

Recent Jazz at Progress performers

The Nat Steele MJQ
Quartet: Portrait of
the MJQ
November 2022



The Power of Three
October 2022

Jonny Mansfield
Quartet
September 2022



Alban Claret & Evan Clegg
– The Collection
July 2022

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HOW TO BOOK TICKETS

NB all tickets subject to maximum 5% booking fee

1 via Jazz in Reading

www.jazzinreading.com

Follow the Jazz at Progress link



2 via the Progress Theatre

www.progresstheatre.co.uk

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Progress Theatre

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Bar open at all gigs from 7:00pm. Drinks may be taken into the auditorium during performances.

Preferred dining

We have a special arrangement with The Queens Head (a short stroll from the theatre at 54 Christchurch Road), offering great home cooked fresh food with classic English dishes, and some tasty specials too!

Just show your Jazz at Progress ticket for **10% discount off food and drink** on the day of the show you are attending; tickets to be presented when ordering.

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JAZZ at Progress

February to June 2023



Friday 3 February 2023
**Gary Willcox's Drummer/
Composer Project**

Friday 17 March 2023
Zoë Gilby Quartet

Friday 28 April 2023
**Leon Greening Trio plus
guest Alex Garnett**

Friday 2 June 2023
Alex Clarke Quartet

Friday 30 June 2023
The Horace Silver Project

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Friday 3 February 2023

Gary Willcox's Drummer/ Composer Project

Chris Batchelor trumpet
Jason Yarde saxes
Oli Hayhurst bass

7:30pm | £18 / £16 / £9

Gary Willcox has created an exciting project showing the contribution that drummers have made to jazz across the decades as instrumentalists and composers. The sets include well known jazz tunes that epitomise the era of 'Bebop and Beyond' including those by Elvin Jones, Kenny Clarke, Paul Motian, Jack DeJohnette and Bill Stewart. The quintet features brilliant musicians of the jazz genre intake from the 1980s onwards, creating a unified sound which brings continuity to the project. The flexibility of the compositions gives the musicians the space for creative interpretation.



Gareth Williams piano
Gary Willcox drums

Friday 17 March 2023

Zoë Gilby Quartet

Zoë Gilby vocals
Andy Champion double bass

Mark Williams guitar
John Bradford drums

7:30pm | £18 / £16 / £9

Vocalist and songwriter Zoë Gilby – Parliamentary Jazz Awards Jazz Vocalist of the Year 2019 – is making a stunning impression on the music scene at home and abroad. Her compelling original compositions (written with double bassist husband Andy Champion) make a powerful collection of songs with a strong narrative, musical sophistication and a dramatic edge. Her performances offer an engaging repertoire of story-telling and atmosphere and typically include an adventurous blend of contemporary composers from Kate Bush to Pink Floyd as well as sensitive treatment of jazz standards.



Friday 28 April 2023

Leon Greening Trio plus guest Alex Garnett

Leon Greening piano
Alex Garnett sax

Adam King bass
Steve Brown drums

7:30pm | £18 / £16 / £9

Leon Greening's extraordinary solos, inspired by the likes of Wynton Kelly and Bud Powell, keep the audience on the edge of their seats and mark him out as one of the finest pianists this country has ever produced. His hard swinging style has made him a favourite on the UK jazz circuit. Alex Garnett has been one of the leading saxophonists in the UK and Europe for over two decades, instantly recognised by his dark, husky sound. The ever in demand bassist Adam King and the immensely talented drummer Steve Brown complete this world-class quartet.



Friday 2 June 2023

Alex Clarke Quartet

Alex Clarke alto & tenor saxophones
Dave Newton piano

Dave Green bass
Clark Tracey drums

7:30pm | £18 / £16 / £9

A finalist in the BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year 2020, winner of the Rising Star category in the 2019 British Jazz Awards, nominee in the Parliamentary Jazz Awards 2021 & 2022 and a star of the 2022 Swanage Jazz Festival, Alex is one of the most melodic and versatile young saxophonists on the British jazz scene with a sound steeped in a swinging approach reminiscent of Scott Hamilton and Lester Young. Alex will be supported by a 'Rolls Royce' rhythm section comprising three musicians of true world class – Dave Newton, Dave Green and Clark Tracey.



Friday 30 June 2023

The Horace Silver Project

Freddie Gavita trumpet
Clare Hirst sax
Andrea Vicari piano
Marianne Windham bass
Matt Fishwick drums

7:30pm | £18 / £16 / £9

A celebration of the distinctively funky soul jazz of the legendary hard bop pianist and composer Horace Silver, including favourites from his enduring Blue Note recordings such as The Preacher, Song For My Father, and Sister Sadie, from a new band fronted by Clare Hirst, a UK saxophonist with a distinguished career in pop and jazz music plus the extraordinary Freddie Gavita, winner of the British Jazz Awards for Best Trumpet in 2017, and a rhythm section featuring composer and pianist Andrea Vicari, Marianne Windham on bass and Matt Fishwick on drums.

