

What's On 2023

Music Programme



Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September

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 throughout town for visitors to enjoy until the live acts start. Where able, local community dance and singing groups will be performing on the main stage during these times.

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

Saturday

11.00am – 12.15pm	Secret Postal Society
12.30pm - 1.45pm	Richard Dinning
2.00pm – 3.15pm	Cara Elin
3.30pm – 5.00pm	The Carltones featuring Mudflat Glover

Sunday

11.00am – 12.15pm	Rebecca Richards
12.30pm - 1.45pm	Paterson
2.00pm – 3.15pm	The FRANTASTIC Show
3.30pm – 5.00pm	Tommy Mills & Pedro Brown

Area 2 - Gilbert de Clare Stage – Middle of Town / Glanmor's Bakery

Saturday

11.15am – 12.30pm	Richard Robling
12.45pm - 2.00pm	Gravy Train Duo
2.15pm – 3.30pm	Tobias Robertson
3.45pm – 5.00pm	Cadence Acoustic Duo

Sunday

11.15am – 12.30pm	Glen Manby
12.45pm - 2.00pm	Frankie Wesson
2.15pm – 3.30pm	Omega Two
3.45pm – 5.00pm	Ragsy

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

Saturday

11.00am – 12.30pm	Ragsy (Trio)
12.55pm - 2.25pm	This River
2.50pm – 4.20pm	Albino Frogs
4.45pm – 6.15pm	Moonstorm
6.30pm - 8.00pm	Headliners: The Pandas

Sunday

11.00am – 12.00pm	Spencer Flay
12.25pm - 1.25pm	St Louis Express
1.50pm – 3.05pm	The Striplights
3.30pm – 5.00pm	Headliners@ Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band

Artist Information



SECRET POSTAL SOCIETY

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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-listers 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.

RICHARD DINNING



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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!

CARA ELIN



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Cara Elin is a Welsh singer songwriter currently studying music at Goldsmiths UoL. Taking influence from Welsh folklore, she blends traditional folk with delicate jazz rhythms bringing new life to old tales. Last year, Cara Elin released her debut EP, 'Spilt Milk,' which explores themes of love and loss.

THE CARLTONES FEAT. MUDFLAT GLOVER



Socials: Stamford Hillbillies; Dub War; Facebook.

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 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 Benji Webb (Dubwar, Skindred) on The Exiles' new LP, due out at the end of 2023.

REBECCA RICHARDS



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Classically trained pianist and singer-songwriter from Pontypool in South Wales, Rebecca Richards started songwriting during the pandemic years after joining online songwriting 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. Her songs are uplifting and 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 the mandolin and tenor guitar, which she says helps with creating a wide variety of songwriting. Rebecca has written countless songs and has won several monthly songwriting competitions, as voted by her peers, and twice longlisted for international songwriting competitions.

PATERSON



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*Such a pure voice...plenty of attitude...full of personality - love it!" - **BBC Radio Wales***

*The perfect feel good vibe!" - **Diva Magazine***

*A raw talent, mixing together elements of country, folk and Americana into one amazing package" - **York Calling***

Paterson is the latest incarnation of Cardiff-born, Blackwood-based singer/songwriter Georgia Paterson. Inspired by such classic and contemporary artists as **Simon & Garfunkel**, **Imelda May**, **Ashley McBryde**, and her all-time idols **Indigo Girls** (who she was thrilled to make a guest appearance with on their last UK tour), **Paterson** creates quirky Americana/Country-influenced acoustic music brimming with emotional intimacy. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with many distinguished people in the music industry, including **Shelly Poole** (a multi-platinum selling and award-winning songwriter who has had hits with talents as diverse as **Janet Jackson**, **Massive Attack** and **Jack Savoretti**), **Aled Richards** from Welsh alt-rock band **Catatonia**, and producers **Greg Haver** (**Melanie C**, **Manic Street Preachers**), and **Charlie Francis** (**REM**, **Noisettes**). As well as this Georgia has supported **Amy Wadge** (**Ed Sheeran's Grammy Award-winning co-writer**), and played various festival dates centered around Pride celebrations, and numerous charity gigs. Some highlights in accolades and coverage include **Diva Magazine** and **Nation Radio**, as well as being given **Track of the Week** and several live sessions on **BBC Radio Wales**.

THE FRANTASTIC SHOW



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Silly sing-a-longs and jolly japes for the whole family.

TOMMY MILLS & PEDRO BROWN



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Tommy Mills and Pedro Brown first met whilst recording a session at Rockfield Studios in the late seventies. They were reunited when they performed in an all-star lineup memorial gig for James Honeyman Scott and Pete Farndon of 'Pretenders' fame.

They perform a variety of music from decades past, including a variety of instruments i.e., guitar, vocals, percussion, and saxophone.

RICHARD ROBLING



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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.

GRAVY TRAIN DUO



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The Gravy Train duo includes Marc Elton on fiddle and Tich on Guitar and vocals. They'll be offering up a mix of classical, Jazz, Film themed songs and various instrumentals plus popular songs from 50s to the present.

