

FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 2018 @ The Big Top Tent

Little Red

18:00 - 19:00



Born in Cardiff, Little Rêd (Ellie) is a skilled guitarist, singer and songwriter. She has been performing her own material since the age of fourteen, receiving television and radio recognition under previous guises and now establishing her own sound as Little Rêd.

Her debut single “Hell” was premiered on The Line Of Best Fit, who called it "one hell of a debut", attributing Ellie with a voice that “speaks to you like something from a dream.” Since then, she has played live around the UK supporting several artists including C Duncan, Betsy and Bryde and has received airplay from Amazing Radio, Tom Robinson on BBC 6Music and Huw Stephens on BBC Radio Wales. Her second single What Love Is (co-written with Ed Tullett), premiered on Clash and described as 'musically dreamy', explores the space of time at the start of a relationship, lingering on confusion and excitement, as you are falling in love but not quite settled. A euphoric explosion of electric pop, Ellie’s sincere voice creates an emotional impact.

Little Rêd’s music is a hook-laden soundscape, combining a variety of influences including Kate Bush, Ben Howard and The Japanese House.

The Sisterhood

19:15 - 20:30



Engaging, elegant and utterly captivating - The Sisterhood is really something to behold. Encapsulating all the fun and energy of the original set up, The Sisterhood brings you the fullest and most complete Brotherhood experience, but now with that distinctive feminine presence and irresistible charm!

Fronted by our wonderful Tay Cousins and Izzy Stead, The Sisterhood have enjoyed a fabulous year, thrilling their audiences with a continuation of the premium quality entertainment!

HEADLINERS

Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band

20:45 - 21:45



Big Mac's were formed in 1990 as the house band for the legendary Hollywood Club in Newport. Within months of their formation The Commitments film was released and the band, being of a similar size and specializing too in 60's Soul music, were inundated with work, constantly playing in every club, pub and eat house in South Wales. In a short time they were supporting The Commitments at a number of venues and were soon welcoming offers of work that took them to holiday camps, five star hotels and nightclubs both in the U.K. and abroad.

The line up is that of tenor sax, trumpet and trombone, bass, drums, guitar, keyboards, three dynamic female vocalists and charismatic frontman Mike 'Big Mac' McNamara. Mike is a Soul singer in the purest sense of the word, thus the band, though more than adept at producing the raw edged originals of Wilson Pickett, Sam and Dave, Otis Redding and James Brown, are also proficient in the more polished spheres of black music, Motown, Philly, Funk and those glorious vocal harmony

drenched ballads. Vocalists, however, are only as good as their backing band permits and Big Mac has The Wholly Soul Band... easily the best in the business.

SATURDAY, 28TH JULY, 2018 @ The Big Top Tent



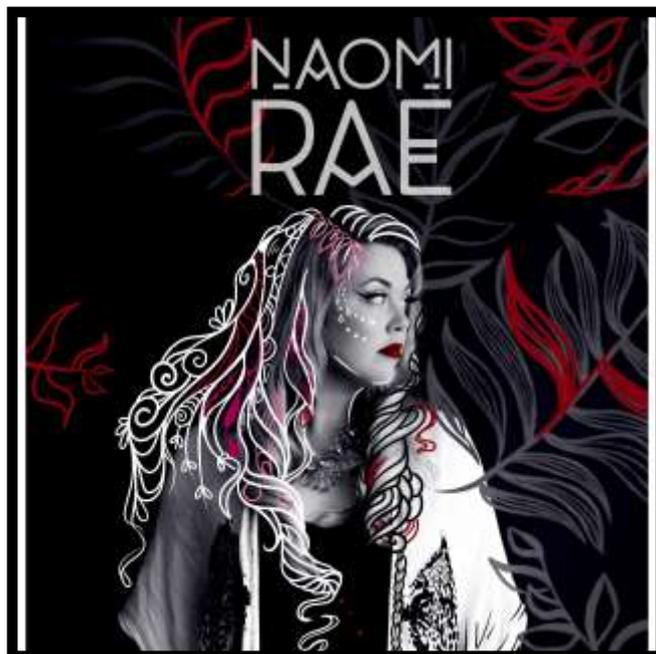
RecRock Rock School

11:00 - 11:40

A performance by some of the most talented young musicians from Caerphilly County. The performance is a culmination of a week-long, rock school the young people have attended. Get in touch with RecRock for more information for Caerphilly-based young people interested in developing their music skills: info@recrock.co.uk.

