

PIZZA EXPRESS Live

What's On in Birmingham March/April/May 2020

MARCH

6 Friday 8:30pm £25
Guy Chambers
'Go Gentle into The Light'
One of the most successful British songwriters of his generation

7 Saturday 8:30pm £25
Raxstar
British Asian rapper who first came to prominence in 2005 with Keep It Undercover.

14 Saturday 8:30pm £40/£15
Jahméne Live
A unique blend of soul, gospel and RnB. VIP tickets available.

19 Thursday 8:30pm £40
Merrill Osmond
Merrill will be performing all the big hits from The Osmond's plus talking about his experiences of growing up

20 Friday 8:30pm £12
Leddra Chapman
Telling Tales Ten Year Anniversary tour with a very special show.

21 Saturday 8:30pm £15
Vula Viel
'What's Not Enough About That'
2020 UK Tour: Crossing genres - jazz with an African feel. Bex Burch plus star band.

27 Friday 8:30pm £15
John Fisher and IDMC Gospel Soul Choir, Gospel Music Takeover
Infectious and inspirational, with a global message of love, hope, joy and peace.

29 Sunday 8:30pm £14
Powerhouse Gospel Choir Presents Soul Spirit
A magical blend of voices producing a sound that is soulful, passionate, uplifting and captivating.

APRIL

11 Saturday 8:30pm £30
The Blow Monkeys
The Blow Monkeys are unique with a roller-coaster career spanning over 35 years.

17 Friday 8:30pm £20
Sara Niemietz & W.G. Snuffy Walden
At Sara and Snuffy's shows, prepare to be transported to a world full of energy and music!

18 Saturday 8:30pm £20
Patti Boulaye 'Aretha and Me'
Patti compares and contrasts her life with the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin.

24 Friday 8:30pm £20
Natasha Watts
This show promises to deliver a magical intimate evening of music and beautiful vocals.

25 Saturday 8:30pm £32
Dean Friedman
40th Anniversary "Well, Well," Said the Rocking Chair" Tour

MAY

8 Friday 8:30pm £19
Rose Windross
First Lady of Soul II Soul - Unmistakable, and technically speaking, she has a UNIQUE voice.

9 Saturday 8:30pm £7
Chasing Deer
Their musical style and pioneering approach to British Sign Language in music has attracted the attention of national media.

14 Thursday 8:30pm £20
Nell Bryden 'Coming & Going Tour'
Expect a soulful, heartfelt performance from Nell and her band - a classic artist who is at her most comfortable on the road.

30 Saturday 8:30pm £20
The Haggis Horns
Fifteen years of tearing up clubs and festivals at home in the U.K. and internationally too, a band at the top of their game.

PizzaExpress Live - Birmingham
The Water's Edge, Brindley Place, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HL
www.pizzaexpresslive.com 020 7439 4962

JAZZ IN BIRMINGHAM

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www.jazzinbirmingham.co.uk

Gig Guide:

Second Cup
Club BeBop
Punkt
Fizzle

Jazzlines
Jazz at NAC
Cherry Reds
Tower of Song
The Blue Piano
TDE Promotions
The Spotted Dog
Birmingham Jazz
PizzaExpress Live
Eastside Jazz Club
Warehouse Sessions
Silvershine Jazz Club
Bournville Social Club
Sunday Jazz@1000 Trades



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ROYAL BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE

Eastside Jazz Club Highlights Mar - Apr 2020

THU 5 MAR

Paul Dunmall Invites

THU 12 MAR

Joel Harrison guitar

WED 25 MAR

Peter Bernstein guitar

THU 26 MAR

End of Term Jazz Gala

THU 23 APR

Jacky Naylor Sextet

THU 30 APR

Mark Pringle

Eastside Jazz Club
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
200 Jennens Road
Birmingham B4 7XR

BirmCons @Birmcons www.bcu.ac.uk/concerts

Peter Bernstein

JAZZ IN BIRMINGHAM

About

Jazz in Birmingham is produced by jazz promoters in Birmingham to help the vibrant scene in the city continue to grow. If you want your gigs in the listing or want to advertise get in touch c/o 12, George St. Birmingham B19 1NX. Email:

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Birmingham Jazz

Promoting national and international contemporary jazz, providing a platform for new talent and offering a friendly atmosphere.

www.birminghamjazz.co.uk @brumjazz
07887 526435

Bournville Social Club

Social club near Cadbury's that puts on mainly mainstream, swing and New Orleans-style trad. Tuesdays + last Sunday lunch time of the month.

