

What's On 2024 – Music Programme



Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September 2024

The music programme takes place between 11am and 5pm on both days, with Twyn Car Park's Leaning Tower Main Stage extending until 8pm on Saturday only. From 9am until 11am, there will be music played over the PA system on the smaller stages, and community performances on the main stage for visitors to enjoy until the live acts start!

Area 1 -The Green Lady Stage - Cardiff Road / Kings Arms

Saturday

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| 11.00am – 12.15pm | Richard Robling |
| 12.40pm – 1.45pm | Act Happy |
| 2.10pm – 3.20pm | Secret Postal Society |
| 3.45pm – 5.00pm | Post Modern Jukebox Duo |

Sunday

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| 11.00am – 12.15pm | Ragsy |
| 12.40pm – 1.45pm | Richard Dinning |
| 2.10pm – 3.20pm | The Carltones feat. Mudflat Glover |
| 3.45pm – 5.00pm | Hot Gin Duo |

Area 2 - Castle Moat Stage - Crescent Road

Saturday

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| 11.00am – 12.15pm | Omega Two |
| 12.45pm – 2.00pm | Juno Acoustic |
| 2.20pm – 3.30pm | Frankie Wesson Duo |
| 3.50pm – 5.00pm | Spencer Flay |

Sunday

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| 11.00am – 12.15pm | Acoustic Notation |
| 12.45pm – 2.00pm | Rebecca Richards |
| 2.20pm – 3.30pm | Wrenna |
| 3.50pm – 5.00pm | Cadence Acoustic Duo |

Area 3 – The Leaning Tower Main Stage – Twyn Car Park

Saturday

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| 9.30am – 10.15am | RecRock (Community performance) |
| 11.00am – 12.00pm | Ragsy Quartet |
| 12.20pm – 1.35pm | Mendocino Family |
| 2.00pm – 3.00pm | Noone Knows |
| 3.25pm – 4.30pm | Albino Frogs |
| 4.50pm – 6.05pm | Nearly Steely |
| 6.35pm – 8.00pm | HEADLINERS: BIG MAC'S WHOLLY SOUL BAND |

Sunday

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| 9.30am – 10.15am | Connect Life (community performance) |
| 11.00am – 12.00pm | Pyramid |
| 12.25pm – 1.25pm | Livestock Davies and the Lowdown Snakes |
| 1.50pm – 3.10pm | The Strip Lights |
| 3.30pm – 5.00pm | HEADLINERS: SLIPPED DISCO |

Artist Information

Richard Robling



As an admirer of great songwriters of all genres, Richard's setlist is diverse and designed to please as many as possible. There'll be songs from the great balladeers of the forties and fifties, from the 'skiffing' fifties, the swinging sixties, including the folk scene, up to the present day – and one or two originals. Vocals are accompanied by acoustic guitar.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/richard.robling.9>

Link to music: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYvKrWKXmOs

Act Happy



Act Happy are an acoustic duo based in Newport, South Wales. They have a distinctive dark folk style with rock and pop influences. Act Happy regularly play gigs in the local area and are branching out across the UK. They will be making their debut on the UK festival scene over the summer of 2024. If you want to stay up to date with their latest gigs and news, make sure you subscribe to their mailing list. If you have any booking enquiries, please use the contact form on their website: <https://acthappymusic.com/bio>

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/act.happy.2023>

Link to music: https://open.spotify.com/artist/3LIYGMCSM6NCnKxMn7I4RV?si=hIrdTbN-QqSmlgOC_idrdg

Secret Postal Society



Secret Postal Society is a musical project by singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Craig Mapstone. Conceived at the tail end of 2020 Craig challenged himself to write, record and release a brand-new original song every week throughout 2021. By the end of 2021 Craig had not only released 53 tracks but had also created music videos and artwork to accompany each song. In 2022 Craig began playing live as Secret Postal Society with gigs at the Brecon Jazz Festival and EastFest in Port Talbot, plus support slots with Revolution Rabbit Deluxe and BBC Radio Wales A-lister Kaysha Louvain. When Craig is not writing and recording as Secret Postal Society he hosts the Welsh Connections Playlist radio show which is broadcast on stations in the UK, US, Canada and Spain to a global audience of over 200,000 weekly listeners. Craig also works as a session musician, tutor and is a director of music PR & Promotions company TIWN Media.

