incredible energy of all involved. A big thanks to the
students, tutors and staff. Looking forward
to more music and fun in August."*

Lynne & Roger



Tues 9 July - **JAZZ FRIENDS**

BONITA & JODIE

A relaxed evening of jazz

PERFORMANCE

Muse Arts @ 10.00pm

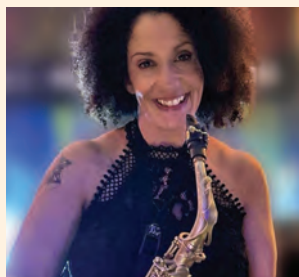
Accompanied by **Mike Chappell Trio** with special guests

Edward Jones - trumpet, vocals / **Deborah Glenister** - sax

Steve Turner - bass / **Lineup: Mike Chappell** - keys

John Gibbon - drums / **Community musicians joining in, see below.**

Singer Bonita and alto saxophonist/vocalist Jodie are amateur musicians active in various lineups, including Swansea's Constellation Big Band. Collaborating with Brecon Jazz Club and Mike Chappell, the 'house trio' prepared a programme of performances that included 'Jazz Friends' who were invited to join them on stage, incl. Arran Jones, Leona Channing, Kathryn Powell, Sharon Gunde, Robert Parker.



Sat 3 August - **JAZZ AFTERNOON**

USKULELE JAZZ ORCHESTRA

WORKSHOP / PERFORMANCE

Clarence Hall, Crickhowell @ 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Led by **Ian Cooper** and **Guest Jazz Players**





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Castle Marquee Family & Jazz Day

Sunday 4 August | Dydd Sul 4 Awst
Open 12 noon - 8pm

BARAKA: World Rhythms
JAZZ PASSENGERS: Jazz Swing **JINGU BANG: Funky Grooves**

Workshops: Arts, Crafts, Singing, Dance
Food and refreshments all day on site

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£18 per adult
Children FREE

FESTIVAL STAGE (Town Centre)

FRIDAY: 12 noon start - Festival Trio:
Mike Chappell, John Gibbon, Steve Tarner,
Jazz Friends, Bonita, Ros Moore
Shakira, Community Voices

SATURDAY: 11.30am start -
Pete Marshall Band, Jenny Jones,
Salsa, Alive n Kickin Choir perform with
Tanya Walker & Dionne Bennett,
Wonderbrass, Dominic Norcross & Friends

SUNDAY: 12.30pm start - Mike Frost,
Lloyd & Bethany, Jazz Grooves, Dewi Davies,
Bonita & Rob Millar, Festival 2024 playoff

www.breconjazz.org/festival-stages





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WELLINGTON JAZZ

Friday 9 August - 3.00pm - 5.00pm
TARA LOWE QUARTET - great swinging vocals and rhythm section. Tara has a lovely voice and has performed frequently in Spain to delighted audiences. With a top drawer lineup and singing favourite numbers, this is sure to get the Festival weekend off to a fabulous start.
Tara Lowe - vocals / James Chadwick - guitar
Bill Fletcher - double bass / Ian Williams - drums

Sunday 11 August - 12 noon - 1.00pm
BILLY PEZZACK - solo guitar
One of the great jazz instrumentalists on the South Wales scene. Billy is in demand at many events where audiences love his dedication to catchy improvisations and friendly way of bringing great jazz into many places where people meet.

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Friday 9 August - 1.00pm - 3.00pm
LESLIE MAYNERD QUARTET - sophisticated but smooth sounds from these experienced players, perfect for a relaxed lunchtime and an enjoyable afternoon of jazz with friends. Plus a chance for Leslie to stretch out with some expressive soloing to impress!
Leslie Maynerd - alto sax / Ian Cooper - double bass
Dave Maynerd - guitar / Phill O'Sullivan - drums

Sunday 11 August 6.00pm - 8.00pm
JPG GROOVE TRIO - Funky, groovy and uptempo instrumental jazz to celebrate the 40th festival weekend. Will get those feet tapping. This seriously cool lineup from Bristol sees the acclaimed 'Jp' this time on piano keyboard, an event to be savoured and no better way to round off the BJF weekend.
John Paul Gard - keys and bass
Chris Cobson - guitar / Paolo Adamo - drums



**MINDSET
STAGE**

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STEVE DAVIS & GAZ WILLIAMS**

ROSIE FRATER-TAYLOR

For more info and tickets visit:
mindsetstage.co.uk
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Sun 4 August - **FAMILY & JAZZ DAY**

Jazz @ Castle Hotel, Gardens and Marquee



BARAKA - World Music & Rhythms

@ 1.00pm - 2.15pm

Ben Baddoo - percussion, balafon, voc / **Rowan Porteous** - trumpet

Chris Cobbson - guitar / **Royston Gage** - bass, vocals

Tony Bailey - drums

Baraka is a unique combination of musicians from Ghana, Trinidad, Dominica and the UK. Each contributes an individual sound and style to the band. Baraka features musical collaborations you are unlikely to hear with any other band. The result is a heady mix of global beats, intricate rhythms and soaring melodies, with Highlife, Calypso, Soukous, Kompa, Jazz and Reggae flavourings.