Fizzle

Fornightly gigs at The Lamp Tavern, & elsewhere, free improv jazz with local, national and international performers. Organised by Andrew Woodhead.

Jazz at the Spotted Dog

Regular weekly gig with local and national musicians and a jam session.

Jazzlines

Town Hall Symphony Hall's dynamic programme of live jazz performances and education projects across Birmingham connecting people to jazz.

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire/Eastside Jazz Club

Promoting international guest artists, the UK contemporary jazz scene & the best of young up & coming jazz talent.

PizzaExpress Live

Bringing the vibe of Pizza Express London to Brum with jazz & other gigs.

TDE Promotions

Tony Dudley-Evans promoting free and improv jazz gigs and projects - often in collaboration with Fizzle.

Other Regular Gigs

Things change so double check Regulars before travelling!

Mondays

Jazz at Second Cup

Alternate weeks. 7-9pm Jam Session led by James Borland and guests

Second Cup 7pm Free

Wednesdays

Club Be Bop

Fletchers Bar 8pm Free

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Big Bands

Birmingham Big Band

Playing contemporary jazz quarterly concerts at Moseley All Services Club

Fat Chops Big Band

Monthly Sundays 12.30pm at Moseley All Services Club

Kinda Dukish

Monthly gigs recreating the sound of the great Ellington Bands. Check with Mike E Fletcher for dates and venues.

MYJO

Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra - top young big band.

Walsall Jazz Orchestra

Regular gigs in Walsall and Lichfield. Modern big band music.

Venues

1000 Trades

16 Frederick St B1 3HE

0121 233 2693

1000trades.org.uk

Artifact

1464 Pershore Rd Stirchley B30 2NT

07470 643758

The Blue Piano

24-26 Harborne Rd B15 3AA

0121 454 6877

www.thebluepiano.co.uk

The Bonded Warehouse

2 Canal Street, Stourbridge DY8 4LU

01384 395 216

Bottega

Unit 1 Arena Canalside B1 2AA

0121 274 4199

Bournville Social Club

91 Franklin Road Bournville

Birmingham B30 2DN

bournvilleworkingmensclub.co.uk

0121 451 3427

Cafe Artum

177 Corporation Street B4 6RG

events@cafeartum.co.uk

Centrals

Unit 4, Minerva Works, 158 Fazeley St

B5 5RT

0121 439 3050

Venues continued

Cherry Reds

88-92 John Bright St B1 1BN

0121 643 5716

Corks Club/Silvershine

558 Bearwood Rd Smethwick B66 4TT

0121 429 2091

Fletchers

7 York Road, Kings Heath B14 7SA

0121 389 3766

Erdington Conservative Club

93 Orphanage Rd B24 9HU

0121 373 0075

Harbour Cafe

High Street Erdington B23 6SY

0121 306 4820

Hare and Hounds

106 High St Kings Heath B14 7JZ

0121 444 2081

The Highbury

Dad's Lane, B13 8PQ

www.highburypub.co.uk

The Jam House

3-5 St Pauls Square B3 1QU

www.thejamhouse.com/birmingham

0121 200 3030

The Lamp Tavern

157 Barford Street B5 6AH

www.stanwaybrewery.co.uk/lamp

0121 688 1220

mac

Cannon Hill Park B12 9QH

www.macbirmingham.co.uk

0121 446 3232

Moseley All-Services Club

91 Church Road, Moseley B13 9EA

0121 389 3766

NAC Newhampton Arts Centre

Dunkley Street Wolverhampton WV1 4AN

01902 572090

PizzaExpress Live

Water's Edge, Brindley Place B1 2HL

www.pizzaexpresslive.com

0207 439 4962

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (RBC)