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SecretPostalSocietyOfficial/>

Link to music:

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/6wJMvP0mHXmNpGiYaX7DWW?si=r3VYXTASTASPfc0pZYwavg>

Post Modern Shoebox Duo



From a duo to a quintet, who play 'vintage pop with a twist of swing'. Think Joe Pass meets Bon Jovi, George Benson meets Guns n Roses and Wes Montgomery meets Meghan Trainor. Graduates of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Susie Webb & Craig Webb have performed across the British Isles playing as many as 250 concerts a year in music festivals such as Brecon Jazz, venues such as The Royal Pump Rooms and have been featured on BBC TV (Brecon Jazz).

'One wishes some of the American bands had their groove' - Birmingham Post. 'Some of my favourite musicians' Andy Roberts BBC.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chatnchoons>

Link to Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bluesysusie/>

Richard Dinning



Richard offers a diverse range of numbers with vocals and acoustic guitar; both covers through the decades and quirky originals that offer an insight into his life. All done with a great deal of humour and a harmony pedal!

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Acoustic-i-Richard-Dinning-775059235898826>

Link to music: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076234178589>

The Carltones Feat. Mudflat Glover



Carlton Brodin is a singer-songwriter and guitarist from East London, inspired by the two tone ska music explosion of the 80s in Coventry. Once part of The Cosmics, who provided a platform for The Specials to reform, 10 years after the creation of two tone records in 1991. Carlton's notable experiences with The Cosmics include performing at of the falling of the Berlin wall celebrations taking Two Tone records ethos of diversity to a mono-cultural, post-soviet occupied East Germany. Other notable collaborations include working with The Mad Professor , Lee Scratch Perry, Mackabee, Rico Rodriguez and Roy Shirley Mudflat Glover will be joining Carlton straight from a US tour, playing bass guitar with Dub War, who have reignited their collaboration after a hiatus lasting decades. Mudflat Glover and Carlton met after Mudflat moved to London circa 2001, not long after Dubwar split, playing bass in The Cosmics. More recently, the pair have been working with with Benji Webb (Dubwar, Skindread), on The Exiles new LP, due out at the end of 2023.

Socials: <http://www.stamfordhillbillies.co.uk/topic.php?pid=4>
<http://www.dubwar.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WAR2021>

Hot Gin Duo



Hot Gin Duo, Mark and Louise hail from Penarth, South Wales, providing male and female vocals accompanied by acoustic guitar. The duo have encapsulated a colourful collection of music, timeless classics from the 1950's, 60's and 70's. Easy listening and singalongs in various genres. The Duo are experienced performers (continuing to sing in the well know bands St Louis Express and Hot Gin Swing). Between them they have performed various styles of music for a number of years. With great on stage chemistry they capture and engage their audience. A professional show entertaining to listen, watch and dance to. They have performed for the BBC News, Bristol and have a residencies at restaurants and regularly perform at weddings, festivals, stage shows, special events and residential homes. The duo also enjoying hosting weekly open mic nights.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078714736788>

Omega Two



Omega Two are Jane Williams (Van Morrison, Wild Willy Barrett) on Vocals/Ukelele/Piano and Pete Mathison (Ray Davies in 90's) on guitar. Omega Two play a blend of smooth jazz, easy listening tunes and singalongs, to get you in the festival mood! They play at various residencies in the area - The Dead Canary, The Book Club, Rummer Tavern and Cafe Jazz alongside well-established festivals such as Brecon Jazz and Aber Jazz in Fishguard.

