

Lichfield Arts Blues & Jazz Festival 2019



Thursday 30th May
to Sunday 2nd June

Lichfield Guildhall
Cathedral Hotel
Wade Street Church

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Organisation
Climax Blues Band

Remi Harris with
Tom Moore

Alison Rayner Quintet

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The Escape Committee

The Sleaze Brothers

South Staffordshire Youth
Jazz Orchestra (East)

The Eagle Jazz Band

Robert Jackson

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Back again for it's fifth year the festival will offer blues and jazz fans a varied programme of top class national musicians and our excellent regional bands in our delightful Cathedral City.

Jazz fans can enjoy music, from New Orleans, gypsy jazz to swing plus funk, guitar jazz, to the award-winning Alison Rayner Quintet and the mind-blowing jazz rock of the awesome Soft Machine.

Blues fans can enjoy the popular and distinctive blues of the Climax Blues Band, the emerging young talent of Robert Jackson, the boogie woogie of Steve 'Big Man' Clayton and the hard hitting Chris Bevington Organisation. Sunday will see good time blues by The Escape Committee and local favourites The Sleaze Bros.

Main venues for the festival will be Lichfield Guildhall and the Cathedral Hotel. So come along for the whole weekend, a day or a single concert. Simply relax and enjoy!

Brian Pretty

Festival Director

From our patron...

John Etheridge

I was so pleased to be asked to be a Patron of the Lichfield Blues and Jazz Festival.

I have been proud to appear in many different guises at the festival and it's various venues and must thank Brian Pretty and his team for all their support for musicians over the years in what is always a difficult environment.

They have presented music without genre prejudice, avant-garde and conventional jazz and blues happily co-existing in a tolerant, friendly atmosphere and a feeling of real enjoyment from audiences and participants alike.

It always is a display of stamina, dedication and enthusiasm to keep a festival like this going along over the years and it's fitting for those of us who benefit from such an enjoyable gig to remember how much selfless energy it takes to set it all up.

Thanks to all the organisers - and really looking forward to this year's festival.

John Etheridge

ABOUT Lichfield Arts

INSPIRING. INVOLVING. ENTERTAINING

Lichfield Arts is an independent charity that has promoted music and Arts events in Lichfield since 1974 and is mainly run by volunteers.

Lichfield Arts promotes around 40 concerts a year including the genres of folk, jazz, blues, roots & rock. It also stages a number of festivals such as The Fuse Festival, L2F (The Lichfield Festival of Folk), a blues & jazz festival and various beer festivals.

Lichfield Arts encourages and promotes local talent in various ways: Running outreach projects; supporting Wildfire Folk, Blast Off!, Lichfield Lighthouse Company, Lichfield's Got Talent and other events and projects.

Thursday 30th May

8.00pm Cathedral Hotel £12
**Remi Harris
with Tom Moore**



festival! www.remiharris.com

This exciting guitarist returns to the festival to give a unique concert of gypsy, swing, blues, electronic and world music aided by the much admired double bass playing of Tom Moore. These astounding musicians will present a eclectic mix of original compositions and arrangements of the music of Django Reinhardt, Peter Green, Wes Montgomery and even Jimi Hendrix. A great start to the

Friday 31st May

8.00pm Cathedral Hotel £14
Alison Rayner Quintet



This extremely talented quintet comprise leader Alison (double bass), Steve Lodder (keyboards), Deirdre Cartwright (guitar), Buster Birch drums and Diane McLoughlin (saxes). This creative

group have received rave reviews since their formation with their inventive, colourful, melodic richly-skilled compositions. To quote one review: "Unified musical dexterity, not a note wasted, a beautiful integrated band". In the recent Parliamentary Jazz Awards they won the prize for best ensemble. www.blowthefuse.com

8.00pm Lichfield Guildhall £15
Climax Blues Band



After celebrating 50 years of playing their unique combination of blues with a jazzy tinge and playing all the major blues festivals around the UK and Europe we simply had to invite them back for this festival. This creative group of musicians are George Glover (keyboards), Neil Simpson (bass), Lester Hunt (guitar), Roy Adams (drums) Chris Aldridge (saxes) and Graham Dee (vocals). They play great music with passion, style and enjoyment to produce that superb, unforgettable Climax Blues sound enjoyed by thousands around the world. www.climaxbluesband.com



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Saturday 1st June

A great afternoon and evening of funky, eastern influenced original jazz

2.00pm Cathedral Hotel £12

Tom Hill's 70s Jazz Funk Machine

This all-star Midlands band is led by Tom Hill, aka Tom Clarke-Hill, on double bass, vocals and joke machine. The rest of the band are Al Gurr (keyboards), Lee Jones (guitar), Nick Milward (drums/vocals) Andy Shillingford (saxes) and Bryan Corbett (trumpet). You'll hear the funky jazz of the 70s including The Crusaders and Weather Report as well as vocals from the Bill Withers songbook. Dig out your bellbottoms and platform shoes, or if you don't have any, still a great afternoon of funky, very enjoyable music.

