

Press Release

Jazz Extravaganza at the Backstage Theatre Longford

The largest and most varied jazz concert ever organised in the Midlands and Border Region will be held in the Backstage Theatre Longford on Thursday 13th of March at 8.00pm

The concert is organised to kick off the Shannonside Jazz Club and the programme is designed to appeal to a variety of jazz and mainstream tastes. If you are a fan of the music of the swing Big-Band era we have that, or if you prefer the smooth sophisticated sounds of the bossa nova we will have the very best of Latin Jazz, if perhaps, your tastes run to the cool cerebral sound of more contemporary jazz - all of these tastes will be catered for on the night. If your partner's tastes are more middle-of-the-road don't worry, we have included some popular numbers with a jazz arrangements.

The concert is a partnership between Longford County Council Arts Office and the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama and will provide jazz fans in the region with the opportunity to hear the best emerging and established jazz musicians in the country.

Music will be provided on the night by the DIT Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Michael Nielsen, the DIT Jazz Ensemble features senior music students from the Conservatory, as well as some of Ireland's finest musicians. The DIT Jazz Ensemble has performed at the Derry Jazz Festival, Cork Jazz Festival, and more.

The Latin Jazz element of the night's programme will be provided by Synergy. Synergy is a Jazz & Latin group playing some of the most popular and acclaimed music in those genres. Although the group is newly formed, its members are some of the most experienced, talented and qualified professional musicians in Ireland today.

The third jazz treat of the evening will be a solo jazz guitar performance by the internationally acclaimed musician Mike Nielson. Sligo born Mike Neilson studied music at the world famous Berklee College of Music Boston. Michael has gained a reputation as one of the leading guitarists in European jazz. He lectures worldwide on jazz guitar and improvisation. He currently teaches at DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama,

The concert is a night for all tastes. Ticks are only €10.00 each proceeds of the concert will fund the Shannonside Jazz Club. Tickets can be purchased at the Backstage Theatre Ticket Office at 043 33 47888 or on www.backstage.ie

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