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/omegatwoduo>

Link to music: <https://www.facebook.com/omegatwoduo/videos>

Juno Acoustic



Juno Acoustic Duo features Maddie & Dan (from RecRock). Called Juno as people always say "d'you knooooow anything by this artist?", an expansive repertoire of anything from the 60s to the present day. Performing in bands such as the Pandas, Slipped Disco, The Bandaoke Show, Maditronique, Dan & Maddie have experience performing all over the country at festivals and parties for the last 15 years. A 2 piece powerhouse guaranteed to get you dancing from the very first second.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/junoacousticduo>

Link to music: <https://gettitogethermusic.co.uk/>

Frankie Wesson Duo



South Wales based Singer-songwriter Frankie Wesson started writing songs and performing in her hometown of Abergavenny at the age of 16. Her cinematic songs draw inspiration from her personal experiences of bitter-sweet nostalgia, unrequited love, teenage angst and the complicated reality of growing up LGBT. Raised on artists like Alanis Morissette, Eva Cassidy and Stevie Nicks. Wesson also takes inspiration from a mix of contemporary artists such as Deaf Havana, Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift, and Gabrielle Aplin. Producing intimate, emotionally raw, yet laid-back music with a pop/folk/rock feel. Her versatile vocal range and talent for emotive, relatable song writing makes for captivating live performances and songs that'll soon become part of your musical diet. Frankie's original songs have been featured on BBC Radio 6 and BBC Introducing as well as Spotify's 'Chilled Pop Hits' and 'New Music Friday' playlists. The electro-pop single 'Reasons' from her latest album 'Still Got Time' has had over 112,000 streams on Spotify. Swansea's Soundboard magazine described Wesson's music as 'timeless; appealing to fans of Fleetwood Mac and Paramore alike without compromising or diluting any of the style that makes Wesson's music her own... an album that is more than the sum of it's parts'.

Frankie has performed at Monmouth Festival, How The Light Gets In - in Hay On Wye and London, Coleford Music Festival, Swansea Fringe, Abergavenny Pride, Rock The Barn and many more as well as live on numerous radio stations and countless gigs in and around Wales and England.

Follow on Facebook: www.facebook.com/frankiewessonmusic

Link to music: www.facebook.com/watch/?v=193317335825978

Spencer Flay



Spencer has made the ukulele the coolest thing on the dancefloor with his gut-punching beats and hear-twerking riffs. Previously more known as a Bristol Docks crane-driver, he has “risen” in reputation all over the south west. Taking a modern sound and filling every crack of it with Bristol humour and wit, he goes well beyond recreating his seminal *Waves* hits, mixing it with elusive B-sides tracks, world-class banter and a small battery of remixed chart toppers.

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/spencerflaymusic

Link to music: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/46lXhJGbFfxwNEUu0GKfUQ>

Acoustic Notation



Acoustic Notation are made up of husband and wife duo, David and Leanne. Their performances bring a stunning blend of vocals, guitar and violin, using their own arrangements of songs from a wide range of genres. David and Leanne first met due to their love of performing - studying Musical Theatre at drama school. With years of combined musical experience performing nationally, internationally and on the West End, their captivating vocal harmonies can melt a room, whilst their distinct voices result in unique versions of all your favourite songs from the last few decades. Having experienced multiple weddings and special occasions they know that every booking is unique to each individual so they would be happy to learn a first dance/special request song for your event. Whether you're looking for relaxing background music or sing-along classics, Acoustic Notation are sure to delight!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acousticnotation>

Link to music: <https://www.acousticnotation.com/>

Rebecca Richards



Classically trained pianist and singer-songwriter from Pontypool in South Wales, Rebecca Richards started songwriting during the pandemic years after joining online song writing forum “Talent is Timeless” and is already making a name for herself with her gorgeous chord progressions, melody creation and beautiful voice, often compared to the likes of Carole King, Katie Melua and Karen Carpenter. Songs are uplifting, empowering whilst maintaining a bittersweet edge. “Unluckiest of Hearts”, her debut single released in October 2022 was acclaimed as “stunning” and “beautifully aching vocals” and enjoyed radio play all over the world.

