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For 30 days Barnstaple's pubs, cafés, clubs and a kitchen come to life with a vibrant array of progressive and exceptional performances. Expect anything from world jazz to ska, contemporary folk to indie electro and spoken word to fringe theatre.

The Fringe continues to provide a stage for extraordinary local talent alongside more established and highly regarded artists from the UK and abroad, with acts from as far afield as Cameroon, Jamaica and Poland.

With a selection of gigs every night of the week and over 75% of them being FREE, there really is no excuse to stay at home this June.

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Info

For information and tickets to all paid for performances unless stated otherwise:
northdevonfestival.org
boxofficedevon.co.uk

Box Office: 01271 32 42 42

Queen's Theatre
Boutport Street, Barnstaple,
North Devon EX31 1SY

For information about accommodation providers & attractions:

**Barnstaple Tourist
Information Centre**
01271 375000



Venues

Access

Barnstaple Fringe is constantly working to ensure events are accessible to all. Each venue has an access code.

- ♿1 Fully accessible
- ♿2 1 or 2 steps
- ♿3 Call for advice
- ♿4 No access

1 The Baptist Hall

124 Boutport Street
EX31 1TD
theatrefest.co.uk
♿3

2 The White Horse

28 Boutport Street EX31 1RP
An up market entertainment venue with sports lounge, bar & restaurant.
01271 322 177
thewhitehorsebarnstaple.co.uk
♿4

3 Gallery Café

Queen's Theatre
Boutport Street EX31 1SY
A relaxed café bar offering an excellent range of fairtrade & locally sourced drinks.
01271 32 42 42
northdevontheatres.org.uk
♿1

4 The Olive Branch

40 Boutport Street EX31 1SE
A modern, comfortable and friendly public house serving good food, with accommodation.

01271 370 784

olivebranchdevon.co.uk



5 Inn On The Square

The Square EX32 8LS
This inn offers a wide selection of beers, wines & spirits and traditional pub grub.

01271 311 940

innonthesquaredevon.co.uk



6 Lilico's

The Square EX32 8LS
A bistro & tapas bar offering a Mediterranean menu.

01271 372 933

lilicos1844@yahoo.co.uk



7 Claytons

2 Cross Street EX31 1BA
A lounge bar & restaurant serving locally sourced food & the highest standard spirits, wines & beers.

01271 323 311

claytonsbarnstaple.co.uk



8 PizzaExpress

80 High Street EX31 1HX
A great place to socialize, eat pizza & drink wine.

01271 378 553

pizzaexpress.com



9 Zena's Courtyard

1 Market Street EX31 1BX
Zena's offer Mediterranean & Caribbean cuisine, as well as classic English fayre, with a twist.

01271 378 844

zenasrestaurant.com



10 Boston Tea Party

21-22 Tuly Street EX31 1DW
This licensed café serves outstanding coffee & tea and delicious, original affordable meals.

01271 329 070

bostontea-party.co.uk



11 Fullam Restaurant

18 Tuly Street EX31 1DH
An award winning restaurant with indulgent Chinese cuisine and opulent surroundings.

01271 328 882

fullamrestaurant.com



12 Pilton Hall

Pilton Street EX31 1PQ
Bar available for Wild Westcountry (p35).

01271 373 392

myspace.com/wildwestcountry



13 Broomhill Art Hotel

Muddiford EX31 4EX
Enjoy vibrant events, fascinating art, monumental sculpture, and mouth watering organic food & drink.

01271 850 262

broomhillart.co.uk



14 The Factory, Petroc

Brannams Campus
Roundswell Business Park
EX31 3NJ

Home to Petroc's Music Performance/Technology Department and all new live music venue - bar available.

01271 852 335

Petroc.ac.uk/festival/





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What's the Future for North Devon?

Gallery Café ... Tues 1, 7.30pm, £3 (£5 for both debates)



Tonight **Stewart Wallis**, the executive director of the **new economics foundation**, will introduce the Festival debate and challenge you to reflect on what it means to live and work in North Devon, now and in the future.

What will you do when petrol is £4 a litre? Can a greener economy work? Can there be a no-growth economy? Do our

major towns have to be clones of others or can they retain their own individuality? Who do the bankers represent?

You can then continue the debate: add your comments to our online blog, to be considered by Stewart for Part 2 on Sun 27 June (see p48).

northdevonfestival.org

neweconomics.org

The Mountain and the Trees

The Factory, Petroc ... Tues 1, 7.30pm,



The brainchild of multi-instrumentalist **Jon Janes**, The Mountain and The Trees line-up changes with the weather and, often, with whoever in the crowd is brave enough to step on stage to play along. A two, three or four piece, your guess is as good as mine!

