

Jazz 'n' Blues Festival

> 24 - 28 August

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Delcome to the 20th Aberjazz festival. For this special anniversary we are bringing some distinguished musicians to Fishquard introducing jazz and blues influences which include a broad spectrum of world music.

For five wonderful days Aberjazz will bring the town to life with music, work-

shops, our parade, the Aberjazz fringe and the Aberjazz party.

We are delighted to welcome as our headliner this year, Cleveland Watkiss MBE who will lead his excellent 8 piece band with The Great Jamaican Songbook which features songs that tell poignant stories about the times and the culture with that deep, infectious original laid back drum and bass rhythm. At a time when we are celebrating 75 years since Windrush this will be very special.

The Aberjazz parade will take place on Sunday afternoon. It will be led by our dragon, Idris and Wonderbrass who will lead the crowd through the town to the back of the market where they will join the Aberjam, open mic, DJs and the

Artisan's market.

Closing this year's festival in The Aberjazz Party we are honoured to have the winner of the 2023 Glastonbury Emerging Talent Competition The N'Famady Kouyaté band.

Enjoy!

POESO i 20fed gŵyl Aberjazz. Ar gyfer y pen-blwydd arbennig hwn rydym

yn dod â cherddorion nodedig i Abergwaun i gyflwyno dylanwadau jazz a blues sy'n cynnwys sbectrwm eang o gerddoriaeth y byd.

Am bum diwrnod bendigedig bydd Aberjazz yn dod â'r dref yn fyw gyda cherddoriaeth, gweithdai, ein parêd, Aberjazz Fringe a Aberjazz Party

Mae'n bleser gennym groesawu fel ein prif chwaraewr eleni, Cleveland Watkiss MBE a fydd yn arwain ei fand 8 darn rhagorol gyda The Great Jamaican Songbook sy'n cynnwys caneuon sy'n adrodd straeon teimladwy am yr oes a'r diwylliant gyda'r drwm a'r gwreiddiol dwfn, heintus hwnnw wedi'i ymlacio rhythm bas. Ar adea pan rydym yn dathlu 75 mlynedd ers Windrush bydd hyn yn arbennia iawn.

Bydd Aberjazz Parade yn cael ei chynnal brynhawn Sul. Bydd yn cael ei harwain gan ein draig, Idris a Wonderbrass a fydd yn arwain y dyrfa drwy'r dref i gefn y farchnad lle byddant yn ymuno ag Aberjam, meic agored, DJs a marchnad yr Artisan's. Wrth gloi'r ŵyl eleni ym Mharti Aberjazz mae'n anrhydedd i ni gael enillydd Cystadleuaeth Talent Newydd Glastonbury

2023, The N'Famady Kouyaté band.

Alice





Francesca Dimech our compère for the weekend





Meet the Bands

CLEVELAND WATKISS – The Great Jamaican Songbook

Saturday 26th August at 7.30pm in Theatr Gwaun Our headliner this year – he is a virtuoso vocalist backed by his fantastic 7 piece band featuring songs about their times and culture, all with that deep, infectious laid back drum and bass rhythm.





ADAM FRANKLIN AND ANTHONY CRESCI

Friday 25th August at 1pm in Ffwrn Guitar and harmonica acoustic blues duo.

BAIRES CONNECTION TANGO TRIO

Thursday 24th August at 4pm in Peppers Led by pianist Julieta Iglesias and featuring the music of Astor Piazzolla.



BOOGALOO BABES

Sunday 27th August at 1pm in Ffwrn Vocal trio with complex harmonies and vintage glamour. Dancers can expect swing, jazz and Charleston.



Saturday 26th August at 9.30pm in Peppers Young fusion band led by Ben Creighton Griffiths on electric harp with innovative percussion & groovy bass riffs.

DAVE COTTLE AND SARAH MEEK

The Louis and Ella Show

Friday 25th August from 1pm in Ffwrn

The show is based around the jazz duets of Louis and Ella and feature Dave Cottle on piano and trumpet and Sarah Meek, rising star of the UK jazz scene, on vocals.







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DAVE JONES QUINTET

Saturday 26th August at 4pm in Peppers Jazz quintet featuring the music of the great saxophonist/composer Kenny Garrett.



DAVE SPEIGHT

Monday 28th August at 1pm in Ffwrn Playing acoustic blues from 1920s and 1930s, he has been playing the blues for 55 years and is still happy that "I woke up this morning".



