

Music Entertainment Programme

Bargoed Summer Music Festival

Saturday 6th July 2024

Main Music Stage (Lowry Plaza by Greggs)

The main stage will be jam packed with a variety of solo/duo artists and bands from 9am – 7.30pm as listed below! An opportunity to have a dance and let your hair down! Look out for the headliners this year - The Pandas.

Artist	Time
Recrock	9.00am – 10.35am
Andrew Darby	10.40am - 11.10am
Wrenna	11.20am - 11.50pm
Natalie Kay	12.00pm - 12.30pm
Albino Frogs	1.00pm - 2.30pm
Apple Tree Theory	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Spencer Flay	4.30pm - 5.30pm
The Pandas	6.00pm - 7.30pm

(See below for full artist information)

On Lowry Plaza, where the main music stage will be located, there will be various bars serving alcohol for onsite consumption. From cider and lager to spirits and cocktails there will be something for everyone. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from the onsite bars only.

Any alcohol purchased must be consumed in the designated barriered areas and cannot be taken out of the area for consumption on other parts of the event site. No alcohol can be brought onto the event site. All alcohol must be purchased and consumed in the designated drinking zones.

Busking Area 1 (Outside Bargoed Library)



From 11am until 5pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, but no alcohol can be consumed in this area.

Artist	Time
Rebecca Richards	11.00am - 12.30pm
Secret Postal Society - Craig Mapstone	12.30pm - 2.00pm
Huw James	2.00pm - 3.30pm
Paterson	3.30pm - 5.00pm

(See below for full artist information)

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Busking Area 2 (Outside Square Royale)



From 11am until 5pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from Square Royale only.

Artist	Time
The Bobby Jayne Experience & Brian	11.00am
David Tasker	12:15pm
Tusker Duo	1:30pm
Huw & Angharad Davies	2:45pm
Vale of Jam-Morgan	4.00pm

(See below for full artist information)

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Busking Area 3 (Outside Bourton's Live Music Café Bar)



From 11am until 5pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in a secure area so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from Bourton's Live Music Café Bar only.

Artist	Time
Ross Hick: Jazz Piano	11.00am – 12.00pm
James Oliver Band – Rock & Roll	12.00pm – 1.00pm
Bargoed Male Voice Choir & Classical Soloists	1.00pm – 2.30pm
Gone Kickers: Bluegrass	2.30pm – 5.00pm

(See below for full artist information)

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Busking Area 4 (Outside Murrays / Emporium Snooker Club)



From 11am until 5pm enjoy some fantastic performances from the following acts. Seating will be provided to enjoy the music, and these will be located in secure areas by both venues so that alcohol can be purchased and consumed here from Murrays and Emporium Snooker Club only.

Artist	Time
St Gwladys school Choir	11:00am
Garin Fitter	11.30am
Gareth Taylor	1.00pm
Jaxson Layne	3.00pm

(See below for full artist information)

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Indoor Music Area 1 (Emporium Snooker Club)



The Snooker Club will be host to live entertainment in the afternoon with acoustic duo Tears for Beers UK, along with a local Welsh cider festival starting at 11am, where there will be a number of locally produced Welsh ciders ranging in flavours and strengths for people to experience. Entertainment will carry on into the evening with a 5-piece ska covers band, The Navarones, followed by DJ Laurence.

Artist	Time
Tears for Beers UK	2.30pm
The Navarones	6.00pm
DJ Laurence	8.00pm

(See below for full artist information)

Any alcohol purchased must be consumed in the venue / beer garden or designated barriered area and cannot be taken out of the area for consumption on other parts of the event site. No alcohol can be brought onto the event site. All alcohol must be purchased and consumed in the designated drinking zones

About the Performers

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.

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

Secret Postal Society Official



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 East Fest 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.

