

# Limavady Jazz & Blues 2009 Artists

## Apex Jazz Band

Ireland's longest established and most successful jazz band. Steeped in the tradition of New Orleans Jazz, The Apex Jazz Band repertoire includes material from Louis Armstrong, King Oliver, Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, George Lewis, et al. Marches, spirituals, rags, blues, stomps and pop tunes from the jazz age are all present in a well balanced and entertaining programme.

## The Bad Habits

A welcome return to the festival for Cara Robinson with her latest venture 'The Bad Habits'. Joining her are singer/songwriters Jackie Rainey on guitar and Ellis Phillips on bass. These girls deliver a sassy show of acoustic soul and blues, original songs and thoughtful covers, outstanding vocal harmonies and dynamic rhythms.

## The Beekeepers

This blues 5 piece are a well established act in Donegal. Having played festivals in Germany the band continue to blues it up with influences from Stevie Ray Vaughan to Big Bill Broonzy.

## Benny Browne

Benny Browne plays solo Spanish guitar fusing Classical and Flamenco technique with bluesy renditions of popular and folk tunes.

## Bourbon Swing

New Orleans style jazz, with panache and flair.

## Derry City Dixielanders

Take a trip back to the New Orleans of the 1920's with the pick of the Maiden City's trad jazz musicians.

## Derry Jazz Quartet

Veterans of the local scene; the guys have many decades of stage experience between them, dating back to the showbands of the '60s. They play mainstream standards, dixieland and a helping of comedy thrown in for good measure.

## Dixieland Jazz Strollers

The best local trad jazz musicians in walkabout style featuring banjo, tuba, clarinet, trumpet and trombone.

## Easy Jazz Trio

Easy listening jazz featuring saxophone, guitar and bass. Their wide ranging repertoire includes anything from George Gershwin to The Police.

## Errol Walsh

Errol Walsh was born in Coleraine, then emigrated to Canada during the late sixties and became a singer and songwriter. By the early seventies he returned to the British Isles and has played and recorded with many of the great and good of roots and rock music. Some of Errol's influences include Bob Dylan, Taj Mahal, Merle Haggard, John Prine, Steve Earle, Ry Cooder, Lowell George and Mississippi John Hurt.

## Frank Robinson Duo

This guitar duo features Frank Robinson and Ian McGowan, who have many years gigging experience and will be familiar to many festival goers. Their repertoire is a relaxed and unpretentious mix of jazz, blues and country.

## **Graffiti Limbo**

Local 5 piece, Graffiti Limbo take material from classic and contemporary sources, stirring in their own collection of influences; Dr John, Taj Mahal, Little Feat, Howlin Wolf, Tom Waits, Stax soul, etc; to produce an eclectic mix of searing, soulful vocals, swirling Hammond, swooping bottleneck and funky grooves.

## **Hat Fitz**

The 'wild man' of Australian blues, Fitz hails from Queensland. Backed by his drummer, Fitz plays guitar (usually a metal-bodied resonator), stomps his foot and sings the blues with a physical presence and power that remind listeners of past blues greats like Son House and Charley Patton. It's impossible not to dance at a Hat Fitz show.

## **John Trotter Duo**

John Trotter is without doubt one of the most exceptional musicians to grace a stage. A multi-instrumentalist with an incredible repertoire of material to draw from, John will surprise and delight with a varied set.

## **Kenny Peace**

A local legend plays his favourite blues and jazz numbers – getting back to his roots.

## **Key Frances**

According to Real Music Live, London England, Key Frances "Re-writes the blues manual, tears it up and walks off with the very best elements into another stratosphere...Guitar led psychedelic intensity that takes your breathe away". Touring with a 3-piece band of drums, bass and his own powerhouse guitar and vocals, Key Frances combines elements of Bo Diddley and 60's R'n'B with Hendrix styled blues/psychedelia for an unforgettable show.