Marc and Tich have played together for over 30 years in various line-ups in the South Wales area and have played many big festivals including Glastonbury. They have also made many appearances on TV and Radio in both English and Welsh media.

Always fun and upbeat and always a top quality performance, and most importantly always exceedingly enjoyable!

TOBIAS ROBERTSON



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An Independent Soul/Folk artist from Wales in the UK. The talented Tobias performed on BBC's The Voice UK back in 2016. Tobias used to perform only to the walls of his bedroom until his friends made him realise actually how good he was. Not to mention his oh-so-talented great aunt, Cilla Black, who he's seen as such an inspiration.

CADENCE ACOUSTIC DUO



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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.

GLEN MANBY



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Glen Manby is an alto saxophonist, composer, and teacher, working primarily in straight ahead modern acoustic jazz. His main influences are Charlie Parker, Sonny Stitt, and Phil Woods. In 1997, he was awarded a scholarship to study on the Jazz and Contemporary Music Program at The New School in New York's Greenwich Village. In 2013 he gained an M.A. in Jazz at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Bookings have included the EU European Summit, the Queen's banquet for the Opening of the Senedd Welsh Parliament, the Opening of the Wales Millennium Centre, and club dates around Britain, as well as gigs in New York, Germany, and Switzerland.

In 2015, he was awarded an Arts Council of Wales Project Grant to compose, arrange and record a new repertoire with his recently-formed quintet, featuring Steve Waterman, Leon Greening, Adam King, and Matt Home. The resulting CD, "Homecoming", is available on the Mainstem jazz label.

Glen has previously taught saxophone at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and was a part-time lecturer in music at the University of South Wales for 12 years. He was visiting jazz saxophone tutor at Cardiff University School of Music 2000-2021.



FRANKIE WESSON

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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 its 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.

OMEGA TWO



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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 Aberjazz in Fishguard.

RAGSY



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Ragsy is a well-known Welsh singer-songwriter who appeared on The Voice UK in 2013 and was mentored by fellow countryman Sir Tom Jones. Over the years, Ragsy has recorded several albums, with songs from these albums such as 'Ouch!!' and 'One More for The Road' receiving airplay across the world by various radio stations including BBC Radio Wales.

This year marks 10 years since Ragsy appeared on the show and the start of his music journey and is touring this year to commemorate this significant moment. Ragsy is heading out on the road to celebrate this milestone, performing solo and with a band in tow at various theatres and festival.

Ragsy will be performing songs from his albums as well as songs performed on The Voice, as well as telling a few stories along the way.

RAGSY (TRIO)



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The band includes 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.

THIS RIVER



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This River are a rock trio hailing from South Wales. The band consists of founding member Idge Logan, who after years of fronting the band, moved onto to providing the grooves on the drums, but still provides the melodic lead vocals. Bass player Chris 'Dabs' Davies smashes out the driving bass riffs and backing vocals, and Rich Teague provides all the lead and rhythm guitars in spectacular fashion!

The band has been together for many years and has worked hard to provide their latest album 'Lower Your Expectations' which blends together styles and sounds across a range of genres to create a truly unique listening experience that music lovers from all walks of life can enjoy.

ALBINO FROGS



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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 songwriting 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. It's Steely Dan meets Hugh 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 throughout the set, which audiences pick up on. They are currently working on a third album, and 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.

MOONSTORM



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Moonstorm are a 5-piece, female vocal led rock music experience playing covers from the '60s to current charts including Tom Petty, Heart, AC/DC, Dua Lipa, Fleetwood Mac, Queen, Neil Young and more. Includes Amanda Seed on lead vocals (ex-Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band), and Viv lock (Rhianon, Seven Wonders) on lead guitar.

HEADLINERS: THE PANDAS



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This 7-piece soul party band has been playing all over South Wales and further afield since 2009. The Pandas stand out from the average cover band with their classic setlist, powerhouse female vocals and full horn section. Expect everything from Stevie Wonder to Amy Winehouse.

SPENCER FLAY



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Spencer has made the ukulele the coolest thing on the dance floor 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 southwest.

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.

ST LOUIS EXPRESS



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A 7-piece swing, and Jump Jive band that are full of energy, great entertainment and fun, and play sounds from the Golden era of music - 1920s to early 1960s.

They have developed their sound to suit all ages from 1 to 92, playing at various live music venues, weddings, hotels, restaurants, festivals, corporate and special events and gaining great reviews.

The band performs songs from legends - Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Louis Prima, Dean Martin, Louis Jordan, Harry Belafonte, playing Jazz, (Swing standards most people will recognise) engaging with audiences with infectious, up-tempo feel-good music.

A totally live line up of saxophonist, clarinet, flute player, double bass, drums, guitar, lead and backing vocals, harmonica. They are top-quality professional musicians, some of whom have performed at the Albert Hall, regularly at music festivals including Proms seasons.

The band dress in 1930s/40s attire, taking audiences back in time to the Swing/Jazz era, making every event a memorable occasion. A fun, feel good professional band.



THE STRIP LIGHTS

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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!



HEADLINERS: BIG MAC'S WHOLLY SOUL BAND

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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).