DEBS HANCOCK

The Influence of Women in Jazz Monday 28th August at 4pm in Peppers A show devoted to the jazz divas such as Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Nina Simone and Dinah Washington.



Saturday 26th August from 7.30pm in Peppers Welsh/Jamaican singer known internationally for her unique vocals drawing from Afroculture music influenced by blues, jazz, soul, reggae + more



DOMINIC NORCROSS QUARTET

Friday 25th August at 4pm in Peppers Narberth-based quartet led by Dominic who is a versatile saxophonist.

ELAINA HOSS QUARTET

Sunday 27th August at 7.30pm in Ffwrn Locally-based quartet featuring the vocals of Elaina and joined by Bristol based John Paul Gard on Hammond.

GROOVING WITH PIRATES

Friday 25th August at 11am & 4pm in Theatr Gwaun Exciting musical experience for children which includes animation, story-telling, a live band and audience interaction.







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THE HAWKMEN

Friday 25th August at 7.30pm in Ffwrn Drawn from an array of influences such as rhythm & blues, soul and rock and roll which they bring together in a classic rootsy hybrid blend.



IAGO BANET

Saturday 26th August at 1.30pm in Ffwrn

Originally from Galicia, this immensely talented solo fingerstyle acoustic guitarist is a real treat for guitar fans.



THE J4 QUARTET

Sunday 27th August at 6pm in Peppers

The Beatles with a jazz twist – A real treat for lovers of Beatles music. J4,led by guitarist and composer James Chadwick, bring variation and improvisation to the songs without losing the spirit of the originals.



THE JAKE LEG JUG BAND

Sunday 27th August from 1pm in Ffwrn
This excellent band play the authentic sounds of 1920s
and 1930s America, jazz, blues, gospel and ragtime and
add their own twist.

THE JAZZ PASSENGERS

Saturday 26th August at 7.30pm in Ffwrn

This 7 piece band is led by Richard Hamer. They play jazz standards, swing, latin and bossa nova and feature vocalist Jenny Jones.



JO CARLEY AND THE OLD DRY SKULLS

Saturday 26th August from 1.30pm in Ffwrn Voodoo Vaudeville blues with a creepy theatrical twist and an added upbeat dose of rock & roll, skiffle and 1930s vibe.



Thursday 24th August at 7.30pm in Ffwrn

Li is a very versatile singer who combines her vocal skills with a dynamic presentation. Along with ace guitarist Gary Phillips (Amigos) they lead a fabulous 5 piece band.

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LITTLE RUMBA

Thursday 24th August from 1pm in Ffwrn Very popular band with a unique blend of styles. They have developed an instantly recognisable style which owes debts to East Europe and South America as well as jazz and blues.

N'FAMADY KOUYATÉ BAND

Monday 28th August from 7.30pm in Ffwrn

N'famady, who is from Guinea but now lives in Cardiff, leads this 6 piece band playing the balafon (traditional wooden xylophone) who produce a very exciting sound.



NO MEAN BISCUIT

Thursday 24th August at 1pm in Ffwrn Aberjazz regulars, they play a mixture of popular jazz songs, many with an up tempo beat for any dancers out there.



PISTOL PETE WEARN AND OLLY PARRY

Monday 28th August from 1pm in Ffwrn

This duo bring together rustic pre-war blues with hokum, hoedown and mournful balladry with finger-picked blues guitar and lightly skipping fiddle.

ONCO FONCO

Thursday 24th August from 7.30pm in Ffwrn A local 5 piece band, a fusion of two local bands, Honey Fungus and Daisy B and blending the fabulous voices of Angharad and Daisy in perfect harmony.





THE SHARON CLANCY QUARTET Thursday 24th August at 9pm in Peppers

Sharon is a well-known singer on the Irish jazz scene who spent many years performing in London's west end. She has headlined many concerts at Jazz at Johnstown.





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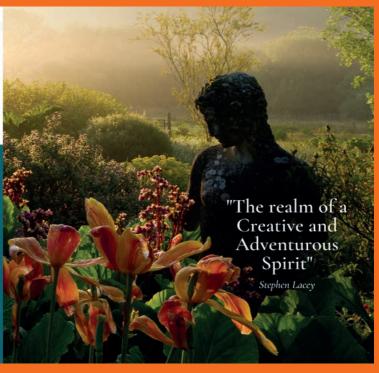




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SISTER BODHI

Saturday 26th August at 4.30pm in St. Mary's Church Beautiful harmonies from these two very talented musicians who are both singer/songwriters who got together at Tenby Blues Festival and have given some very memorable performances since

THE ST. LOUIS EXPRESS

Sunday 27th August from 7.30pm in Ffwrn

A 7 piece jump jive band from the Cardiff area playing music from 1930s through to 1960s. Perfect for dancers.

