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# LINE UP / Artist details

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#### **KIZZY CRAWFORD**

12th August 2016 - 8:00 pm



A Welsh speaker with Bajan heritage, 19 year old Kizzy Crawford's solo career began just two years ago. In that time, Kizzy has developed an increasing sophistication to her songwriting and performance, which is complimented by her soaring voice that boasts both range and charisma

Her ambition as a black Welsh artist is to make her mark by fusing bilingual soul-folk jazz and she's already getting recognition for her work with airplay on BBC Radio 1, BBC 6Music, BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio Wales, BBC Radio Cymru as well as live TV performances on S4C, Children in Need for BBC1 and the 6 Nations advert campaign. Kizzy won the 'Brwydr Y Bandiau' at the National Eisteddfod 2013. She also won a Welsh Singer-Songwriter competition receiving money to record her first EP 'Temporary Zone' with Amy Wadge.

#### DOWALLY

13th August 2016 - 11:00 am



A trio blending traditional scottish music with jazz harmony and eastern european sounds.

Dowally's unique and expressive folk sound has been described by Leith Folk Club as "a lovely breath of fresh air". Guitar, fiddle, accordion and cello weave and dance together to create gritty grooves, joyous

melodies and soaring harmonies, with improvisational sections that speak from the soul. Curated by Marc Edwards

### **GSD ENSEMBLE**

13th August 2016 - 1:00 pm



GSD Ensemble are an 8 piece group that consists of piano, bass guitar, drums, saxophone and string quartet. They play original music that combines qualities from various genres, notably jazz, classical, latin and folk, with the aim of engaging audiences in an energetic,

uplifting and accessible performance space.

In September 2015 they recorded their EP, 'Golden Rule', and have just released their first album entitled 'Wildfire', recorded at 80 Hertz Studio in Manchester. Curated by Marc Edwards

#### ASTEROPE

13th August 2016 - 4:00 pm



Featuring an outstanding range of young talented musicians this exciting group performs Tom's most recent set of original rock/jazz infused compositions. Some of the influences Tom bases his writing on are artists from the modern American jazz scene including Kneebody,

Seamus Blake, Donny Mccaslin and Kurt Rosenwinkle. His work also contains a trace of British jazz influence - Kenny Wheeler.

Asterope have played at The Oxford and Cheltenham jazz festivals, Ronnie Scott's and Spinney Theatre and several other venues in London. Curated by Marc Edwards

## CARAVELA

## **GSD QUARTET**

13th August 2016 - 8:00 pm



The GSD String Quartet is an exciting new ensemble that explores classical and jazz-fusion string repertoire. The

quartet forms one half of the GSD Ensemble that features rhythm section, piano, saxophone and string guartet. Its members have all been classically trained at the renowned Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Curated by Marc Edwards

#### DENNIS ROLLINS' VELOCITY Supported by Jazz4Jed

13th August 2016 - 9:30 pm



In Spring 2015, Dennis Rollins' 'Velocity' Trio released 'Symbiosis'- a progressive follow-up to their debut album 'The 11th Gate', and will be touring it throughout 2015/16. The album draws together the Trio's collective influences, incorporating straight-ahead and avant-gard jazz, fused

with tinges of rock and generous helpings of hard-funk.

Velocity Trio is a relatively new venture for Rollins, a brilliant marriage of refined contemporary jazz arrangements with simmering grooves that appeals to multiple generations of jazz, funk and world music fans. Featuring Hammond organ virtuoso Ross Stanley and fiery drummer Pedro Segundo, their unique trombone-Hammond organ-drums line-up honours the jazz tradition while pushing it forward. The 'electric' energy of the group also covers a wide area, ranging from atmospheric ethereal melodies from Rollins' harmonised horn to terra firma straight-ahead jazz and groove.

## NERIJA Supported by Jazz4Jed

13th August 2016 - 9:30 pm



Recently nominated for Jazz FM Breakthrough Act of the Year 2016, Nérija are a collective of up and coming, Londonbased musicians playing exciting and original music inspired by Jazz, Hip Hop,

Afrobeat and Hi-life. Together they have toured across Europe and the UK in addition to performing alongside top UK jazz musicians such as Nathaniel Facey of Empirical, pianist Zoe Rahman, and supporting Jazz Jamaica at the renowned Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club.

Nerija's most recent performances include UK festivals A Love Supreme, Latitude, Brainchild, Manchester Jazz Festival, Jazz Re: Fest and EFG London Jazz Festival. At the end of 2015, they also had the incredible opportunity to support Hypnotic Brass Ensemble, their Manchester Jazz Festival set being featured on BBC Radio 3.

#### JAZZ JAM

14th August 2016 - 12:30 am



The Brecon Jazz Jam is back with its late night laid back vibe. This celebration of jazz starts at 12.30am, straight after Dennis Rollins' 'Velocity' finish their set. In the intimate setting of the Studio at

Theatr Brycheiniog, the jam allows musicians to get together to unwind and indulge in some jazz improv. Definitely one not to be missed!