4.30pm Cathedral Hotel £12

Meirgroup

If you put two of Britain's finest guitarists together, Pete Oxley and Nicholas Meir, with Paul Cavaciuti (drums) and Ralph Mizraki (acoustic and electric bass) you will be blown away by the experience. Both are superb composers creating a wonderful heady mixture of flamenco, jazz, latin and Middle Eastern overtones played on a stunning variety of guitars with an entertaining spontaneity and freshness. To quote one review: "A feast of virtuosity, delivered with depth, wit and joy". www.meirgroup.com

8.00pm Cathedral Hotel £12

Nick Dewhurst Band with special guest Derek Nash

Led by Lichfield-based trumpet player Nick Dewhurst this quintet has built up a growing reputation for it's original funky jazz and free spirit. Besides Nick on trumpet/flugelhorn are Callum Roxburgh (tenor sax), Tom Moore (bass), Tom Lindsay (keyboards) and Carl Hemmingsley (drums). You will hear jazz standards, blues, up-tempo covers and fine compositions by Nick Dewhurst. Special guest for the evening will be leading charismatic saxophonist Derek Nash, who is at the forefront of British jazz and a key member of the Jools Holland Orchestra. www.nickdewhurst.com www.dereknash.com

SATURDAY STROLLER
DAY TICKET
- £25 -

An excellent afternoon and evening of blues to suit all tastes

4.00pm Lichfield Guildhall £10

Robert Jackson

After last years superb performance and audience feedback we just had to bring back this stunning songwriter/guitarist. Influences include Eric Clapton and Peter Green. His fine vocals, thumb-picking guitar and blues harp has enthralled audiences from Amsterdam and New York to Lichfield.

5.30pm Lichfield Guildhall £10

Steve 'Big Man' Clayton

No stranger to Lichfield, this superb gifted pianist plays hard hitting boogie-woogie, blues, gospel and even a touch of rock and roll in a very relaxed manner mixed with a great sense of humour. To compliment his music he will be supported by Simon Smith (double bass) and Howard Smith (drums/vocals). To quote one review: "He played with hands of steel at breath-taking speed and with his powerful voice sent the audience home in a daze". www.steve-bigman-clayton.com

8.00pm Lichfield Guildhall £10

Chris Bevington Organisation

Founded in 2014 by Chris Bevington, heavily influenced by the likes of Robert Cray, Walter Trout and Eric Clapton, they recorded their first album receiving great acclaim and hitting the UK blues charts. Since then they have gone from strength to strength with a nine-piece line-up of Jim Kirkpatrick, Paul Burgess (drums), Scott Ralph (guitar/vocals), Adrian Gibson (trumpet), Mike Yorke (saxes) and vocalists Kate Robertson and Sarah Miller. Expect to hear hard-hitting blues played with gusto and humour by this talented group of musicians. www.chrisbevingtonorganisation.com



Saturday 1st June

BIRD STREET BLUES & JAZZ FESTIVAL - FREE

Relax, enjoy a drink, snack or meal at one of the many cafes, restaurants and pubs in this vibrant area whilst listening to some excellent local bands strutting their stuff.

11.00am guitar workshops at The Kings Head:

Tom Morgan (Jazz) & Simon Phelps (Blues)

12.30pm Blast Off - fine local very big band strut their stuff

1.45pm Alfi Roneo - fine blues from this excellent band

3.00pm Tom Morgan Trio - swinging jazz

4.00pm Very special guests

Sunday 2nd June

A day of blues and jazz to suit all interests

10.30am Wade Street Church FREE Festival Church Service

Now very much part of the festival. Join the congregation and musicians of Wade Street Church to explore and enjoy the spiritual roots of blues and jazz.

11.30am Lichfield Guildhall FREE South Staffordshire Youth Jazz Orchestra (East)

Sit back and enjoy the skills of these very talented young musicians from all parts of South Staffordshire including Tamworth, Hednesford, Cannock, Rugeley, Lichfield and beyond under the leadership of Jenny Mawdsley and Paul Bennett. Hear classic Big Band sounds played with dexterity, understanding, verve and the enthusiasm of youth.