JAZZ PASSENGERS - Swing Band

@ 4.00pm - 5.15pm

Dick Hamer - flute & sax / **Phil Jarvis** - trombone

Andy Hague - trumpet / **Dave Jones** - keys

Alun Vaughan - bass guitar / **Paul Sheppard** - drums

Jenny Jones - vocals

This classy ensemble was initiated by saxophonist Dick Hamer, with the aim of appealing to a wider audience. Expect good swinging style, tightly written arrangements and space for the soloists to stretch out. Throw in some stylish vocals and just relax, let the band do the work!



JINGU BANG - Jazz Funk

@ 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Scott Hammond - drums / **Greig Robinson** - electric bass

Dale Hambridge - keyboards / **Tammy Payne** - percussion

Ruth Hammond - tenor sax, bass clarinet, flute and synth

Bristol-based Jingu Bang band was formed by percussionist Scott Hammond, who brought his jazz funk style, combining elements of soul and rhythm & blues into their regular lineups. Heavily influenced by artists such as Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock, Jingu Bang have added electric instruments & effects to the jazzy acoustic sounds of Ruth Hammond's sax, clarinet and flute, to create a very funky danceable sound.



WORKSHOPS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES @ CASTLE HOTEL, GARDENS & MARQUEE

Art, Craft, Singing, Face Painting, Dance
Suitable for Adults & Children

SING & SCAT: "No Wrong Notes"

Crug Room @ 12.30pm - 1.30pm Leader **Rod Paton**



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Community engagement through music



ART OF JAZZ

Leaders **Karin Mear & Nigel Evans**

Small Marquee @ 2.15pm - 4.00pm

FRAZZ / CRAFTS

Leaders **Lindsay & Nick Hay, Ruth Gibbs**

Small Marquee @ 2.15pm - 4.00pm



BIG JAZZY VOCAL **Main Marquee @ 2.15pm - 3.00pm**

Leader **Rod Paton**



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DANCE SESSION

Leaders **Bethany Miah & Loyd Griffiths**

Ballroom @ 5.20pm - 6.00pm

JAZZ DUOS

Jane Williams - vocals / Gareth Evans - guitar



BETHEL SQUARE PROGRAMME

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FRIDAY: Community Jazz Stage for local performers all day, with guest soloists

SATURDAY: Jazzy Vocals, Wonderbrass, Choir Special, Tân Cerdd Stage, DJ & guests

SUNDAY: Synergy Acappella Choir, Brecon Town Concert Band, Bethel Jam

Each day from 12 noon, details:
www.breconjazz.org/festival-stages



Fri 9 August

ART & JAZZ WORKSHOP

With Karin Mear & Nigel Evans

Guildhall Civic @ 11.00am - 1.00pm

Drop-in session collage and creativity, create your album jazzcovers.



ZACH BRESKAL TRIO & Steven Kirby

PERFORMANCE

Muse Arts @ 1.00pm - 2.15pm

Zach Breskal - drums / **John Close** - guitar

Ursula Harrison - bass / **Steven Kirby** - special guest, guitar
Drummer and RWCMD graduate Zach Breskal leads this tightly arranged jazz trio with special guest American guitarist Steven Kirby, who has appeared on over 25 recordings and played with legends like Chris Potter and Joe Lovano. Kirby brings new dynamics and special arrangements for this year's Festival and this opening lineup..



TARA LOWE QUARTET

Great swinging vocals and rhythm section

@ 3.00pm - 5.00pm

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Bill Fletcher - double bass / **Ian Williams** - drums

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THE WELLINGTON HOTEL



URSULA HARRISON QUARTET

PERFORMANCE

Muse Arts @ 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Ursula Harrison - bass / **Paula Gardiner** - guitar

Coren Sithers - sax / **Liz Exell** - drums

Join us for an original jazz journey with bassist Ursula Harrison's Cardiff-based quartet, featuring composer and jazz educator Paula Gardiner on classical guitar, leading jazz musicians on sax and drums.. Their music blends creativity with expertise, promising an unforgettable performance.