TONGUE AND GROOVE

Monday 28th August at 7.30pm in Peppers A new five piece funk and dance band from North Pembs. Jimmy, the front man, has a passion for the voice and singing from the soul. All experienced musicians having

played in countless groups and different genres around the world.



Friday 25th August at 9.30pm in Peppers

Exciting jazz quartet led by Will on guitar playing an array of original tunes mixed with a few classic standards rearranged to their style of postbop/hardbop/bebop. They always leave audiences wanting

more.





STEVE AJAO'S BLUES GIANTS

Friday 25th August at 7.30pm in Ffwrn Have been thrilling audiences for 40 years playing authentic classic American blues. Steve is regarded as one of the hottest blues guitarists in the UK. A must see hand





YETII

Sunday 27th August at 9.30pm in Peppers

Bristol-based acoustic jazz trio featuring Alex Merritt on sax. They create a sound of complex yet consonant harmony supporting simple melodies



Thursday 24 th August	Jive and Swing Dance Workshop with Arts Gofal Celf	Ffwrn	10.30am
Friday 25 th August	Slide Guitar Workshop with Adam Franklin	Ffwrn	10.30am
	A look at the beginnings of modern slide guitar. of Tampa Red, one of the big stars of Chicago blubest and top tips for playing in the slide style. Or guitar and a slide.	ues. A look at wh	ich slide is
Saturday 26 th August	Learn Welsh through song with Francesca Dimech	Ffwrn	10.30am
J	Come have fun by singing and learning some Welsall-ages. You will learn some basic greetings, how words whilst getting an introduction to some well-songs in the process. All levels welcome, suitable	to correctly pron- known and well-lo	ounce Welsh oved Welsh
	Ukulele Fun Workshop	The Globe	6pm
	and Singaround If you have a ukulele bring it along and join in wit come and sing along.	h the songs, if no	t then just
	Fingerpicking Guitar	Ffwrn	10.30am
	with Leo and Dave The workshop will be an acoustic roots and fingerstyle guitar workshop, geared towards intermediate to advanced players. Ideally no more than 12 spaces on this but if necessary the group can be split so that players of any level can join.		
Sunday 27 th August	Children's Workshop with Francesca	Town Hall	10.30am
	African Drumming Workshop Emmanuel is a master drummer from Ghana and drum workshop. No experience needed, just comfind your inner rhythm. Come along and join this	e and join the wo	12 noon t, energetic rkshop and
	Harmonica Workshop with Liam Ward	The Globe	6.30pm
	Harmonica workshop in the key of C covering the technique, an introduction to the instrument and blues contexts and an introduction to some basic	how it is used in	
Monday	Children's Songwriting Workshop	Ffwrn	10.00am
28 th August	Play some musical games and help the group to (pirates). They will explore rhythm, tempo, chord end the children will have a chance to record the them afterwards. This workshop is a great way for common goal.	s and lyric writing song which will be	g and at the e e-mailed to
	Jazz Improvisation Workshop	Peppers	10.30am
	This workshop will be facilitated by Nick Hislam a	ind James Chadw	ick of the

This workshop will be facilitated by Nick Hislam and James Chadwick of the J4 Quartet. It is suitable for all instruments. Participants should have a basic facility on their instrument, a knowledge of major scales, enthusiasm and willingness to participate and should bring their own instruments and an amp. The workshop will last about 2 hours with a break in the middle.

The fringe takes place in pubs, cafes and restaurants around the town. Entry to fringe events is free but we would appreciate a contribution in our buckets or badge tins – this is to keep the festival going.