Naomi Heap (Duo)

12:00 - 13:00



Naomi Rae hails from the northern music metropolis of Manchester but now calls the rising urban sprawl of Cardiff her home. Inspired by everything from 70's funk to 90's pop, her soul infused tunes showcase her incredible pipes and her Bond-esque ballad 'liar' proves she's a skilled songwriter who can deliver atomic-sized anthems.

Naomi Rae's addictive melodies will be an instant hit with fans of Adele, Emeli Sande and Leona Lewis. Airplay includes Adam Walton for BBC Introducing and play listed to BBC Radio Wales.

Social media

Twitter: www.twitter.com/naomiraemusic

Facebook: www.facebook.com/naomiraemusic

Instagram: www.instagram.com/naomiraemusic

YouTube: www.youtube.com/naomiraemusic

Website: www.naomiraemusic.com

Russell Jones Jr.

13:10 - 14:00



Russell Jones Jr. is jazz swing artist, He used to be a member of the choir 'Only Boys Aloud' who came third in Britain's Got Talent, 2012, Russell was also part of 2017's XFactor, performing 'Jungle Book'.

He has worked and performed with some of the biggest names: Ellie Goulding , The Saturdays and Conor Maynard, and performed for the likes of Amy Childs and Gemma Collins From 'TOWIE'. He has also performed at London's fashion week's 'The Royal Fashion Day', and has performed on the cobbles at Coronation Street for the Christmas Special.

Ragsy



14:00 - 14:20 / 15:30 - 15:50 / 17:00 - 17:20 / 18:25 - 18:40

Ragsy is a South Wales based singer-songwriter. He appeared on The Voice in 2013 and was mentored by fellow Countryman Sir Tom Jones. Since the show, Ragsy has been continuously performing at various events, showcases, venues and festivals such as Glastonbury. Also supporting established artists such as The Proclaimers, James Dean Bradfield and Max Boyce.

2018 has been exciting year so far for Ragsy with his performance as one of the eight finalists on 'Can i Gymru / Song for Wales' singing 'Ti'n Frawd i Mi' (written by Owain Glenister) which aired on S4C St David's Day. 2018 will also see the release of his second album 'One More For The Road Vol 1' which will be recorded in Welsh as well as English. The album will be released in the summer with the promotional tour to follow.



The Bakestones

14:25 - 15:25

Starting back in 2012, The Bakestones are a five piece, Harmonica sucking, guitar plucking, foot stomping band. With an eclectic mix of original music ranging from a raw bluesy sound to funky rock.

The band are from Nelson, Caerphilly in South Wales & consists of three brothers & two best friends: Sean Rogers on lead vocals/harmonica, Paul Rogers, on lead/rhythm guitar and Liam Rogers on bass are Joined by Dai Taylor (drums) and with the recent acquisition of Rhys Tyler on lead/rhythm guitar to complete the lineup.

The Bakestones are regular festival performers, playing places like Caldicot Castle's Cider Festival, Welsh Warrior Fest and The Big Love Festival to name just a few. They pride themselves on getting the crowd bouncing to their catchy, original tunes.

They've had success with regular plays on U&I Radio, BBC Radio Wales, BBC 6 Music, as well as their hit Video 'King without a Crown'. Catch them live as you will not be disappointed! (Facebook @TheBakestones)



Donnie Joe's American Swing

15:55 - 16:55

Swinging jazz, infectious rhythms, witty tunes, and poignant songs: Donnie Joe's American Swing brings them all together for the best in Swing Jazz from the 30s, 40s & 50s.

Their repertoire features hits from our 3 favourite Louis; Armstrong, Jordan, & Prima, as well as many classics from the Swing Era. It's music with a beat that will surely put a smile on your face, get your toes tapping, and make you feel like dancing.