Meal deal with day & inclusive tickets Castle Hotel from 5.15pm

Fri 9 August

JAZZ @ ST MARY'S CHURCH

USKULELE JAZZ ORCHESTRA & SINGALONG

PERFORMANCE

St Mary's Church @ 2.00pm

Some of the most uplifting sounds of the weekend with festival favourites, Ian Cooper and the Ukes, inviting everyone to join in.



FESTIVAL WELCOME FROM MAYOR OF BRECON

St Mary's Church @ 2.30pm

Public - Free Opening with Cllr. John Powell & BJF Team

A Festival welcome for a vibrant afternoon of exceptional performances.

N'FAMADY KOUYATÉ

PERFORMANCE

St Mary's Church @ 2.40pm

N'famady Kouyaté, Cardiff's vibrant balafon artist from Guinea, fuses West African and Western sounds. With major festival highlights and winning the 2023 Glastonbury Emerging Talent Competition, expect unique indie/jazz/funk sounds and an unforgettable acoustic experience.



KAT REES QUARTET

PERFORMANCE

St Mary's Church @ 3.30pm

Vocalist Kat Rees performs a selection of classic numbers plus some special compositions telling stories of 'Welsh' life.

CLOSE @ 4.30pm



*ST MARY'S also has a programme of music
during Saturday and Sunday of the Festival, details @ Tower Cafe*



Fri 9 August

DIONNE BENNETT & GREG STERLAND QUINTET

PERFORMANCE

Castle Hotel @ 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Dionne Bennett - vocals / **Greg Sterland** -tenor sax

John-paul Gard - organ

Aidan Thorne - double bass / **Liz Exell** - drums

Saxophonist Greg Sterland, celebrated for his adventurous melodic improvisation, meets Welsh/Jamaican vocalist Dionne Bennett, known for her versatile vocals across blues, jazz, soul, R&B, reggae and more. Don't miss this dynamic duo and lineup fizzing with energy, bringing exceptional music to the stage - Festival special!



TALK & NETWORKING SESSION

Castle Hotel / Crug Room @ 7.45pm - 8.30pm

Berkley Professor, Steven Kirby gives a glimpse into the local jazz scene in Boston - and that of a leading US contemporary music institution, Berkley College of Music, where he is Professor in Harmony and Jazz Composition. All welcome.

THE MINGUS PROJECT - Octet & Vocals

PERFORMANCE

Castle Hotel @ 8.30pm - 9.45pm

Cameron Saint - double bass / **Sylvie Noble** - vocals

Will Pearce - piano / **Blyth Bennett** - alto sax

Sofia Bilovil - tenor sax / **Toby Kearns** - trumpet

Tiggy Blackwell - trombone / **Phil Thompson** - drums

Join bassist Cameron Saint and his incredible eight-piece RWCMD jazz band as they bring the vibrant, inventive spirit of the legendary jazz composer and bassist Charles Mingus to life. Experience original works and classic jazz standards that capture Mingus's legendary energy and innovation. A must-see for jazz enthusiasts, yet with sounds and vocals that will appeal to absolutely everyone!



Sat 10 August

TATIANA EVA-MARIE VOCALS & SWING TRIO

PERFORMANCE

Brecon Cathedral @ 12 noon - 1.15pm

Tatiana Eva-Marie - vocals / Ben Creighton-Griffiths - harp

Don Sweeney - guitar / Ashley-john Long - double bass

Brooklyn-based Tatiana Eva-Marie & Sorbonne-educated singer, author, and actress, brings her unique French Gypsy Jazz style with Balkan and folk influences. Her project, Djangology, reimagines Django Reinhardt's classics with original lyrics and fresh arrangements. Absolutely unmissable, joined by excellent swing lineup.



MAKING THE CHANGES

Jazz Guitar Improvisation Strategies

Tutor - Berklee Professor, Steven Kirby

TALK & WORKSHOP

Muse Arts @ 3.30pm - 4.30pm

With James Chadwick - guitar

All welcome, feel free to bring your own instrument!

FREE but Pre-booked, please see website.



FRAZZ PARADE

Assemble at Brecon Cathedral

@ 1.30pm (2.00pm march to Town)



The fabulous 'Frazz' Carnival Parade returns from 2.00pm - see poster and Facebook for details.

WONDERBRASS

Festival Outdoor Stage @ 2.30pm approx

The spectacular band Wonderbrass will perform a concert on the Festival stage (Bulwark) as the parade meets the Town Centre!