Genre-wise, The Trees have too many effects pedals for folk, and too many banjos for

£5 (on the door only)



rock-n-roll, they sit somewhere between folk-pop or folk 'n' roll. The Trees' performances contain a variety of instruments, from banjo to harmonica and bells to drums all complemented by the spontaneous foot tapping and humming of the audience.

myspace.com/the-mountainsandthetrees

Led Bib

Broomhill Art Hotel --- Wed 2, 8pm, £10 (£15 with buffet)

Relentlessly dodging definition, Led Bib are both a maverick jazz band and an unlikely rock quintet. The Walthamstow based five-piece have torn apart the jazz world with their avant-jazz-euphoric-rock explosions of improvisation and pride themselves on side-stepping convention, with incendiary results. Combining

the energy and passion of a rock outfit with the technical ability of trained jazz musicians their effect is exhilarating.

'...like a gale of fresh air'
The Guardian

Booking essential for interval buffet at 9pm (see p5).

broomhillart.co.uk



PickPockets & SkyRockets

with support from George Ratcliffe

The White Horse --- Wed 2, 9pm, Free



No strangers to the North Devon music scene, Sam Ratcliffe and Pete Buffery return from their studies in London with their guitar-infused, pop electronica.

PickPockets' songs feature simple melodies and endearing hushed lyrics about friendship, with a blissful and innocent optimism. Their sunny acoustic

guitar work and xylophones are the perfect accompaniment to a cool drink and warm June evening.

Catch them now before they get swallowed up by London.
ppandsr.co.uk

George Ratcliffe

This North Devon based illustrator makes short films and quirky animations.

myspace.com/georgeratcliffe





Rory McLeod

Gallery Café --- Wed 2, 8pm, £8 (+50p Love Arts payment)

Rory McLeod is a charismatic, one man soul band, poet and storyteller. A modern travelling troubadour, Rory uses a multitude of improvised instruments from tap shoes to spoons combined with harmonica, guitar and

trombone to tell his unique uplifting stories.

Rory has travelled the globe for different reasons at different times, from Asia to the Middle East and from Gambia to Cuba, and other nooks and crannies of the earth. His songs reflect these diverse corners of the globe and take you on his journey.

Set to vibrant music with bouncy rhythms, infectious riffs and nifty tunes Rory's dynamic tales are best appreciated live – don't miss this opportunity.

rorymcleod.com

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Octoberman

The Factory, Petroc ... Wed 2, 7.30pm, £5 (on the door only)



Vancouver's Octoberman is Marc Morrisette, an alt-country singer-songwriter reminiscent of Bright Eyes and Neil Young. His debut album *These Trails Are Old And New*, was a beautiful collection of globetrotting observations which captured the sights, colours, smells, tastes and the moods of the places he's travelled – reminiscent of Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*.

Since iTunes featured *Trapped in a New Scene* as their free single of the week there has been a buzz about Octoberman's latest album *Fortresses*. This upbeat and country rocking album shows how Morrisette's songs have evolved into muscular, fleshed out sonic explorations.

Part of The Canadian Club series.

octoberman.ca

Sally Night Quartet

Claytons ... Thurs 3, 9pm, Free



Photo: David Redfern

Sally Night's rich and velvety voice exudes warmth and is often compared to that of Billie Holiday. Her unique and captivating performance blends cool jazz, swing, blues and smooth R&B and is enriched by her fresh original song-writing style, with catchy lyrics and irresistible melodies.

With sincere, personal interpretations and a talent for touching and humorous story-telling, Sally seduces her audiences and consistently receives rave reviews. *'Sassy swing vocalist with excellent technique and a powerful voice.'* Time Out

Sally will be appearing with the superb Craig Milverton Trio.

sallynight.com/epk

Paul Lamb & the King Snakes

The Olive Branch --- Thurs 3, 8.30pm, Free



Back by popular demand, multiple award-winning *Best Blues Harmonica Player* Paul Lamb returns with his authentic blues, swing and good time band.

The band also features former Strawbs and Meal Ticket bass player Rod Demick, lead guitarist Ryan Lamb, rhythm guitarist and vocalist Chad

Strenz (Big Town Playboys & Shout Sister Shout) and amazing swing drummer Mike Thorne.

