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It's going to take more than Covid-19 to stop the 2020 Manawatu Jazz & Blue Jazz Festival.

The largest jazz festival in New Zealand has been flourishing in Manawatu for more than 50 years and 2020 is no exception. Traditionally scheduled for Queen's Birthday when New Zealand was still in Level 2, the festival has now been set down from October 29 to November 1, 2020.

Artistic Director, Rodger Fox, says the Festival, based at The Globe, avoids traditional Labour Weekend activities and instead provides a following weekend of quality jazz and blues.

Rodger and his team is showcasing top New Zealand and regional artists. They include **Andrew London** with **James Tait-Jamieson** and **Wayne Mason**. The Big Band Bash featuring **The Swamp City Big Band**, **Manawatu Jazz Club Big Swing Band** and from Taupo the **Great Lake Big Band**.

Blues Night features **Blues Buffet** from Whanganui with special guest **Erna Ferry**.

Kevin Downing's guitar experience with guests the **Nick Granville Power Trio**.

A feature will be the café scene where, for the price of an Earl Grey or a trim flat white, patrons can experience the best of jazz free from individuals or combos.

A further attraction is the High Schools Jazz Competition where big bands from secondary schools throughout New Zealand attend masterclasses, receive individual tuition, and compete for a range of awards.

"With the support of the Palmerston North City Council we've been able to make our ticket prices affordable. We know how disappointed people were that our Queen's Birthday Festival couldn't go ahead, but now we're offering a Spring attraction of quality jazz for them to enjoy," Rodger Fox says.

See you all at the Festival.

Best, Rodger Fox.
Festival Director



THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 8pm

ANDREW LONDON & FRIENDS

Featuring **WAYNE MASON**
and **JAMES TAIT-JAMIESON**

Ticket price: \$25

Andrew London is best-known as a writer of whimsical and satirical songs with titles such as 'I Hugged My Mate', 'Country's Bugged' and 'Let's Talk About Me' that reflect the national psyche, and gently lampoon many of mainstream New Zealand society's attitudes, obsessions and taboos.

Most of these have been recorded with either his Andrew London Trio or, up until 2012, Hot Club Sandwich; both trios owing much to jazz, blues and Western swing traditions. Downbeat USA, the World's most widely read jazz magazine, has twice featured reviews of his albums.

Many London songs have contributed to motion pictures including 'Second Hand Wedding', 'No Petrol, No Diesel', and 'No ordinary Sheila', also European CD compilations, a Correspondence School English Syllabus, and National Radio's 'Greatest Song Ever Written'.

His groups have played music festivals all over New Zealand, Australia and Norfolk Island, even travelled to Saudi Arabia for the NZ High Commission to present a slice of Kiwiana to international audiences.

Now living on the Kapiti Coast, Andrew performs mostly with his partner Kirsten on bass and occasionally other collaborators including pianist Wayne Mason and multi-instrumentalist James Tait-Jamieson, both of whom will be joining him for this concert.

29 OCT-1 NOV



FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 8pm

BLUES NIGHT

Featuring **BLUES BUFFET**
Special Guest **ERNA FERRY**

Ticket price: \$25

The "Blues Buffet" play a great selection of rockin' Blues tracks by artists such as Muddy Waters, Lucky Peterson, Jimmy Reed, John Mayall etc as well as original songs off both the "Blues Buffet" albums as well as material from their 3rd album almost completed.

Featuring the soaring blues guitar styling of guitarist Fred Loveridge, New Zealand blues-jazz vocalist Erna Ferry and a kick-ass rhythm section including Murray Loveridge bass, Paul Wilson Keyboards and Michael Franklyn Brown on drums this will be one great night of Rhythm and Blues.

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 10am - 3pm

HIGH SCHOOLS JAZZ COMPETITION

FREE Entry



SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 8pm

KEVIN DOWNING'S LAB BAND

Featuring from Wellington
The **NICK GRANVILLE POWER TRIO**

Ticket price: \$25

The 101 Lab Band is a 17-piece guitar orchestra run by Kevin Downing who is an internationally recognised guitar education specialist. The band plays a mixture of jazz and blues and has a reputation for backing some of the world's greatest jazz and blues guitar players and singers. Some of the tunes being played are also written by Grammy nominated artists especially for the band.

The band has been running for 32 years and has propelled many players coming through it into successful professional careers in music. This band is a one of its kind in New Zealand, and all the players in the band are current students or teachers at Kevin's guitar school in Palmerston North.

Special Guest is the Nick Granville "Power Trio" featuring Nick Granville – Guitar, Leonardo Coghini – Keyboards and Lance Philip – Drums.

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2.30pm

THE BIG BAND BASH

With the **SWAMP CITY BIG BAND**, **MANAWATU JAZZ CLUB BIG SWING BAND** and **THE GREAT LAKE BIG BAND** from Taupo.

Ticket Price \$15

THE JAZZ CAFÉ SCENE

Artists to be Advised. (FREE ENTRY)

FEILDING

Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 October

PALMERSTON NORTH

Saturday 31 October – Sunday 1 November

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