Thursday 24 th August	Goodwick Community Brass Band	Royal Oak	6pm
Friday 25 th August	Hideaway Trio Blending blues, rock and soul/funk	Royal Oak	3pm
	Mike Parker Roots, rock, blues, folk & Americana	Yacht Club	4pm
	Junior Hacksaw 3 piece blues/rock & roll band	Royal Oak	7pm
	Low Down Dirty Dog Blues Delta Blues band from Carmarthen	Coach House	7pm
	Big Joe Bone Roots, blues & hillbilly one man band	Cambrian Inn	8pm
Saturday 26 th August	Jazzology Jazz classics	Lower Town	10am
	Paul Murphy and Friends Famous London jazz DJ + Uncle Funk +	Royal Oak	2pm
	Ragsy Welsh singer/songwriter	Coach House	4pm
	Old Strafford 30s & gospel blues, jug band swing & Americana	Yacht Club	4pm
	Mike Parker Roots, rock, blues, folk & Americana	Cambrian Inn	5pm
	Ten Pence Moon Blues & Roots duo from Bristol	Ship Inn	7pm
	Connor Jillions Young chilled blues/rock musician	Cresswells	8pm
	Gordon Wride Blues, country and Americana	Rugby Club	8pm
	Calling Card Foot-tapping, swinging, funky blues originals	Royal Oak	9pm
Sunday 27 th August	Ragsy Welsh singer/songwriter	JT @ Abergwaun	1pm
	Aberjam, Paul Murphy & other DJs Open mic	Rear of Market	1pm
	No Mean Biscuit Swing & Latin Jazz - 6 piece band	Royal Oak	2pm
	Ten Pence Moon Blues & Roots duo from Bristol	Yacht Club	6pm
	Hoochie Coochie Band Blues, rock, funk and ska	Coach House	6pm
	Keith and Julie Richards Acoustic blues duo	Rugby Club	8pm
Monday 28 th August	James Oliver Band Brilliant guitar playing, blues/rock band	Royal Oak	3.30pm

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No Mean Biscuit followed by Little Rumba	Ffwrn	from 1pm	£12.50
Baires Connection Tango Trio	Peppers	4pm	£12.50
Li Harding & Gary Phillips Band followed by Onco Fonco	Ffwrn	from 7.30pm	£12.50
Sharon Clancy Quartet	Peppers	9pm	£12.50
Grooving with Pirates morning	Theatr Gwaun	11am	*
Adam Franklin & Anthony Cresci followed by "The Louis & Ella Music Show" Dave Cottle & Sarah Meek	Ffwrn	from 1pm	£10.00
Dominic Norcross Quartet	Peppers	4pm	£12.50
Grooving with Pirates afternoon	Theatr Gwaun	4pm	*
Steve Ajao Blues Giants followed by The Hawkmen	Ffwrn	from 7.30pm	£12.50
Will Barnes Quartet	Peppers	9.30pm	£12.50
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lago Banet followed by Jo Carley and the Old Dry Skulls	Ffwrn	from 1.30pm	£10.00
Dave Jones Quintet	Peppers	4pm	£12.50
Sister Bodhi	St. Mary's Church	4.30pm	£10.00
Cleveland Watkiss and his band playing the Great Jamaican Songbook	Theatr Gwaun	7.30pm	£25.00
The Jazz Passengers followed by Dionne Bennett and The Pepper Seeds	Ffwrn	7.30pm	£15.00
Chube	Peppers	9.30pm	£12.50
Boogaloo Babes followed by Jake Leg Jug Band	Ffwrn	from 1pm	£10.00
The J4 Quartet	Peppers	6pm	£12.50
Elaina Hoss Quartet followed by St. Louis Express	Ffwrn	from 7.30pm	£15.00
Yetii	Peppers	9.30pm	£12.50

Dave Speight followed by Pistol Pete Wearn and Olly Parry	Ffwrn	from 1pm	£10.00
Debs Hancock (Influence of Women in Jazz)	Peppers	4pm	£12.50
The Aber Jazz Party Tongue and Groove followed by N'famady Kouyaté Band	Ffwrn	from 7.30pm	£15.00

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Thank you messages

First of all I would like to thank our sponsors, The Arts Council of Wales, Fishguard Town Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Stena Line

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers for their invaluable help in the lead up and during the course of the festival.

A special thank you to our Aberjazz host volunteers for helping with accommodating our musicians. I am sure we would all like to extend our thanks to our wonderful musicians who always make this weekend very special.

Thank you to the owners and managers of our venues for their help and consideration.

A very special thanks to you, our audience, without whom there could be no festival. Thank you all and we hope to see you next year.

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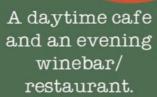
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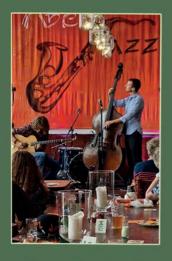
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