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

Huw James - Singer/Songwriter



A Singer/Songwriter hailing from the Gwent Valleys in South Wales, Huw has been playing Guitar since his teens. He spent many years playing in cover bands, mainly one named Flashback with which he performed more than 1000 gigs around South Wales, Southwest of England and as far afield as Egypt, twice playing the Queen's Birthday Ball for Ex Pat Brits at the British Embassy in Cairo. This was all achieved whilst holding down a career in Administration and IT in Local Government. Huw started to write songs in earnest about 10-12 years ago, some of which were recorded and performed by Flashback. Following a back and shoulder injury, Huw made the decision to stop playing in electric bands and to concentrate on his self-written acoustic songs. Along with 2 fellow Flashback members, Mike Trigg, and Pete O'Brien, he formed an acoustic trio named 3MPH which became a vehicle for his original songs. As time went on, Huw decided to try and continue as a solo artist and has since taken early retirement from Local Government to enable him to concentrate more on this. Huw has played many local Festivals over the past few years including Folk on the Lawn, The Weekend Rumble, Glastonselfy, Abergavenny Music Fest, Brecon Fringe, The Big Sesh, Tiwnfest to name a few. Huw has had an EP out for a couple of years called 'Never Too Late' and has just finished recording an Album to be released later in 2023.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/huwjmusic>

Paterson



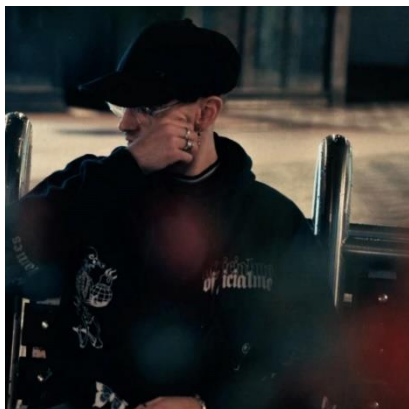
Paterson is the latest incarnation of Cardiff-born, Blackwood-based singer/songwriter Georgia Paterson. Inspired by such classic and contemporary artists as Simon & Garfunkel, Imelda May, and Ashley McBryde, Paterson creates quirky Americana/Country-influenced acoustic music brimming with emotional intimacy. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with many distinguished people in the music industry, including 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

centred 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.

"Such a pure voice...plenty of attitude...full of personality – love it!" -BBC Radio Wales "The perfect feel-good vibe" -Diva Magazine

Facebook: Georgia Paterson

Andrew Darby



Andrew Darby, a singer-songwriter, rapper, and producer based near Cardiff, Wales. Andrew is an artist making a name for himself in the industry. His multifaceted discography defies genres with a unique blend of rap, EDM, and post-punk influences. Andrew's music takes listeners on a journey of his mind using imaginative lyricism and introspective storytelling. Starting off as a pianist, he incorporates his long-standing passion for piano into his music, making songs in nearly every type of genre imaginable from future bass to indie. His alternate alias is G H X S T which is known for its euphoric EDM music. Andrew addresses his prior struggles with his mental health and addictions in his work and how Christianity and his faith has allowed him to come out the other side stronger and hungry for him to be heard.

Wrenna



Wrenna is a contemporary pop singer-songwriter from Caerphilly, South Wales, who's inspired by the likes of Birdy and Florence and The Machine. Since releasing her debut single 'Life in My 20s', she's been forming connections throughout the Welsh music scene and performing across South Wales, recently performing her first headline gig at Porters, Cardiff. Through being awarded the 'Next Gen Music Fund' by Youth Music, she's currently working on new singles to release this year, writing about topics people don't like to speak about in society.

Facebook: Wrenna

Instagram: @wrennamusic

Natalie Kay



This sensational Motown and soul singer is a local lady who performs tribute nights to Gladys Knight – a real talented performer who will have you tapping your feet and singing along to some classics through the decades.

Facebook: RUBY KAY TRIBUTE TO SOUL & MOTOWN

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>

Apple Tree Theory



Hailing from Newport, South Wales; ***The Apple Tree Theory*** expertly fuse an eclectic mix of country, reggae, and folk into a dynamic floor filling experience. The boys deliver an array of timeless classics as you have never heard them before. This unique blend of bluegrass, reggae, and folk is an acoustic band experience not to be missed!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theappletreetheory

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 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.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spencerflaymusic

Link to music: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/46lxhJGbFfxwNEUu0GKfUQ>

Website: <https://spencerflay.com/>

The Pandas



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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thepandaspartyband>

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

The Bobby Jayne Experience & Brian



Three-piece acoustic band consisting of three thirteen-year-old boys playing classic songs you love to hear

David Tasker



David Tasker has been involved in music in various capacities, singing and playing guitar for well over 40 years i.e. churches, chapels, care homes, pubs, clubs, and private parties. He has performed as a soloist, with duos and occasionally bands (mainly for charity events which he has been doing frequently in the past two years). He covers music from the 1960's to early 2000's as well as writing and recording his own original music in various studios in the South Wales Valley.