## **Lee Hedley Band**

Hard rocking blues band with the reputation for providing a fantastic live show. This band feature a watertight rhythm section fronted by a harmonica playing showman.

## **Lightnin' Tree**

This 4 piece blues band from Portrush Co. Antrim take their influences from artists such as Bo Diddley, BB King and Cream. They promise a foot stompin' gig of Chicago/Texas style rhythm'n'blues.

## **Limavady Big Band Sound**

The Limavady Big Band Sound brings you an unforgettable swing experience with a programme that includes music from Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Erroll Garner, Duke Ellington and big band arrangements of the Beatles and Van Morrison numbers.

## **Limavady Grammar School Band**

A welcome return to the festival for the local school band who have impressed in previous appearances with the quality and maturity of their music. Surely a fertile source of many great musicians of the future and well worthy of your support.

## **Mark Black Band**

This exciting band from Donegal are cutting edge of new roots based music in Ireland. Mark Black is a fine singer and songwriter, and unusually inventive musician who has recently released an album of original music to critical acclaim. This band features Mark in electric mode playing funky blues.

## Mark Braidner

Brilliant fingerstyle and slide acoustic guitarist (flat-top and resonator), with a voice that delivers his choice of old time American folk and blues material with authority and authenticity. Mark Braidner is the real deal. Leadbelly, Mississippi Fred McDowell, Robert Johnston, Blind Blake and trad. gospel tunes all get the Braidner treatment - infectious.

## Men In Black

The pick of local Jazz musicians featuring saxophone, piano, double bass and guitar.

## Men Who Knew Too Much

The Men Who Knew Too Much play a delightfully unique style of Country-Hawaiian-Jazz. Spanning a combined one-hundred years of playing between them, the trio consists of Percy Robinson (guitar, dobro, pedal-steel), Egon Callery- van Vliet (guitar, mandolin and vocals) and Sean McCarron (saxophone, percussion).

## Mirenda Rosenberg Band

Mirenda Rosenberg, a powerhouse singer from Washington DC, now living in Letterkenny, and fast becoming a national musical sensation. The bands influences of jazz, blues funk and soul are reflected in their exciting repertoire that includes songs by Billie Holiday and Tom Waits in addition to their original material.

## Paul Buckley

A consummate guitarist, whose tasteful acoustic picking caused a reviewer in the Irish Times to refer to him as "Donegal's best kept secret and a real find". Paul plays a repertoire of old American folk and blues songs mixed with his own material.

## Roy Mitchell

Roy Mitchell is a composer/performer based near Derry in N. Ireland. Roy will be performing a program of solo material featuring tenor saxophone, clarinet and electric piano, in conjunction with a loop sampler. When pushed to describe his new music, he tentatively suggests, ... "Heavily improvised art chill-out"!

## The Slyde Band (feat. Mark Black)

Mark Black has just released his second full length studio album and will make an appearance at Glastonbury '09. The live show features a 3 piece power house dynamite explosion of rhythms, didgeridoos, amplified 12 string acoustic guitars and lap steels, drums and bass. This is one of the most dynamic and unique live acts around.

## Steve James

Steve James is a well known name among devotees of contemporary acoustic folk and blues; this notoriety based on numerous critically acclaimed recordings, a tireless international tour schedule and a sheaf of published work including articles, instruction books and videos. This is fingerstyle guitar playing; as good as it gets.

## Swingin' Bluecats

Resplendent in Royal Blue 1940's Zoot Suits the focus is firmly on Jump, Jive & Swing. The band covers artists such as Big Joe Turner, Louis Jordan, Louis Prima and the Brian Setzer Orchestra. Get your dancin' shoes out for Saturday night at Owen's marquee.

## Zero Resistance

Local blues rockers Zero Resistance make a welcome first appearance at the festival. They play a range of rock and blues material from the likes of Rory Gallagher, Thin Lizzy, Jimi Hendrix, SRV, Johnny Winter, Gary Moore, and Horslips.