Sat 10 August

THE DYLAN THOMAS JAZZ SUITE SEXTET – Jen Wilson arrangements

PERFORMANCE

Guildhall Theatre @ 5.00pm - 6.15pm

Margot Morgan - vocals / **Cris Haines** - trumpet/arrangement

Deborah Glenister - saxes, clarinet / **Dave Jones** - piano

Paula Gardiner - double bass / **Mark O'Connor** - drums



Join us for this tribute to Jen Wilson (1944-2023), founder of the Jazz Heritage Wales archive, as Margot Morgan (vocalist) and some of the original musicians recreate Dylan Thomas' 12 Poems for Jazz Ensemble. Inspired by the poet's intricate lines and arranged for Jazz by Jen, this unique piece was commissioned in 2003. The work commemorates the 50th anniversary of Dylan Thomas' passing, and tonight's performance is also a tribute, to the late Jen Wilson - and to be played in sparkling and joyous style, with one of the classiest lineups of the Festival.

GEOFF EALES TRIO 'HOMECOMING'

PERFORMANCE

Guildhall Theatre @ 7.15pm - 8.30pm

Geoff Eales - piano / **Ursula Harrison** - double bass

Liz Exell - drums

Classic jazz of the exceptional kind from Welsh pianist Geoff Eales, a jazz virtuoso with over 40 years' experience, returning to his roots and performing with new Welsh lineup Ursula Harrison on double bass and Liz Exell on drums. This promises to be a truly superb evening of melodic swing jazz at its best. Don't miss it!



JAM SESSION – Rod Paton Trio

Castle Hotel @ 9.00pm - 10.15pm

Jane Williams - co-ordinator / **Rod Paton Trio**

with Nino Consolo - drums / **Ian Cooper** - bass

Join us at the Brecon Jazz Festival 'Jam Session', where musicians come together to create something unique, inspired by an enthusiastic, engaged audience! The perfect moment to connect, collaborate, share, and celebrate the spirit of jazz.





Credit to: Tom Fairhurst



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FOUND GALLERY



Brecon Jazz &
Fringe Weekend 2024

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

2.30PM

MARTHA POWELL

4PM

FLYNN DAGGETT



SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

12.30AM

MICHAEL PARKER
& JAMES DAVIES

2PM

ENW

3.30PM

LES COVENY



SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

11.30PM

JOHN EYRE

2.30PM

BOB GALLIE

4PM

ALEX SEEL

BRECON RAFA FRINGE JAZZ

AUGUST 9TH - 11TH 2024

THE STRUET, BRECON (opposite Cotswold)

FREE
ENTRY

FRIDAY 9th

5pm - 7pm BOB GALLIE SINGER/ SONGWRITER
8pm - close JAZZOLA TRAD JAZZ AND MORE

SATURDAY 10th

2pm - 4pm THE BIG RHYTHM BOYS JAZZ, SWING & BLUES
5pm - 7pm JOS LEGGETT JAZZ, BLUES, PIANO/VOCALS
8pm - close TUDOR'S RHYTHM KINGS TRAD JAZZ

SUNDAY 11th

12pm - 1.45pm MARTHA POWELL HARPIST
2pm - 4pm BLIND RIVER SCARE SINGER SONGWRITER



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Brecon Fringe Festival 2024

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THURSDAY 8TH

7.30 RAGSY

9.00 BUS PASS

FRIDAY 9TH

7.30 MADERA

9.00 THE NEW DEADLY

SATURDAY 10TH

1.00 RUNNING ON EMPTY

3.00 DANGEROUS FLAMINGOS

5.00 HEAD GARDENERS

7.00 CRAZY ALIEN

9.00 SPIRIT OF BOOGIE

SUNDAY 11TH

1.45 SYNERGY CHOIR

3.00 ALBINO FROGS

5.00 SEMANTICS

7.00 THE BREAKFAST CLUB 80'S TRIBUTE

9.00 NORTHERN RUINS

Brecon Fringe Festival 2024

FOOD SERVICE TIMES
THURSDAY 12-2.30PM & 8-10PM
FRIDAY 12-3PM & 8-10PM
SATURDAY 12-9PM
SUNDAY TRADITIONAL ROAST ONLY 12-3PM
BAR MENU FROM 3PM TIL 5PM

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BRECON FRINGE @ THE FOUNDRY

AUGUST 8,9,10,11 . BELL LANE, BRECON

THURSDAY

LIVE BAND - 8PM
THE BIG JAZZ FEST JAM - 9-15PM

FRIDAY

THE USKULELE JAZZ ORCHESTRA - 12PM | AMY ROSE - 1PM | FIDDLEBOP - 2PM | SIMON KIGHT - 3PM | ELIN GRACE - 4PM | CONNIE GOODRICH - 5 PM | THE MARCELLAS 6:30PM |