Major influences include The Eagles and Fleetwood Mac. Her music is heavily influenced by blues, country and rock. She has recently learned to play mandolin and tenor guitar which she says helps with creating wide variety songwriting. Rebecca has written countless songs and has won several monthly songwriting competitions as voted by her peers and twice long listed for international song-writing competitions.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Becmusician>

Link to music: https://open.spotify.com/artist/53JnoVogpi4pu5n7Zb4zg3?si=puN8Ae_iSv-Zqbi9M4ISQw

Wrenna



Wrenna is a pop singer-songwriter from Caerphilly, South Wales who's inspired by the likes of Birdy and Florence + the Machine. She's currently working on new music to release this year, writing about topics people don't like to speak about in society. Keep an eye out for her set at The Caerphilly Cheese Festival on the 1st September!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ffionwrenn>

Link to music:

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/0vCSJUx2XNcoXMSVN1oaHY?si=PT5FVm3uTGykGG9eqM07wg>

Cadence Acoustic Duo



CADENCE are a male/female duo, with two guitars and plenty of harmonies performing popular songs from the 1960s right up to date: across many genres from Abba to Zeppelin. They are experienced performers with a great on-stage chemistry and engage with audiences well, making gigs interactive and fun.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CadenceAcousticCoversDuo>

Link to music: <https://www.facebook.com/CadenceAcousticCoversDuo/videos>

RecRock



RecRock is a Caerphilly-based social enterprise that runs music-related projects in the community. If you have a group of people who are interested in music, they can work with them to put on an event, gain a qualification, play instruments and most of all have fun. They work with primary and secondary schools, mental health projects, housing associations, youth projects, learning and physical disabled, young offenders, pupil referral units, Job Centre Plus and many more! Their workshops and approach to working with people are proven to improve people's confidence, self-esteem and communication skills.

Website: <https://recrock.co.uk/about/>

Ragsy Quartet



This year marks 11 years since Ragsy appeared on *The Voice UK* and the start of his music journey, and is touring this year has to commemorate this significant moment. Ragsy is heading out on the road to celebrate this milestone, performing in Solo and with band a band in toll at various theatres and festival. The band include very close friends (Producer Chris 'Peety' Peet & Craig 'Pasty' Roberts) along with a few other members, performing songs from his albums as well as songs performed on *The Voice*, as well as telling a few stories along the way.

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/Ragsy

Link to music: www.facebook.com/watch/live/ref=watch_permalink&v=650118015622835

The Mendocino Family



The Mendocino Family, from South Wales, are a groovy originals band. They fuse pop, funk and rock into melodic, harmony-laden tunes that are perfect for a sunny day!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMendocinoBrothers>

Link to music: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMendocinoBrothers/videos>

No One Knows



No One Knows is a 4-piece cover band from Cwmbran with over 15 years' experience, covering hits from the '60s to the present. Often working in local venues, entertaining at weddings and cooperate events, the band have also shared stages with You Me at Six and have performed at the Cwmbran Centre Christmas Lights Switch-On several times.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nooneknowsofcwmbran>

Link to music: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0osWQXmqbYSLPBO7rr7IYw>

Albino Frogs



Simply known as “The Frogs” to their ever growing number of followers supporting their smiling and original upbeat music, this four piece band from the South Wales Valleys appeals to all ages, as they deal out plenty of funky Latin rocky grooves, which get your foot tapping and the body swaying. It doesn’t end there, there’s also some jazz and country thrown into the mix for good measure. The song writing is top draw; it gets you going with instantly hummable melodies and memorable hooks, so much so that by the second chorus you are easily singing along. Solid yet funky bass and drums are provided by Daryl Cook, Will Palmer serving to underpin the slap and tickle guitar style, and powerful vocal of Ian Day, while Ric Lawton’s virtuoso saxophone, puts the icing on the cake. With 3 part vocal harmonies in abundance, The Frogs generate a very full tight and inspiring sound. Its Steely Dan meets Huw and Cry meets Little Feat, for those who like comparisons, but for this band, truly original and quirky is what they’re about.

In the last few years they have been big hits at festivals such as Brecon, Raglan, Aber Jazz, Swansea international Jazz and Llanelli Jazz and Llandeilo and Reading music fest and the Hay in May music festival in Hay on Wye , just to name a few. They continue to do the bread and butter gigs throughout UK never failing to entertain, not only via their musicianship, but also their sense of fun, with little quips and jibes going on all through the set which audiences pick up on. They are currently working on a third album, and also there is interest from as far afield as Austin Texas. The frogs have had their music presented at the prestigious MIDEM Cannes music festival with favourable responses from as far afield as South America.