Paul Lamb & The King Snakes take the blues to a new level, one that will both fill the dance floor and please blues fans alike!

paullamb.com

Amy Newton Showcase

Alan Deane with support from Roy Newton

Lilico's ... Thurs 3, 8.45pm, Free

New for 2010 the Fringe presents a series of showcase sessions at Lilico's, hosted and programmed by Amy. Each session will feature an intro from Amy Newton, followed by a local support artist and a national headline act.

Amy Newton

As a well-respected local singer/songwriter, Amy's fanbase spreads across the South West and beyond, even to Canada. Her highly developed and individualistic guitar work and catchy



choruses remain with you long after she has stopped playing.
amynewton.com

Alan Deane

This celtic troubadour mixes good-old Irish favourites along with raw 60's anthems and a bit of British and American folk-rock. Alan adds a Guinness twist to the songs of Donovan, Cat Stevens, Lindisfarne, Bob Dylan and Neil Young, along with a tune or two from more recent times; the likes of Oasis, U2 and The Levellers.
newgrainmusic.com

Roy Newton

For those of you old enough to remember Roy was the lead member of the duo Second Spring. Today he plays folk and blues music, some of his own tunes plus some covers.





The King Blues

Inn On The Square --- Fri 4, 8pm, £12 (+Booking fee), 16+



The King Blues defy convention; unafraid to mix up dub bass lines, doo-wop *a cappella* songs, ska rhythms, Lonnie Donegan-styled skiffle, British folk and gritty poetry, their sound is stripped-down, and one where

ukuleles, acoustic guitars and melodicas feature heavily. This is punk music as it was intended - engaging, forward-thinking and all encompassing.

kingblues.com

Sonic Fusion

The White Horse ... Fri 4, 9.30pm, Free

Having spent the last decade entertaining crowds at weddings, festivals and events, Sonic Fusion know just how to mix the perfect cocktail of popular songs from swing to soul that make you want to get up and dance.

As a seven piece band, Sonic Fusion create their own arrangements of music from Queen to The Blues Brothers

and Aretha Franklin to Lily Allen, incorporating their unique brass sound.

Sonic Fusion have performed with the likes of Joss Stone, supported The Wurzels and sold out for two summer seasons at the Landmark Theatre, proving they are a band to be reckoned with.

sonicfusion.biz



Live Like Lions & Friends

Inn On The Square ... Sat 5, 8pm



Top London electro band Live Like Lions curate a night of 'Indie Electro'. Formed in June 2009, Live Like Lions arrived with the concept of making great party music with an

£6 (+Booking fee), 16+



appreciation for a killer tune. They conceive, write and record everything from their home studio, in which they also sleep, eat and party.

myspace.com/livelikelionsband

Word of Mouth

Boston Tea Party ... Sat 5, 2pm, Free



Does the word poetry frighten you? You don't have to be scared; we won't bite!

Word of Mouth presents an afternoon of lyrics, spoken word, performance poetry, rap and live music. Come and enjoy vocal treats from a selection of artists from around the country, uniting to perform their favourite work in a relaxed atmosphere

surrounded by comfy chairs, tea cups and bottles of beer.

DJ's will introduce the proceedings whilst the interval will be filled with live music from **The Brizzacks**. Performers include **Martin Parker**, **Colin Shaddick**, **Chris Gower**, **Jon Freeman**, **Robert Barrat**, **Edan Dart** and **One Quarter Geordie**.



Marcin Wasilewski Trio

Gallery Café --- Sun 6, 7.30pm, £12, student £5 (+50p Love Arts payment)

Marcin Wasilewski - piano
Slawomir Kurkiewicz - bass
Michal Miskiewicz - drums

Few will forget Marcin's last visit to the Gallery, and fewer still will want to miss this return from one of Europe's outstanding trios. Their 2007 ECM recording *January*

reinforced their reputation as one of the most outstanding contemporary jazz groups. Their friend and mentor trumpeter Tomasz Stanko: *'In the entire history of Polish jazz we've never had a band like this one. They just keep getting better and better.'*

Last year, the trio appeared at the Sounds, No Walls Berlin Festival and were nominated for the Paul Acket Award 2009 by an international committee of jazz critics.

'Their years together have resulted in an ensemble with an utterly symbiotic creative flow.' Don Heckman, Los Angeles Times

marcin-wasilewski.com

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Boston Tea Party House Band

Boston Tea Party --- Sun 6, 12.30pm, Free

The house band is a unique jazz project. All the musicians are either part of the Boston Tea Party business, or are professionals who regularly frequent the coffee houses around the West Country.

The line-up changes constantly; for this session the rhythm section is the Bristol based Dale

Hambridge Trio, the vocalist is Mel Schroeder and the frontline horns will include rising star Nick Malcolm (trumpet & flugelhorn), who has also written some new music for this event.