Eastside Jazz Club/Recital

Hall/Bradshaw Hall

200 Jennens Road B4 7XR

www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire

0121 331 5901

Second Cup

64 New St B2 4DU

0121 616 2444

The Spotted Dog

104 Warwick St B12 0NH

www.spotteddog.co.uk

0121 782 3822

Symphony Hall/ICC Hall

Broad St, Birmingham B1 2EA

www.thsh.co.uk/symphony-hall

0121 780 3333

Town Hall

Victoria Square B3 3DQ

www.thsh.co.uk/town-hall

0121 780 3333

Tower of Song

107 Pershore Road South B30 3JX

0121 486 1300

Walsall Rugby Club

Delves Road Walsall WS1 3JY

01922 626818

The Warehouse Cafe

54-57 Allison St Birmingham B5

07415 277068

Westley Hotel

Westley Road Acocks Green B27 7UJ

0121 706 4312

PUNKT
Birmingham 18-20 March 2020
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

The Height Of The Reeds
Thallein Ensemble play Maja S.K. Ratkje

Trish Clowes & Louise McMonagle
stillefelt with Jan Bang

Andrew Woodhead & Mark Sanders

Erik Honoré, Eivind Aarset & Arve Henriksen

RBC & UOA Students

Annie Mahtani & Chris Mapp

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Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 4AN.
Tel: 01902 572090 Web: newhamptonarts.co.uk

2 Monday

RBC Ellington Orchestra: Afro Bossa

Early 'world music' (1963) from Ellington/Strayhorn
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm £10/8

3 Tuesday

Henry Newman Band with Fred Webb (voc)

Modern-mainstream: standards & American Songbook
Bournville Social Club 8.30pm Free

Animal Society

Jazz-rock fusion led by guitarist Joe Williamson
Jazz at The Spotted Dog 9pm £5 Suggested donation

4 Wednesday

Josh Landsburgh: Another Opening, Another Show

A modern jazz take on the contemporary musical.
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm £10/8

Cissy Stone

Soul and funk favourites from this local diva
The Jam House 7pm Free

5 Thursday

Paul Dunmall Invites: The Sunship Quartet

Tribute to the Coltrane album with Howard Cottle tenor, Olie Brice bass and Tony Bianco drums
TDE/Eastside Jazz Club (support 6.30) 7.45pm £15

Chris Bowden Presents: Dave Ferris

Incredibly inventive and musical pianist
The Blue Piano 8pm £8/£4 students

Omar

"There's Nothin' Like This", jazz & Nu-Soul hits
The Jam House 7pm £10

6 Friday

Juggernaut

Avant-garde jazz trio led by pianist Piera Onacko.
Jazzlines ICC Hall 9.5pm Free

The Fred Skidmore Trio

Hammond Organ driven grooves
The Blue Piano 7.30pm

Tassos Spiliotopoulos

Greek guitarist: "In the North" with Swedish band
Birmingham Jazz 1000 Trades 7.45pm £12.50 adv

Walsall Jazz Orchestra

Internationally renowned contemporary big band
Walsall Rugby Club Delves Rd WS1 3JY 8pm £10

8 Sunday

Jazz Connective Triple Bill

Backspace Trio and Malediwy Duo from Poland and the Macari/Woodhead/Brice Trio from UK
TDE/Fizzle The Lamp Tavern 2pm £7/5

University of Birmingham Jazz Orchestra

Feat: Juice Aleem, hip-hop and spoken word artist
Hare and Hounds 7.30pm £10/£8/£3 students

9 Monday

Jazz Connective: Sara Colman and guests...

Polish Riverloam Trio, Paul Dunmall and Bowrain
Jazzlines Symphony Hall stage 8pm £13

10 Tuesday

Jazz Canon: The Music of Herbie Hancock

Jazz Combos perform music of the master
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm £10/8

Mercia Jazz Five with Tony Billingsley (tp)

Small Group Swing and Dixieland
Bournville Social Club 8.30pm Free

Jazz Connective project: Ashley Allen, Rosie Tee

Local emerging talents plus French duo Watchdog
Jazzlines Hare and Hounds 8pm £10

Threebop

Three-part vocal harmonies: Duke Ellington and more
Jazz at The Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

12 Thursday

Joel Harrison

US guitarist with a new album and stellar quartet
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm (Support) 7.45pm £12/10

13 Friday

Pete Harris Four

Guitar reminiscent of Burrell, Benson and Metheny
Jazzlines The ICC Hall 5.5pm Free

ARQ (Alison Rainer Quintet)

New album "Short Stories"
Birmingham Jazz 1000 Trades 7.45pm £12.50 adv

Clark Tracey Quintet

Renowned drummer leads an all-star line-up.
Jazz at NAC 8pm £13.50/ under 25's £12.15

