

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

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FRIDAY 3 JUNE

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SATURDAY 4 JUNE

1000 Trades Summer Party 12pm-2am

Here we go again.. It's only another rip snorting rager of an all-day Summer Party, all in honour of our 5th Birthday complete with Street BBQ, taps taken over by local breweries, ping pong and the best bit - free entry. Line-up:- Eclectic Sessions w/ DJ Greg 1-3pm (everything under the soul & disco sun)- DJ Rob 3-5pm (deep disco and lounge sex house) - POPGANG Live! 5-6pm Stroud's finest 80s sycophants - NowHam w/ DJ Drive 6-8.30pm (credible 80s) - Disco Sucks w/ Nige 8.30-10.30pm (disco basically) - Jazz In The House w/ DJ Stapes 10.30-midnight (Phil Asher Tribute Set) - Dan Monkman midnight-2am (DIY mumbo jumbo) (classic 80s 90s deep house). See you there! Free

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE – SATURDAY 30 JULY

1000 Trades Presents: Blu Magic

From 8 June, our small but perfectly formed kitchen will be showcasing some of Birmingham's finest food traders and restaurateurs with bi-monthly residencies, bringing you a taste of the second city's thriving food scene.

First to take over the reins is previous incumbent Blu Magic, founded by Birmingham-based chef Matthew Knight cooking up delicious plates with a Caribbean twist – fusing the great flavours the Caribbean has to offer with influences and tastes from around the world. Last time Matthew wowed us with his creativity and quality, and we're really looking forward to him bringing it home again. Expect small and large plates loaded with flavour; 24hr marinated jerk rump steak with fried baby crab claw or sticky steamed Asian baos with fried plantain, avocado and Feta Cheese. Mississippi fried chicken and crayfish curry to mango and passionfruit cheesecake. *Serving weekday evenings from 5pm and all day Saturdays.*

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THURSDAY 9 JUNE

Kamikaze Club Open Mic 7.30–10.30pm

The Kamikaze Club return for another Open Mic comedy session on a new regular Thursday night slot (third of each month). Fresh acts looking for a spot, as well as pros looking to shine up their material will be on hand to keep hilarity at a high. Free. *More details via facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub*

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

Birmingham Jazz Presents: Matt Carmichael Quartet 7.45pm

Welcomed as 'a distinctive new voice in a crowded scene' by BBC Music Magazine when he released his first album, *Where Will the River Flow* in March 2021, saxophonist Matt Carmichael has been making a big impression on audiences since he emerged on the Scottish jazz scene as a teenager with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland. Internationally regarded Scottish saxophonist Tommy Smith recognised Matt's potential early, inviting him to join his own youth jazz orchestra, and has described Matt as "better than I was at that age." Matt formed his quartet with multi-award-winning quartet in 2016. Their well-established teamwork was a feature of *Where Will the River Flow* and aligned with Matt's expressive, forthright leadership it has earned them appearances at Ronnie Scott's and festivals across the UK. The album has been 'longlisted' for the Scottish Album of the Year Award 2021 and recently, fiddler and BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2017 Charlie Stewart has added an extra dimension to the band and underlined its music's appealing Scottish lilt. £12.50/ £10 members/ £5 students. *Tickets via birminghamjazz.co.uk (more on the door)*

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SATURDAY 11 JUNE

Downtempo Disco 8pm–12am

Ever-popular monthly bringing you the sweetest disco edits, soul cut-ups and cutting edge deep house, brought to you by the inimitable Simon Tricklebank and Dan Farrell. Free

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FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Birmingham Jazz Presents: Zoetic 7.45pm

Introducing Zoetic, a new project from award-winning composer and trumpet player, Chris Batchelor. Renowned for his melodic and warmly lyrical trumpet playing, Chris Batchelor has been composing music for almost as long as he's been performing. Winner of the prestigious Paul Hamlyn Foundation Award for Composers, this new ensemble sees Batchelor further honing and distilling the approach he established in his writing for Loose Tubes and Big Air.

Batchelor's distinctive compositions for Zoetic are the outcome of his long-lasting immersion in a wide range of music in London's varied scene, from East African guitar band grooves to echoes of wistful European folk themes and sinuous lines reminiscent of Arabic music. Add the influence of Batchelor's original voice throughout and you have a rich source of inspiration for this exceptional group of musicians... £12.50/ £10 members/ £5 students. *Tickets via birminghamjazz.co.uk (more on the door)*

SATURDAY 18 JUNE

1000 Trades Presents: Bargain Bin Soul 8pm–12am

Geeburd digs out a selection of life-long favourite club classics. Obscure floor-fillers salvaged from the bargain bins, from electric boogie and street soul to latin freestyle, new jack swing and beyond. Featuring the likes of Aurra/ BB&Q Band/ Cameo/ Candido/ Change/ Cherrelle/ Chic/ Colonel Abrams/ Debbie Deb/ D-Train/ Fatback Band/ First Choice/ Gap Band/ Glenn Jones/ Guy/ Gwen Guthrie/ Gwen McCrae/ India/ Inner Life/ Jam and Lewis Productions/ Johnny O/ Joyce Sims/ Kashif/ Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam/ Loose Ends/ Luther Vandross/ Mary Jane Girls/ Melba Moore/ Midnight Star/ Noel/ Odyssey/ Patrice Rushen/ Prince and the Revolution/ Ready For The World/ Serious Intention/ SOS Band/ Stacy Lattishaw/ Stevie B/ Sybil/ Teena Marie/ The System/ The Time/ Today/ Unlimited Touch/ Vaughan Mason/ Whispers. With Geeburd (NowHam). Free. *See Facebook events page for more*

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Birmingham Jazz Presents: Nick-Costley White Quartet 7.45pm

Nick is one of the most in demand guitarists on the UK jazz scene, renowned for a deep understanding of the jazz tradition and repertoire, alongside a virtuosic technique and progressive approach to improvising. Nick is lucky enough to have performed with some of the most renowned jazz musicians in the country including Martin Speake, Stan Sulzmann, Gareth Lockrane, Lewis Wright, Steve Fishwick, Brandon Allen, Jeff Williams and Asaf Sirkis. Nick performs extensively throughout the UK as well as touring in Europe, Australia, China and South America. Nick has also contributed to over a dozen studio albums as a sideman with a variety of jazz groups. Upon graduating from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 2011 Nick was awarded the Yamaha Scholarship for Outstanding Jazz Musicians.... £12.50/ £10 members/ £5 students.

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SATURDAY 25 JUNE

NOW HAM: A Night of Credible 80s 8pm–12am

Bannish Banarama, Kybosh Kylie and Erase Europeour monthly night dedicated to proper music from the most underrated decade since the last one. Featuring the likes of Japan/ Talk Talk/ Scritti Politti/ Vissage/ Bauhaus/ Haircut 100/ King/ Depeche Mode/ Orange Juice/ The Chameleons/ China Crisis/ The The/ Aztec Camera/ The Associates/ The Cure/ Tom Tom Club/ Lotus Eaters/ Heaven 17/ New Order/ Prefab Sprout/ Talking Heads/ Altered Images/ The Teardrop Explodes/ Tears for Fears/ Art of Noise/ Simple Minds – amongst many others.

With Coughing Pigeon DJs. Free. *See Facebook events page for more details.*

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