The emphasis of this lunchtime session is on spontaneous straight-up jazz for everyone.



Peter Bruntnell Showcase

Eddy Johns with support from Jog On Robot

Lilico's --- Mon 7, 8.45pm, Free

Following on from the success of last year's showcase sessions, hosted and programmed by Peter Bruntnell, we welcome a weekly dose of talented musicians hand selected by Peter himself. Each session will feature a local support artist, followed by an intro from Peter and a national headline act.

Peter Bruntnell

Peter is considered by Rolling Stone magazine to be *'one of England's best kept musical secrets'*, and The Independent as *'one of the finest songwriters in Britain'*. He delivers acoustic driven, big, dreamy and melodic songs



with a dab of psychedelia.
myspace.com/peterbruntnell

Eddy Johns

London based Eddy has a healthy fan-base on the thriving acoustic music scene, with his trademark, textured finger-style approach on guitar, surreal lyrics and drifting melodies. Influenced by folk artists such as Simon & Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, Nick Drake and Fleet Foxes, Eddy's songs produce *'beautiful poetic imagery'*.
myspace.com/eddyjohnsmusic

Jog On Robot

This 5 piece indie rock band is led by Mike 'Pix' Stocks, various guests join them on lap steal, mandolin, keyboards, sax and trombone.
myspace.com/jogonrobot



Kat Marsh

with support from Steve Strong

The White Horse --- Wed 9, 9pm, Free

Plymouth's queen of soul, Kat Marsh, is a multi instrumental diva, on a one woman mission to create the biggest and brightest sounds around. Kat's live sets showcase incredible three dimensional looping skills alongside big vocals and stomping beats.

myspace.com/katmarsh

In comparison, Steve Strong is a one man collection of beats, guitar and lush, textural melodies. His music seems to encompass many different styles without feeling contrived. Every strand of inspiration in Steve's music is carefully placed.



Zöe Schwarz & Rob Koral

PizzaExpress ... Tues 8, 7.30pm, £15 (meal & music, booking essential see p5)

Having performed at the famous London PizzaExpress in Soho, Ronnie Scott's and countless UK Jazz Festivals Zoë Schwarz takes a trip to the South West to perform at our very own PizzaExpress as part of the Fringe, to prove that pizza really does feed great music!

Zoë is a charismatic vocalist who, together with guitarist Rob Koral, performs a selection of jazz standards and the occasional self-penned song, reminiscent of the inimitable duet of Joe Pass and Ella Fitzgerald.

London jazz critic Chris Parker describes them as *'one of the most engagingly natural partnerships in jazz, Zoë's unaffected vocal style is particularly well suited to the blues, and is ably supported by Rob's flawless guitar skills'*.

zoeschwarz.info
robkoral.co.uk





Rural Jazz Alliance

Claytons --- Thurs 10, 9pm, Free



This collaboration of local musicians perform a unique and vibrant mix of their own compositions along with creative interpretations of latin-jazz works. Their music draws inspiration from latin and soul jazz movements fused with elements of flamenco, folk, rock, afro-beat, oriental music and funk.

The Rural Jazz Alliance's sound is firmly grounded by a strong

groove-driven rhythm section, distinctive harmonies and fluid melodic interplay between the lead instruments.

The line up includes **Jules Moberly** on flamenco and jazz guitar, **Malcolm MacDonald** on soprano sax, **Naomi Chunilal** on flute, **John Bangham** on keyboards, **Jamie Adam** on bass and **Frank Rawle** on drums.

ruraljazzalliance.co.uk

Jay Tamkin Band

The Olive Branch --- Thurs 10, 8.30pm, Free

Multi-instrumentalist **Jay Tamkin** is one of a new breed of British blues/rock musicians taking the genre by storm and attracting a younger audience.

This 22 year old has already toured the USA, performed for 6 years with the Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra (as their principle bass player) and played alongside Jools Holland's band members Pete Long and Dennis Rollins.

The band features **Rik Christiansen** on keys and **Nick Ramos Pinto** on drums, together they have recently released their debut album *Sorted*, with Rokoko Records.

jaytamkinband.com

Amy Newton Showcase

John Hogg & Dominic Greensmith with support from Becky Loney

Lilico's --- Thurs 10, 8.45pm, Free

In 1998 vocalist and guitarist **John Hogg** formed the critically acclaimed melodic rockers Moke, he then went on to front Hookah Brown before forming Hogg in 2006. Hogg features bass player **Jesse Wood** (son of Rolling Stones' Ronnie Wood) and **Martin Wright** (drums). Tonight Hogg will also be joined by **Dominic Greensmith** (Reef, Kubb and Black Swan Effect) on drums.