NORTHERN RUINS (ROCK COVERS BAND) 8:30PM

SATURDAY

ENW - 12PM | THE CARDBOARD BOX THIEVES - 1PM | BJF SLOT - 2PM | ELEVEN29 - 3PM | THE ROCKS - 4 PM | JOHN EYRE - 5:30PM | SHOP FRONT HEROES - 7PM

THE FUTURE SAILORS (SKA AND MOD)- 09:00PM

DJ STARKBEATZ & CO 11PM-2AM

SUNDAY

TWO ODD WOLVES - 12PM | MCCARTHYISM 1PM | BJF SLOT - 2PM | BLACK HEART DRIFTERS - 3:30PM | THE MOODY CROWS - 4:30PM | THE HILLBILLIES 6:30PM

THE NEW DEADLY (NEW WAVE 70'S & 80'S BAND) 8:30PM



FOOD

NORTH AFRICAN STREET FOOD SERVED FROM 12PM

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Brecon Farmers & Makers Market

Saturday 10 August
9.30am - 4pm
Brecon Market Hall

Locally produced food,
drink & crafts
Live music from
Fil Z & Friends



BRECON PRIDE AT BRECON JAZZ

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Yn Gwyl Jazz Aberhonddu

BRECON PRIDE STAGE AT THE VAULTS

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST

TWO ODD WOLVES

@ 4.10pm - 4.30pm

DYLAN MATTHEWS

@ 4.50pm - 5.10pm

WILDCHILD SUZY RAE

@ 5.30pm - 6.30pm

FRUIT

@ 6.10pm - 6.30pm

Brecon jazz festival lineup at the markets tavern

****Friday****

Elvis 5-6

No chains 6.30-8.30

The right honourables 9-11



****Saturday****

Tarion 12-12.45

Jemma Keyser 1-2

Molly Edwards 2.30-3.30

James Oliver 4-6

The fugitives 6.30-8.30

PEEPSHOW 9-11

****Sunday****

12-1 tbc

Danielle Lacey 1-2

Faking it 2.30-3.30

This river 4-6

Emma Ruiz 6.30-8.30

The variants 9-11

BRECON TAP

In Association with MWR&BC

**FRIDAY
9 AUGUST**

6PM

BRECON JAZZ & FRINGE 2024

THE SWAMPDAWGS

FEATURING
SICKNOTE STEVE & AIDEN SHEEHAN
AMERICAN COUNTRY BLUES

Andy on 07844 537075

8PM

NOTHING IN RAMBLING

Sister Suzie and Andy Teyman take you on a musical journey through Mississippi and Louisiana performing music by artists such as Memphis Minnie, Blind Boy Fuller and Elmore James. Guided by a mutual passion for early blues, they evoke the playfulness, power and soul of the music.

10pm

LOS TRES Amigos

DJ ADT DJ NIK C DJ DINO

FREE ENTRY

HOUSE, BREAKBEATS, DRUM AND BASS

PA SET UP AND ENGINEERED BY NIC C & ANDY THERMAL

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BRECON JAZZ & FRINGE 2024

DAYTIME Saturday 10 AUGUST

12pm **ELEVEN/29 Duo**

DAVE KEAST
and
FLOSS DAVIES

1.30pm **BECKY "the bullet" THOMAS**

Singer/Songwriter with a high energy live performance

2.30 - 3.30pm Brecon **FRAZZ** parade coming your way

3.30pm **EM 5 Piece**

Alternative Hybrid Folk Band

4.45pm **LOW DOWN DIRTY DOG BLUES BAND**





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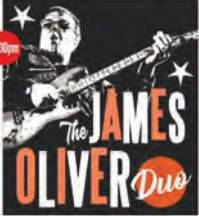


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PA Set up and engineered by Martin Arundel

PRESENTS... **A DAY OF GREAT MUSIC AT THE BRECON TAP**

12.30pm



The JAMES OLIVER Duo

James Oliver is an incredible award winning guitarist and singer who performs here, Europe and USA!

2pm



RHOSYN

Rhosyn - a four piece band from Fowey play carefully selected covers and original material.

3.30pm



ONIKA VENUS

Onika and her band bring a Jamaican flavour with her brilliant voice and upbeat vibe.

4.45pm



LAR HUGHES

Lar from Vendetta Deluxe plays acoustic Glam, New Wave, Ska, Grunge covers & originals.