## DANI SICARI & THE FASY ROLLERS

#### LIEKO QUINTET

14th August 2016 - 1:00 pm



Founded in 2015, Lieko Quintet focuses on creating fresh, innovative & original music by looking at how rhythmic and harmonic ideas from a contemporary jazz idiom can be used to revive and reinvent pre-

existing material. They are bringing a new sound to audiences by fusing ideas from blues, hip-hop and soul with the kind of harmonic framework found in post-bop jazz. The band collectively takes inspiration from artists like Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Robert Glasper & Cory Henry. Curated by Marc Edwards

#### WONDERBRASS

14th August 2016 - 4:00 pm



Wonderbrass: an internationally acclaimed 25 piece world music, pop music, jazz juggernaut - a danceaholic wall of sound - a kick-ass brass tidal wave! Cardiff's biggest, boldest and brassiest (pun intended)!

Under the expert leadership of instrumentalist and composer Rob Smith and drummer extraordinaire Mark O'Connor, Wonderbrass are constantly evolving and exploring new musical challenges. Expect an intoxicating mix of jazz, Latin, ska and soul; a diverse repertoire including Cannonball Adderley, Abdulah Ibrahim and Madonna whilst indulging in a number of their own compositions along the way.

#### BAHLA

14th August 2016 - 4:00 pm



Bahla sonically paints a picture from the broad spectrum of Jewish music traditions, drawing inspiration for new compositions from Liturgical

melodies, North African rhythms and Yiddish Art songs. Their music seamlessly combines intimate chamber group textures and roaring, contemporary jazz inspired interplay. It tells a story of the past but always looks ahead, embracing our multi-cultural, modern society.

The Group was selected to perform at the BBC Proms in 2015 as a promising emerging band. Curated by Marc Edwards

#### ARTEPHIS

14th August 2016 - 6:00 pm



The 'Jazz North Introduces' artist 2015-16, Artephis, a Manchester-based contemporary jazz quintet comprising active, awardwinning young musicians who met at the

#### Royal Northern College of Music.

Since forming in 2014, Artephis have been committed to realizing forward-looking original music, which directs the progressive energy of post-bop Miles Davis and Wynton Marsalis onto the contemporary plane of Christian Scott and Bill Laurence, distilling an eclectic sound of their own. Described by Mike Walker as having an organic, collectively individual sound', 'Artephis have recently performed to capacity audiences at the Manchester, Marsden and Lancaster Jazz Festivals, as well as at Matt & Phred's and the Bridgewater Hall, and look forward to forthcoming performances that include the Liverpool and Scarborough Jazz Festivals.

In January 2016, they released their debut EP, and their composition 'Chagrin' is featured on the first ever CD of selected performers at the Marsden Jazz Festival. Curated by Marc Edwards

#### TENDONS

#### 13th August 2016 - 6:00 pm

Caravela are a Jazz/Brazilian/World music collective led by new



generation jazz musicians based in London.

The band's name is inspired by Caravel's, the small vessels that carried Portuguese explorers into the mighty Atlantic winds as they explored new horizons along the

West African coast. The boats and their crew carried with them a wild sense of adventure, looking for new possibilities, trading exchanges and sharing their culture with foreign lands. The band explores the musical depths of the Atlantic sea, merging vibrant rhythms from the Afro-Brazilian culture and soulful melodies from Portugal with inviting funky grooves and elements of jazz improvisation taking their passengers to beautiful places. Curated by Marc Edwards

#### 14th August 2016 - 11:00 am



1920s speakeasy jazz featuring awardwinning musicians from RNCM. 'Grab your dancin' shoes cos the 20s are here to stay!

On January 17th 1920 the USA goes cold turkey, as a constitutional ban is placed on the sale and production of alcoholic beverages. As saloons across the country shut down, illegal speakeasy bars take their place and the Prohibition era is born. Jazz music from New Orleans reaches the big cities and floods into the underground speakeasies, along with illicit liquor and scantily clad women. Behold, the golden age of jazz! Curated by Marc Edwards

14th August 2016 - 6:30 pm



Formed in January 2015, indie-folk fivepiece Tendons blend timeless songs with beautiful harmonies to create a distinct and mesmerising sound.

Based in Cardiff, South Wales, the band released debut live EP 'Safehouse Sessions' via Staylittle Music in January 2016, a year to the day since their inception. They are currently working on their maiden studio release, and with a thrilling and ever-expanding live sound, 2016 is set to be a big year for Tendons.

#### **FUTURES FIESTA**

14th August 2016 - 9:00 pm



The futures musicians close Brecon Jazz: Futures programme with a party jam! Come and be part of the fun at the fiesta. Jam will be led by Alex Hill of Lieko Quintet and Dani Sicari & The Easy Rollers.