The group features:

Don 'Donnie Joe' Sweeney (Guitar & Vocals), Heulwen Thomas (Fiddle & Vocals), Tamasin Reardon -(Alto Sax), Gareth Hall (Piano & Vocals), Ashley-John Long (Upright Bass), Greg Evans (Drums).

The Albino Frogs

17:25 - 18:25



Simply known as 'The Frogs' to their ever growing number of followers supporting their upbeat music, this four piece band from the South Wales Valleys appeals to all ages, as they deal out plenty of funky Latin rocky grooves, getting your feet tapping and body swaying. It doesn't end there, there's also some jazz and country thrown into the mix for good measure. The song-writing is top draw; it gets you going with instantly hummable melodies and memorable hooks, so much so, that by the second chorus you're singing along! Its Steely Dan meets Huw and Cry meets Little Feet, for those who like comparisons, but for this band, truly original and quirky is what they're about.

Solid yet funky bass (Daryl Cook), and drums/percussion (Dai Lewis), serve to underpin the slap and tickle guitar style, and powerful vocal of Ian Day, while Ric Lawton's virtuoso saxophone, puts the icing on the cake. With 3 and 4 part vocal harmonies in abundance, The Frogs generate a very full, tight and inspiring sound.

For the past few years, they're welcomed back to festivals such as Brecon Jazz, Reading, Cheltenham Jazz festival, Swansea International jazz and Llandeilo Jazz, to name a few. They have just completed their third album, and also there is interest from as far afield as Austin Texas. The Albino Frogs have had their music presented at the prestigious MIDEM Cannes Music Festival with favourable responses from as far afield as South America.

HEADLINERS

The Red Hot Pokers

18:45 - 20:00



The Red Hot Pokers formed in 1984 and as well as working continuously as a separate entity, have worked as a backing band for visiting US blues and rock'n'roll artists. These include Lowell Fulson, Carey Bell, Lazy Lester, Frankie Ford, Big Al Downing, Nappy Brown, and Big Jay McNeely many more. The band has toured extensively throughout Europe and has played in Canada and the Far East.

The Red Hot Pokers became Van Morrison's touring band in the early 2000's and are featured on his album 'You Win Again'. The band's current live set is a mixture of styles - very much blues based, but country, soul and reggae are included too.

The present line-up consists of founder member John 'Ned' Edwards on Guitar, Fiddle, Harmonica and Vocals; Pete Hurley, who has played in the band since the mid 1980's, on Bass Guitar; Hywel Maggs on Guitar; Marc Palladino, brother of acclaimed bass player Pino Palladino, on Drums.

SUNDAY, 29TH JULY, 2018 @ The Big Top Tent



Bluesy Susie & Craig Webb

12:00 - 12:45

Susie Webb (aka Bluesy Susie) trained at The Birmingham Conservatoire for 4 years and obtained a BMus (Hons) Degree under the guidance of fabulous Jazz singers Marion Montgomery and Sara Colman. She has performed and conducted at The Royal Albert Hall, St David's Hall, The Adrian Boult Hall, she sang on the pitch at the Millenium Stadium for the Wales vs South Africa match and has also headlined at venues such as Ronnie Scotts, Wales Millenium Centre, Birmingham N.I.A, Newport Centre, Riverfront Theatre, Royal Pump Rooms, BBC Music Live & Brecon Jazz Festival.

As well as performing regularly on the jazz & blues scene with her husband and guitarist Craig Webb, Susie is also the Director at 'Singergise Ltd', providing vocal workshops and choirs for corporate events and businesses. She is also the founder of the adult choir Soul'd As Seen, the children's group Soul'd As Seenies and her latest venture is with her new band 'Strictly Susie'.

'One of my favourite musicians' Andy Roberts BBC

'Susie's ability to move through tenderness to feisty gritty blues, imparts it's own distinctive and irresistible character' Birmingham Post

'I have played with some bands in my time, this is one of the best' Art Themen

Tobias Robertson

12:45 - 13:05 / 14:20 - 14:40 / 16:00 - 16:20 / 17:30 - 17:45



Performing regular shows since the age of 16 has given Tobias Robertson a wealth of experience in front of a range of audiences and left him with a calm and comfortable demeanour onstage.