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/albinofrogs

Link to music: <https://soundcloud.com/albino-frogs>

Nearly Steely



A 9 piece collective of some of the finest musicians in South Wales, playing all the greatest hits from the incredible Steely Dan back catalogue. Performances such as Rikki Don't Lose That Number, Do It Again, Haitian Divorce and Reelin' in the Years to name just a few of the mighty Dan's international hits. Expect soaring guitar, incredible saxophone and trumpet solos, and 4-part harmonies from their male and female vocalists.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242395795400115>

Headliners: Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band



Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band are a 12 piece Classic Soul Band who have been together since 1990 and have played not only all over the UK, including The Marquee Club, The Café Royal, The Rock Garden, Boomtown Festival, Upton Blues, The Dorchester etc but in Vienna, Cairo, Tenerife, Germany and Dublin. They have supported or shared the bill with acts such as Billy Ocean, Edwin Starr, Jools Holland, Van Morrison, Earth Wind & Fire, Jimmy James, The Real Thing, Odyssey, Craig Charles, Ruby Turner, Gwen Dickey (Rose Royce), The Commitments, Sheila Ferguson (The Three Degrees), Pato Banton, The Pasadenas, Jaki Graham and many more. 'Mike, I saved this video of you and the group doing IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR, you are looking great, and doing a great job on the WICKED song. Much LOVE to you my friend.' Maxwell Pickett (brother of Wilson Pickett).

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21693080282>

Link to website: <https://bigmacswhollysoulband.com/>

Link to music: <https://www.youtube.com/@sarahcampbell2000>

Connect Life



Connect Life are a church which loves to worship and to praise God, being built up in His Word and sharing the Love of Jesus with others. Jesus Christ is central in all we do and in all that we are. As a church we pray fervently; laugh joyously; feel compassionately; worship enthusiastically; give generously; serve unselfishly and live triumphantly. A warm welcome awaits anyone of any age.

Link to Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/connectlifechurch/about_details?locale=en_GB

Pyramid



Pyramid are a 3-piece Caerleon based band covering songs from the 60's to the present day. The band play covers from a varied number of artists such as The Beatles, Bruce Springsteen, Queen, and The Killers to name a few. Their 3-part harmonies and performing songs which are not usually covered by most bands really set them aside from a regular covers band. Pyramid perform in

numerous venues on the South Wales music circuit and are really looking to performing at the festival again, this year!!

Follow on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pyramidcoverband

Link to music: www.facebook.com/watch/?v=872050216560020

Livestock Davies and The Lowdown Snakes



Livestock Davies & the Lowdown Snakes are a rippin' Welsh Rockabilly Trio. Lead by Livestock (Rob) Davies on guitar and vocals, this trio creates a truly authentic 50's 'rock 'n' roll' sound with replica guitar sounds and double bass. Be transported back to the 50s and enjoy this jive-tastic trio!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivestockDavies>

Link to music: Youtube: Livestock Davies & The Lockdown Shakes (Congress Theatre & Virtual Studio)

The Strip Lights



The Strip Lights ... a five piece indie/rock/pop band hailing from South Wales..
They will keep the party going! From timeless classics to contemporary favourites, The Strip Lights possess the uncanny ability to cater to every musical taste, ensuring the energy remains sky-high throughout the celebration. Prepare to dance and sing with The Strip Lights!

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thestriplights>

Link to music: <https://www.youtube.com/thestriplights>

Headliners: Slipped Disco



Cardiff-based 'Slipped Disco' are a ferocious, 9-piece live act with blasting horn section, diva vocals and dazzling percussion, layered over the infectious grooves of their stomping backline. Fusing together classic disco bangers with a heavy dose of funk, the band have taken audiences by storm since their conception in 2018, and continue to raise the roofs wherever they roam. With a view to world domination, they're coming to a town near you!
So dust off your disco balls, grab those flares and boogie on down to the freshest disco beats in town! When we say 'Slipped' you say 'DISCO!'

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/slippeddiscouk>

Link to music: <https://getittogethermusic.co.uk/bands/slipped-disco/>