Tusker Duo



Combining the talents of guitarist, Jon Evans, and vocalist, Kat Jones this act is one not to be missed!

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/tuskeracousticduo>

Huw & Angharad Davies



Huw & Angharad Davies are a solo couple that will get your feet tapping without a doubt!

Vale of Jam-Morgan



No backing tracks, no computers, no trickery... Acoustic duo playing music from 1960s to present day.

Facebook link: <http://www.facebook.com/ValeofJamMorgan>

Ross Hicks: Jazz Piano



Ross Hicks is a Cardiff Based professional jazz pianist and graduate from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. As a freelance musician he's played with numerous bands spanning many genres in and around South Wales. He has just released his contemporary jazz album 'Three Elms' which you can stream on most streaming platforms and is a sideman on several other albums and EP's.

James Oliver Band – Rock & Roll



James Oliver is one of the UK's busiest acts playing over 300 gigs a year all over the UK, Europe, and the USA! He has performed over 3000 gigs and shared the stage with many acts including Albert Lee, Bill Kirchen, Deke Leonard, Greg Koch, Walter Trout, Steve Gibbons, Billy Bremner, Geraint Watkins, and many others. In 2020 James won the UK Blues Awards Emerging Artist of the Year and has since been nominated 3 additional times. James Oliver released 2 studio albums 3 live albums and his album Twang was #1 on Amazon Blues Charts for 3 weeks. James is currently working on a new record with legendary producer, John Leckie. James' YouTube channel has over 20,000 subscribers with over 9 million views

Bargoed Male Voice Choir & Classical Soloists



The present choir re-formed in 1961, under the baton of Alun John. Since then the choir has been fortunate in having Musical Directors and Accompanists of outstanding ability, and the incumbent ensemble is no different. As with most Welsh Choirs, Bargoed Choir has travelled extensively, with concerts throughout the USA and Europe and many concerts all over the United Kingdom. We have seen many television appearances, weddings, events, and services, and have built up an extensive repertoire of traditional male choral items, operatic arias and modern light music to cater to most, if not all tastes!

Gone Kickers: Bluegrass



The Doc is on guitar/mandolin, lead vocals and is the front man of the band bringing many years of experience with fun and laughter. Sean on lead vocals and guitar is a multi-instrumentalist with expertise in all popular musical genres from rock to classical and everything in-between. Chris on the banjo is one of the finest players steeped in both the traditional and modern bluegrass styles. Edward is a talented violinist with sublime backing vocals who has been involved with Celtic and folk music since childhood. Steve on the double bass has brought his knowledge and skills from jazz and rockabilly scenes to complete an exuberant five piece and playing exciting music to a diverse audience.

St Gwladys school Choir



A group of children from St Gwladys primary school will be singing a selection of their favourite songs. Singing makes us happy!

Garin Fitter



Originally from Aberystwyth in Mid Wales, He now lives in Bargoed. Garin has been performing since he was 9 years old in various bands, choirs and solo projects. After performing at the O2 Academy in Birmingham aged 16, he has sang across the UK, in Europe and North America, and has most recently been selling out venues with the Valli Boys, performing songs from the back catalogue of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.

Gareth Taylor



Gareth Taylor is a vocalist and musician from Porthcawl South Wales. Gareth has been performing throughout the UK and abroad for over 14 years. With his experience and individual voice, Gareth also fronts professional wedding and function bands. With influences from James Bay, George Ezra, Eric Clapton, Ed Sheeran, John Mayer and Chris Stapleton. Gareth's distinctive voice will always leave you wanting more.

Jackson Layne



Bio TBC

Tears for Beers UK



An acoustic duo that will be playing a wide range of classic rock anthems.

The Navarones



A 5-piece ska covers band. Based in Cardiff, South Wales.

DJ Laurence



DJ Laurence plays a range of '80s, '90s, '00s music to modern dance anthems.

RecRock

RECROCK

RecRock is a social enterprise based in the Caerphilly area. They have been running since 2012 and have worked with many people to improve their skills and confidence through music and other creative activities. See one of their groups perform with a variety of singers and instruments.

Facebook: RecRock

(All information subject to change. The information is correct at the time of production)