THE BRECON TAP

SUN 11th AUGUST 12.30-6pm

Sun 11 August

JAZZ SERVICE with Rod Paton Ensemble

ALL WELCOME

St Mary's Church @ 10.30am - 11.45am

GLEN MANBY / RACHEL STARRITT QUINTET with Guest Steven Kirby

PERFORMANCE

Guildhall Theatre @ 12 noon - 1.15pm

Rachel Starritt - piano / Glen Manby - alto sax /

Paula Gardiner - bass / Liz Exell - drums / guest

Steven Kirby - guitar

Cardiff-based alto saxophonist Glen Manby brings hard bop arrangements and modern jazz

influences, while pianist Rachel Starritt is renowned for her improvisation skills and adventurous jazz sets. They are joined by US-based guitarist Steven Kirby. Don't miss this exceptional Festival collaboration.



BILLY PEZZACK - Solo Guitar

PERFORMANCE

The Wellington Hotel @ 12 noon - 1.00pm

One of the great jazz instrumentalists on the South Wales scene, where audiences admire Billy's dedication to jazz, his tuneful playing and catchy improvisations, all making for a friendly and accessible show.

THE WELLINGTON HOTEL

LESLIE MAYNERD QUARTET

PERFORMANCE

The Wellington Hotel @ 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Leslie Maynerd - alto sax / Ian Cooper - double bass

Dave Maynerd - guitar / Phill O'Sullivan - drums

Sophisticated but smooth sounds from these experienced players, perfect for a relaxed lunchtime - with a chance for Leslie to stretch out with some expressive soloing too!



Sun 11 August

SIGLO SECTION BIG BAND

PERFORMANCE

Guildhall Theatre @ 2.30pm - 3.45pm

SAXES Coren Sithers - alto 1 / Alex Bingham - alto 2

Blyth Bennet - tenor 1 / **Joshua Attrill** - tenor 2

Jessica Ruth Morris - bari / **Loz Collier, Morgan Rees,**

Joe Bentley, Catrin Nicholas, Morgan Rees, Joe Bentley, Catrin Nicholas - trumpets

Jake Durham, Tiggy Blackwell, Ben Thorpe, Tom Kilby - trombones

David Roberts - piano / **John Close** - guitar / **Cameron Saint** - bass

Matt Lush - drums and Musical Director



Cardiff's Siglo Section Big Band, founded by Matt Lush and Loz Collier, is an 17-piece ensemble revitalizing big band jazz with youthful energy. They play classic hits, modern funk, and original pieces, showcasing Cardiff's finest young talents.

ELIANE CORREA'S CUBAN QUINTET

PERFORMANCE

Guildhall Theatre @ 5.00pm - 6.15pm

Eliane Corea - keys and MD

Dunia Correa - lead vocals

Landy Diaz - trombone

Frank Portuondo - bass

Alejandro Martinez - percussion

Pianist Eliane Correa and her five-piece band bring a unique blend of Cuban/Latin heritage and London influences to Brecon Jazz. Her empowering lyrics and electrifying performances fuse soul, funk, rock, and jazz. "Utterly maravilloso."



JPG GROOVE TRIO

@ 6.00pm - 8.00pm

John Paul Gard - keys and bass

Chris Cobbson - guitar / **Paolo Adamo** - drums

Funky, groovy and uptempo instrumental jazz to celebrate the 40th festival weekend. Will get those feet tapping and attract wider attention with this seriously cool lineup from Bristol.

THE WELLINGTON HOTEL

Sun 11 August

ROSIE FRATER-TAYLOR QUINTET

PERFORMANCE

Brecon Cathedral @ 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Rosie Frater-Taylor - guitar & voice / **Five piece band**

British singer-songwriter Rosie Frater-Taylor released "Featherweight" in February 2024 while previous album, "Bloom," had over 3 million streams. Known for blending influences like PJ Harvey and John Mayer, her music features punchy lyrics and jazz-informed guitar; we are delighted to welcome Rosie and her Quintet to BJJ and Mindset stage.



THE FABULOUS RED DIESEL BAND

PERFORMANCE

Muse Arts @ 9.00pm - 10.15pm

Kat Lee-Ryan - vocals, keys, flute

Simon Dobell - trumpet, guitar

Beatrice Gullick - trumpet

Wil Lee-Ryan - drums

Founded in 2016 by Kat Lee-Ryan, the Fabulous Red Diesel band delivers soulful, mischievous jazz with amazing vibrant energy and quirky originals. Known for captivating UK audiences, they'll really light up Brecon Jazz's final evening.



A MESSAGE FROM LYNNE & ROGER

In this anniversary year - a 40th birthday and 41 years of operating as Brecon Jazz in August - the Festival sees an enlarged, wider and collaborative team of committed people who, while volunteers, bring their expertise, professional, business and worldly experience to the organisational process too. This year, we established 'Brecon Jazz' as a charity, which was quite an achievement. But it means that we are able to raise funds in a new and wider way, accessing sources, and we have also joined Brecon Jazz 'the Festival' with the Jazz Club (BJC) which runs September to July - Brecon Jazz is now all year round!