1.30pm Cathedral Hotel £10 or £15 both concerts

The Eagle Jazz Band

We start off this day of classic jazz to swing with this well established band of fine musicians. They are, Matt Palmer (saxophone/clarinet/vocals), Pete Brown (trombone/trumpet/cornet/vocals), Terry Williams (drums/trombone/vocals), Brian Lawrence (double bass/sousaphone) and Brian Mellor (banjo/guitar/vocals). You will hear classic 20s to 40s tunes from King Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, Sydney Bechet and Duke Ellington to blues and swing played to a high standard of musicianship. www.meagle.co.uk



3.30pm Cathedral Hotel £10

Fret & Fiddle

This Midlands based quintet present the music of legendary violinist Stephane Grappelli when he played the Clubs of Paris in the 20s to the golden years at Claridges in to the 80s. They are: Sally Minchin (violin/vocals), Andy Bole (guitar), Rich Hughes (piano), Simon Smith (double bass) and Steve Street (drums). Enjoy beautiful ballads like Stardust and My Funny Valentine or tap your toes to the great days of swing with Anything Goes plus a touch of Charleston. You may even hear Sweet Georgia Brown. www.fretandfiddle.co.uk

1.30pm Lichfield Guildhall £10 or £15 both concerts

The Escape Committee

From the north of the county, they have built up a grand reputation for playing the blues of the likes of Eric Clapton, BB King, Steve Winwood, Neil Young and Jimi Hendrix. They are Sarge Frampton (guitar/vocals), Paul Burgess (drums - ex 10cc), John Gibson (bass) and the evergreen George Glover (keyboards). Enjoy these fine musicians playing some hard hitting blues.

3.00pm Lichfield Guildhall £10

The Sleaze Brothers

Bringing you the lighter side of the blues and it's many offspring genres including soul and rock'n'roll. This band have been dishing up their own take on classics by the likes of Wilson Pickett and Chuck Berry through JJ Cale, Status Quo and The Georgia Satellites to Seasick Steve for many years to enthusiastic responses. With a line-up that includes sax and keys, a chance to let your hair down, have a dance and celebrate the good times as the festival moves towards a wonderful close.



Sunday 2nd June

6.30pm Lichfield Guildhall £15

SOFT MACHINE

We are delighted and feel very privileged to finish off the festival with one of the greatest UK avant-garde jazz-rock bands of all time and still going strong.

The current line-up is long-standing members John Marshall (drums), Roy Babbington (bass), Mr John Etheridge (guitar) and Theo Travis (tenor sax, flute and keyboards). They continue to produce music of high adventure and refuse to be pigeon-holed playing powerful jazz fusion, atmospheric psychedelia and improvised jazz-rock to ambient loop music but keeping up the traditions of 50 years ago.



To quote one review: "These musicians are masters of their craft, not only as soloists but as a part of the band. They put together a concert for everyone: challenging jazz-fusion, prog-rock, chaotic free-jazz, pop-jazz even some hard rock".

www.softmachine.com

For all the latest festival information visit:
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Venues map



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Thanks to the wonderful festival team and all our very hard working volunteers.

The programme is correct at the time of going to press but may be subject to change at short notice.

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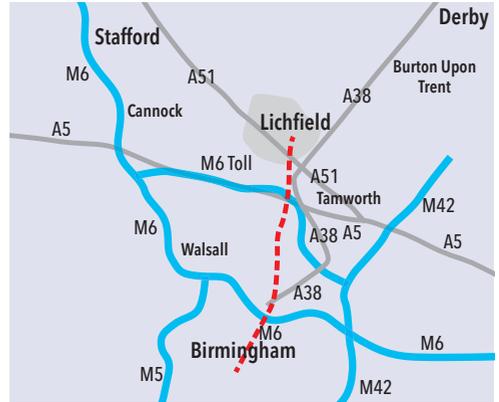
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Rail: London North West Railways run an hourly service from London (Euston) to Lichfield Trent Valley and from Crewe to Lichfield Trent Valley.

Car: Lichfield is less than 20 miles from the M42/M6/M40 and a short distance from the A38/A5

Bus: Regular services from Burton, Tamworth, Stafford and Cannock to Lichfield bus/rail interchange.

Booking

Online: www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

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Cheque: Payable to Lichfield Arts

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