His jazzy and soulful renditions of popular songs are inventive and interesting and Tobias will deliver them with a slightly different flavour each time. Having been asked to audition for The Voice 2016, Tobias appeared twice on the show. Performing Randy Newman's famous "You've Got A Friend In Me" from Disney's Toy Story secured a slot on Boy George's Team.

After the show, Tobias has spent time since playing any show that came his way and honing his craft to be an adaptable and skilled entertainer. Tobias has also been hiding a wealth of original material and playing the waiting game until the time is right to introduce the world to his own songs but behind the scenes, the cogs are whirring and it won't be long until Tobias is ready to reveal his hand...



St Louis Express

13:10 - 14:20

The Penarth based, 6 piece swing band began back in 2017. After meeting at music events, the enthusiastic, like minded, professional musicians put together the band, *St Louis Express*.

The band playing swing, jump jive music, which is full of energy, great interactive entertainment and fun, suiting all ages from 2 to 92. The band play sounds from the Golden era of 1930's to early 1960's covers from legends, Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Louis Prima and Louis Jordan.

St Louis Express consist of a saxophonist, clarinet, flute player, double bass, drums, guitar, harmonica, lead and backing vocals. All dressed in 1930's to 40's attire taking the audience back in time.

Having recently performed as the exclusive band for the 'Peaky Blinders Events', in Cardiff and Bristol attracting an audience of over 6000, demand for bookings soared through 2018. Now taking bookings for 2019, for parties, weddings, events etc. Contact number 07557047207 Facebook page - St Louis Express.



The Apple Tree Theory

14:40 - 16:00

Hailing from Newport, The Apple Tree Theory are an eclectic mix of styles. With Bongo Peet on WashBoard, Scott Bowman on Banjo, Adam Beale on Bass, Ben Jefferies on Guitar and Toby Davy on Drums, the boys deliver an array of timeless classics as you have never heard them before.

The unique blend of bluegrass pop and acoustic folk renditions of some of the most famous songs of the last 50 years is something that has to be heard to be believed!



The Numbers Racket

16:30 - 17:30

The Numbers Racket Swing Band is a fantastic jive and swing band playing good-time music from the 40s to the present day. They are great at getting a crowd up and dancing and singing along with tunes such as Reet Petite, Minnie The Moocher, Flip Flop and Fly and other swinging classics.

The Numbers Racket Swing Band have been playing across the UK for over ten years and have a great deal of experience at entertaining audiences in a wide variety of situations and venues. They have played at the famous 100 Club in London, Brecon Jazz Festival, Birmingham International Jazz Festival, and lots more.

The horn section has toured Europe as The West Coast Horns, sharing stages with and supporting the following artists: Mick Taylor (ex Rolling Stones), BB King, Pink, Puddle of Mudd, Bo Diddley, The Blues Brothers Band (with Steve Cropper etc), Joe Cocker, Pee Wee Ellis (ex James Brown band), Ray Gelato, Taj Mahal, Leo Sayer, Snowy White and more.

The band line up consists of: Elaina Hoss (Vocals), Dominic Norcross (Saxophones), Jason Osborne (Trumpet), Johnny Davies (Guitar), Graham Batchelor (Bass) and Nino Consolo (Drums/percussion).

HEADLINERS



The Brotherhood

17:45 - 18:45

Offering the ultimate performance experience, The Brotherhood is a truly wondrous collective of musicians and vocalists, all brimming with charisma and talent, who have proved themselves to be a sensational dance floor filling force!

This 5- piece band is just as at home performing on large festival stages, as making a wedding party the most memorable event of recent years. Flexible, dynamic, fun and engaging, with set lists full of crowd participatory arrangements, these guys will guarantee to make your event the most talked about in years! Their set lists are diverse and varied, with a broad selection of musical genres, prevalent throughout their whole time onstage.

There's music to suit everyone; from the craziest dude of the 50's, right through each and every decade, to the modern tunes of the present-day chart; Rock, funk, pop, disco, rock n roll, reggae, soul...they play it all! By booking this set up you'll be simply guaranteeing your guests a thrilling evening's worth of entertainment- brace yourself, and dive into party mode!