So 2024 will be our 9th full festival organisational year, yet a quick calculation shows that including the four years working with Orchard (from 2012), going ahead would be our year 13, and superstitious or not, we think it is a good time to return to the seat in the audience. Thank you to all the wonderful musicians, visitors, supporters, team members, audiences, funders, volunteers and partners who have worked with us. Two things recently gave encouragement and hope: the *Jazzwise* editorial which, amongst many bigger, better funded and much more high profile events, described Brecon Jazz as the 'much loved' Festival; and in a recent BBC Radio Wales interview, the host spoke of BJJ, even yet at 40, as 'beloved'. It says it all, and you really can't get much better than that. As they say, love is all you need. Hopefully the rest will follow.

BRECON FRAZZ PARADE

On the Wing



Parade

Saturday 10th August | Cathedral Courtyard

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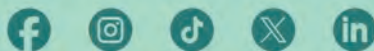
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face painting, bubble show, stilt walkers, music
and dress up

Parade starts 14:00



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BUSKING PROGRAMME

Fri 9 August

* Names in red indicate acts booked by the venue

Peacocks	Lloyds Bank	Tredegar St.	2 Dogs Café	Pegasus Lane
11.30am - 12.30pm ROBYN B	12 noon - 1.00pm BILLY PEZZACK	12.30pm - 1.30pm KURT JONES	12 noon - 1.00pm FIL ZIEBECKI	11.30am - 12.30pm NIGEL B
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Sat 10 August

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Sun 11 August

11.00pm - 12 noon GAVIN DAVIES	11.30pm - 12.30pm CARA & ARCHIE	12 noon - 1.00pm SIMON MANSFIELD TBC	10.00am - 11.00am BONITA	11.00pm - 12 noon RUSSELL JONES Jnr
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Sat 17 August

MONK & THE BARONESS 'NICA'

FILM & MUSIC

The Muse Arts @ 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Geoff Eales - piano / **Ashley-John Long** - double bass

Contemporary filmmaker Hannah Rothschild uncovers the real story behind her great aunt's sudden disappearance. In 1951 Baroness Pannonica (Nica) Koenigswarter left her own life, to devote herself to the American jazz genius Thelonious Monk. Her great niece, Hannah Rothschild, tells the amazing story in this film of leaving England for New York in search of the man who wrote **'Round Midnight** - and this is the account of what happened next. A journey that took her to Harlem and to prison for him - and gave up everything familiar. The result of a ten year search to solve the puzzle of 'Pannonica', about whom many jazz classic numbers are inspired, the film is hugely engaging and enjoyable; directed by Hannah Rothschild.



JULIAN COSTELLO TRIO

PERFORMANCE

The Muse Arts @ 7.00pm - 8.15pm

Julian Costello - saxophone

Patrick Naylor - guitar

Natalie Rozario - cello & vocals

Saxophonist and composer

Julian Costello leads this incredible lineup of sax, guitar, cello and vocals.



It features some of the most in- demand

musicians around. This amazing Trio creates cinematic textures, world music vibes and also performs some well loved classics - by Sarah Vaughan, Doris Day and Jimi Hendrix. Expect a really varied set, jamming, humour and the highest quality playing.



For full day's timings see p28 / back cover

Sun 18 August

DJANGO

FILM

The Muse Arts @ 2.00 - 5.00pm

The film is based on the novel by Alexis Salatko. It creates a part-fictionalized biopic of Django Reinhardt in 1943-45, when the gypsy jazz guitarist (played by Reda Kateb) performed in Paris to packed houses of civilians and Nazi officers, while at the same time trying to plot his escape to Switzerland.

Reinhardt, as a Romani Gypsy, offended Nazi ideas about racial purity, and Hitler's propaganda minister entirely condemned jazz as a genre. Yet the Germans in occupied Paris loved to hear Django play despite also trying to regulate his music by stipulating the maximum length of solos and the appropriate percentage of syncopation - rules Reinhardt attempts to flout!

The extended background music by Reinhardt is really excellent. These tracks are further augmented with some high-rev playing by Stochelo Rosenberg on lead guitar, enhanced by Warren Ellis (of the Bad Seed rock band) on violin. A gripping film and untold story.