17 Tuesday

Coates/Farmer/Shaw/Boyd Allatson + Han Earl Park

Sax, violin, electro-percussion plus solo guitar
Fizzle The Lamp Tavern 7.30pm £7/5

Frank Partridge's Swing Session

Pianist Frank's Mainstream Jam Session
Bournville Social Club 8.30pm Free

Argle Bargle

A nine-piece high-energy jazz pop ensemble
Jazzlines The Jam House 8.30pm Free

David Ferris Septet

featuring many of the Midlands best young musicians
Jazz at The Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

18 Wednesday

Remixing the Festival Symposium (Punkt B'ham)

Fiona Talkington, Jan Bang, Erik Honoré et alia
B'ham City Uni Curzon Building 4pm Free

Liam Brennan Presents: The Castlecove Suite

For big band: memories of childhood holidays
Cam Sheehy supports

Eastside Jazz Club (6.30pm Support) 7.30pm £10/8

Lucas D and The Groove Ghetto

Cool range of acid jazz and jazz-funk classics
The Jam House 7pm Free

Olivia Murphy

Young saxophonist much awarded for her compositions
Jazzlines Bottega 8.30pm Free

19 Thursday

King Pleasure & the Biscuit Boys

"Still Birmingham's greatest swing band."

The Jam House

7pm £5

Kinda Dukish Big Band

Ellington & Strayhorn transcriptions

The Highbury

8.30pm £5/£4

stillefelt with special guest Jan Bang (Punkt)

Remix: RBC & University of Agder students

Birmingham Conservatoire

8pm £15(1day)/£25(2day)

Trish Clowes & Louise McMonagle (Punkt)

Remix: Erik Honoré, Arve Henriksen & Eivind Aarset

Birmingham Conservatoire

9.30pm £15/ £25 (2 day)

20 Friday

Rythm and Bone

Trombone, guitar, bass trio: swing, be-bop, latin
Harbour Cafe 12.30pm Free

Joey Walter's Me&3

Unusual saxophone quartet and not to be missed!

Jazzlines

The ICC Hall 5.5pm Free

Clark Tracey Quintet

with local heroes Elliott Sansom and James Owston
Birmingham Jazz 1000 Trades 7.45pm £12.50 adv

Thallein Ensemble play Maja S.K. Ratkje (Punkt)

Remix: Andrew Woodhead & Mark Sanders

Birmingham Conservatoire

8pm £15 / £25 (2 day)

The Height Of The Reeds (Punkt Birmingham)

Arve Henriksen, Jan Bang, Jez Riley French, Eivind Aarset & Erik Honoré

Remix: Annie Mahtani & Chris Mapp

Birmingham Conservatoire

9.30pm £15/ £25 (2 day)

21 Saturday

Vula Viel 'What's Not Enough About That'

Bex Burch on 'gyil'; a wooden xylophone from Ghana
PizzaExpress Live Birmingham 8.30pm £15

24 Tuesday

Jazz Canon: A Retrospective

Works by Monk, Coleman, Coltrane, and Hancock.
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm (support) 7.45pm £10/8

Bon Accord with Allison Bennet (voc)

Gypsy Jazz/Parisian Swing

Bournville Social Club

8.30pm Free

Rafes Dilemma

Vocal-led: spoken word, jazz, electronica and rock
Jazz at the Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

25 Wednesday

Birmingham Big Band with guest Michael Brooks

John Ruddick directs quarterly lunchtime concert
Moseley All Services Club 12.30pm £8

Peter Bernstein

Guitarist, sideman to many US stars, leads quartet
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm (support) 7.45pm £12/10

Bryan Corbett Quartet

Leading members of the Midlands jazz scene.

