

New season of Jazz & Blues at the Old Chapel

After a wonderful summer, Calstock Arts is back with a great new season of jazz events for the last part of 2025. From jazz standards to trad, gypsy, Latin improvised jazz & blues there is something for everyone and even those who think they 'don't like jazz'!

The season starts with Annika Skoogh on **Friday 5th September**. Come & join the supremely talented Annika and her band in celebration of some of her favourite songs, an eclectic mix of jazz standards, Latin, Nordic jazz, contemporary tunes and some original compositions. Annika has put together a fine stellar band with some of the very best musicians here in the Southwest; Tom Ball – pianist, John Donnelly – double bass and Gary Evans – drums.

On **Saturday 27th September** The Storyville Jassband, founded in 1959, and one of the oldest Trad Jazz bands from The Netherlands still playing all over the world, visit us for the first time. The band focuses on the 'new' music, called Jazz that became popular during The Roaring Twenties in the US. When New Orleans Jazz came over to Europe, the European jazz bands of the fifties added their special flavour to the music. The Storyville Jassband has a distinct affiliation with this sound & continue playing this style of music with great enthusiasm.

In **October** we have Aspyrian on **Friday 3rd** & ARQ Jazz on **Saturday 25th**.

Aspyrian are fast gaining a reputation as one of the most ambitious new acts to emerge on the UK jazz scene. As well as drawing inspiration from many contemporary jazz artists, the London-based trio, Robin Porter on Saxophones, Jack Gillen on guitar and Matt Parkinson on drums are influenced by an eclectic mix of soulful songwriters and alternative bands, resulting in an ensemble sound that is captivating and truly unique.

ARQ has spent twelve years crafting a unique sound that draws on jazz, folk, pop and Latin influences. The much-lauded, award-winning and eclectic quintet, led by bassist and composer Alison Rayner, are widely celebrated from over ten years of extensive UK and European touring across a complete range of jazz clubs, concert halls and international festivals. They regularly sell out London clubs such as Ronnie Scott's and the Pizza Express Jazz Club, as well as regional venues across the UK.

Moving into **November** the Jake Legg Jugg Band returns after on **Saturday 15th**. After their last fantastic performance at the Old Chapel, we are thrilled they are back to bring you the authentic sounds of 1920's and 30's America – jazz, blues, ragtime and gospel. Songs of murder, betrayal, gambling, liquor and redemption, brilliant musicians and a great night of music and fun.

The Mojito Jazz Trio & Guests finish the pre-Christmas season on **21st November** with one of our winter Gallery Bar Specials (free entry/bucket for the band). Making a welcome return to Calstock Arts, the trio features Liam Harvey (bass) and Dusty Miller (drums) along with Calstock's own Andy Lawton on piano. They will be joined again by singer, Emma Watson, one of Devon's top female vocalists, song writer and choir director of Exeter's Soul of the City gospel choir, & multi-instrumentalist, Marius Rudnick on saxophones, flute & clarinet.

A great variety of brilliant local, national and international performers at affordable prices (from £12 in advance) in a beautiful setting with amazing acoustics plus a bar. What's not to like!

For further details see <https://calstockarts.org/whats-on/>