AFTERNOON IN PARIS

with Mike Hatchard

PERFORMANCE

The Muse Arts @ 7.00pm - 8.15pm

Susanna Warren - clarinet, bass clarinet, vocals

Mike Hatchard - keyboard, violin, vocals

Jeremy Young - guitar / **Nick Kacal** - double bass / **Paul Smith** - drums

Comprising award-winning musicians led by Susanna Warren, Afternoon in Paris delivers a swing and café jazz experience to bring this year's jazz festival to a close. Fronted by a unique combination of clarinet, bass clarinet and vocals, delivered in several European languages including Welsh, and guitar excellence. The eclectic and widely appealing sound of Afternoon in Paris is delivered with a heartfelt and irresistible 'joie de vivre' that will transport you through the jazz clubs and 'dives' of 1930s Paris and Hamburg to the grand cafés of Europe and South America, and back! Indeed, at home in Wales, we can be amazed at the 'Hot Club' virtuosity of of resident musicians right on our doorstep.



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Weekend Two: Classic BJF Weekend - 9, 10, 11th August

FRI 9th Aug	Guildhall Civic:	FREE
11.00am - 1.00pm	ART & JAZZ WORKSHOP: DROP IN with Karin Mear & Nigel Evans	
1.00pm - 2.15pm	Muse Arts: ZACH BRESKAL TRIO & Special Guest	*
2.15pm - 5.00pm	St. Mary's Stage: FESTIVAL WELCOME, Mayor of Brecon USKULELE JAZZ ORCHESTRA & SINGALONG N'FAMADY KOUYATÉ PERFORMANCE / JAZZ SET	PUBLIC
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Muse Arts: URSULA HARRISON QUARTET	*
<i>From 5.15pm meal</i>	Castle Hotel: Meal deal with day & inclusive tickets (pre booked only)	Pre-paid
6.30pm - 7.45pm	Castle Hotel: DIONNE BENNETT & GREG STERLAND QUINTET	*
8.30pm - 9.45pm	Castle Hotel: THE MINGUS PROJECT (OCTET & VOCALS)	*
SAT 10th Aug	Brecon Cathedral:	
12.00 noon - 1.15pm	TATIANA EVA-MARIE VOCAL & SWING QUARTET	*
Assemble - 1.30pm	FRAZZ BJF2024 PARADE – Start Cathedral, march to Town	PUBLIC
2.30pm - 3.45pm	Town Centre: WONDERBRASS	PUBLIC
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Muse Arts: Jazz Guitar Improvisation Strategies - Professor Steven Kirby	FREE
5.00pm - 6.15pm	Guildhall Theatre: Vocalist Margot Morgan leads this re-performance & special tribute. JAZZ SPECIAL - DYLAN THOMAS 12 POEMS - SEXTET - jazz arrangements by Jen Wilson	
7.15pm - 8.30pm	Guildhall Theatre: GEOFF EALES TRIO - 'HOMECOMING'	*
9.00pm - 10.15pm	Castle Hotel: JAM SESSION	PUBLIC
SUN 11th Aug	Guildhall Theatre: GLEN MANBY, RACHEL STARRITT QUARTET	*
12.00 noon - 1.15pm	GUEST STEVEN KIRBY (US)	
2.30pm - 3.45pm	Guildhall Theatre: THE SIGLO SECTION BIG BAND	*
5.00pm - 6.15pm	Guildhall Theatre: ELIANE CORREA'S CUBAN QUINTET	*
7.30pm - 8.45pm	Brecon Cathedral: ROSIE FRATER-TAYLOR QUINTET	*
9.00pm - 10.15pm	Muse Arts: THE FABULOUS RED DIESEL BAND	*



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BRECON JAZZ FESTIVAL





WEEKEND 3 JAZZ & FILM

Sat 17 August

FILM & TALK / MUSIC / MUSIC (EVE) @ **The Muse Arts**

- 2.00pm Welcome and Film Intro - **FILM** (c80 mins) **MONK & THE BARONESS** - 'NICA'
- 3.30pm **SHORT DISCUSSION** part 1
- 3.50pm **MUSIC of MONK: GEOFF EALES & ASHLEY-JOHN LONG** play **MONK**
- 4.30pm **DISCUSSION** part 2 including musicians
- 5.00pm **BREAK** - resume later for evening Trio
- 7.00pm **JULIAN COSTELLO TRIO** - sax, cello, vocals, guitar

The Bar is open till 8:30pm

Sun 18 August

FILM & TALK / MUSIC / MUSIC (EVE) @ **The Muse Arts**

- 2.00pm Welcome and Film Intro - **FILM** (118 mins)
'DJANGO' - Biopic of a Manouche Guitarist
- 2.50pm **INTERVAL & JAZZ GUITAR**
- 3.10pm **FILM RESUMES**
- 4.10pm **DISCUSSION** Including musicians
- 5.00pm **BREAK** - resume later for evening Quintet
- 7.00pm **AFTERNOON IN PARIS QUINTET** - guitar, clarinet, keys, double drums



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