The Jam House

7pm Free

Warehouse Sessions

Relaxed Jam night run by Tom Pountney and friends.
The Warehouse Cafe 8.30pm £3 donation

26 Thursday

End of Term Jazz Gala

Jazz Orchestra, vocalists and Afro-Cuban Jazz Orch
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm £12/10

Jazz Corporation

Clive 'the Slide' Allsop leads: swing be-bop latin

Erdington Conservative Club

8pm £5/3

27 Friday

Ben Crosland Quintet

Jazz arrangements of the Ray Davies Songbook Vol 2
Birmingham Jazz 1000 Trades 7.45pm £8 adv/£10 door

John Fisher and IDMC Gospel Soul Choir

Gospel Music Takeover

PizzaExpress Live 8.30pm £15

Jazz at The Tower

Jazz Jam session for all instrumentalists/ singers

The Tower of Song

9 pm £5

28 Saturday

Launch of "The History of European Jazz" book

Editor Alyn Shipton talks, Sarah Farmer plays violin
Library of Birmingham Rotunda Space Level 2 2pm Free

29 Sunday

Peter Carlton JazzStrata

Mainstream, Swing and Dixieland

Bournville Social Club

1.00pm Free

Karlsen/Wachsman/Hackett Trio + Keefe/Roberts

Improvised music: drums, violin, synth + trumpet, sax
Fizzle The Lamp Tavern 2pm £7/5

Powerhouse Gospel Choir Presents

Soul Spirit

PizzaExpress Live 8.30pm £14

31 Tuesday

To be confirmed

Jazz at The Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

April 2020

1 Wednesday

SEED Ensemble

Ten piece in the vanguard of the London new wave
Jazzlines Hare and Hounds 7pm £12.50

2 Thursday

Simon Faulkner plays George Benson

A homage to Benson from local guitar maestro
The Jam House 7pm £5

3 Friday

Will Glaser Trio

Climbing in Circles project: two duos in one trio
Birmingham Jazz 1000 Trades 7.45pm £12.50 adv

7 Tuesday

Alicia Gardener-Trejo, Andy Woodhead, Tom Mills

Improvised music: baritone sax, keys and theremin
Fizzle The Lamp Tavern 7.30pm £7/5

Henry Newman Band with Fred Webb (voc)

Modern-mainstream: standards & American Songbook
Bournville Social Club 8.30pm Free

Iago Goes To The Chapel

New electronic project from pianist Olly Chalk, featuring Berlin vocalist Mirna Bogdanovic
Jazz at The Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

9 Thursday

Chris Bowden Presents: Wayne Matthews

An evening of soulful jazz

The Blue Piano

8pm £8/£4 students

Brother Strut

Funk, blues and American soul of the 60's & 70's

The Jam House

7pm £10

14 Tuesday

Mercia Jazz Five with Tony Billingsley (tp)

Small Group Swing and Dixieland

Bournville Social Club 8.30pm Free

Chris Maddock Quartet

Brum favourite saxman & hard-grooving organ band
Jazz at the Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

15 Wednesday

Trampette

Jazz musicians explore their love of groove music
Jazzlines The Jam House 8:30pm Free

16 Thursday

Fizzle music, Flatpack Film Fest, Artefact Cafe

Improvisation to silent film in a brewery!

Attic Brew Co

Time and Prices tbc, watch social media

17 Friday

Rhythm and Bone

Trombone, guitar, bass trio: swing, be-bop, latin
Harbour Cafe 12.30pm Free

Ibou Tall and the Jazzmates

Senegalese keyboard player with international band
Jazzlines The ICC Hall 5.5pm Free

Mark Lockheart Quartet

with Eliot Galvin, Tom Herbert and Dave Smith
Jazz at NAC 8pm £13.50 Under 25's £12.15

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PizzaExpress Live 8.30pm £20

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Birmingham Jazz Orchestra

Internationally renowned musicians and composers based in or associated with the city's rich scene
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm (support) 7.30pm £10/8

21 Tuesday

Trish Clowes' My Iris

The front rank of the contemporary UK jazz scene
Jazzlines Symphony Hall stage 8pm £10

Frank Partridge's Swing Session

Pianist Frank's Mainstream Jam Session

Bournville Social Club

8.30pm Free

Jonny Mansfield's "Florilegium"

Kenny Wheeler Prize winner's intimate new writing
Jazz at the Spotted Dog 9pm £5 suggested donation

22 Wednesday

James Sayer & his Band

Original & classic Rhythm & Blues and Soul music
The Jam House 7pm free

23 Thursday

Jacky Naylor Sextet

Pianist/composer has won many awards and plaudits
Eastside Jazz Club 6.30pm (support) 7.45pm £12/10

24 Friday

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with Eliot Galvin, Tom Herbert and Dave Smith
Birmingham Jazz