Influenced by Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan and The Who, Hogg play classic blues and rock and roll. myspace.com/hoggmusic

Becky Loney

This talented and versatile singer will be accompanied by Amy on acoustic guitar to create a mellow and jazzy vibe.



The Breaks Collective

The White Horse --- Fri 11, 9.30pm, Free



The ever-evolving collective, known for producing their own unique live hip hop sound, make their Barnstaple Fringe debut as they kick off the 2010 festival season armed with a batch of new tracks from their forthcoming album.

The Breaks Collective pride themselves on the fact that no two performances are the same, incorporating improvisation and inviting guest musicians on stage to deliver an eclectic sound.

thebreakscollective.com

Hai La Drum

Zena's ... Sat 12, 12.30pm, Free (table bookings essential see p5)



Led by the astonishing violin virtuoso **Baz Stanescu**, this quartet brings the traditional music of the Balkans to Barnstaple. The band features **Pete Watson** (accordion), **Jason Henson** (guitar) and **Dan Sheppard** (double bass).

Stanescu was born in Bucharest into a family of gypsy musicians; he began playing the violin at the age of 7 where it rapidly became

clear there was a maestro in the midst. Stanescu plays *'with a panache and musical integrity I've only seen matched by Maxim Vengerov'* London Evening Standard.

Hai La Drum's repertoire is a fantastic combination of Romanian melodies, Russian classics and Django-style gypsy swing, all performed with warmth and vivacity.

hailadrum.co.uk

Martin Harley

with support from Blue Zoots

Boston Tea Party ... Sat 12, 8pm (food



6.30pm), £10 (+50p Love Arts payment)

This contemporary singer/songwriter and extraordinary guitarist blends swinging contemporary Americana with sleazy acoustic blues-rock and mesmerising, well-crafted ballads.

In 2009, the Martin Harley Band's profile grew dramatically; they supported many UK shows for James Morrison, played two critically acclaimed shows at Glastonbury and were given the rare honour of permission from Tom Waits to record a version of his song *Chocolate Jesus*.

For this intimate and solo performance Martin will showcase his unique guitar skills, vocals and warm personality that won him this honour.

martinharleyband.com
redshoesmusic.com

Peter Bruntnell Showcase

Owls with support from Nick Saunders

Lilicos --- Mon 14, 8.45pm, Free

Owls are a three piece band from Swansea, South Wales. Formed in spring 2008 and featuring former members of the critically acclaimed band The Caves (who performed as part of the 2008 & 2009 Fringe), they have been making waves of their own.

Owls catchy pop is receiving nationwide airplay and has been described by BBC's Adam Walton as 'frankly

outstanding music with an irresistible tug that fills me with joy', whilst their records have been deemed '*wonderfully melodic*'.

Nick Saunders

With a haunting and mellifluous voice and intuitive acoustic guitar playing Saunders channels the spirit of Nick Drake and the warmth of James Taylor.
nicksaunders.co.uk



Arun Ghosh Sextet

Gallery Café ••• Tues 15, 8pm, £9.50, students £5 (+50p Love Arts payment)

Arun Ghosh - clarinet

Idris Rahman - saxophone

Dr Das - bass

Aref Durvesh - tabla and dholak

Kishon Khan - piano

Myke Wilson - drums

Arun's Indo-jazz sextet uses the spirit and language of jazz to mix the sounds and styles of Indian classical and folk, classical, rock and the avant-garde to produce sweet and timeless melodies, soaring improvisations and raga explorations.

His rich geographical and musical heritage is reflected by the band's own involvement with musicians as diverse as Soothsayers, Zoe Rahman, Asian Dub Foundation, Nitin Sawnhey, Susheela Rahman, Dele Sosime, Texas and Swing Out Sister.

This appealing band have created a storm of interest ever since their debut gig for the 2007 London Jazz Festival and with their debut CD, *Northern Namaste*.

arunghosh.com





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Television Personalities

with support from Rosie Jones

The White Horse ... Wed 16, 9pm, Free

This quintessential, cult band have enjoyed one of new wave's longest, most erratic and most far-reaching careers. Since forming in 1977 they have released countless studio albums, supported Nirvana, been covered by the Futureheads and most recently the band MGMT have paid tribute with their *Song for Dan Tracey*.

Band leader **Dan Tracey** is joined by **Texasbob Jurez** for an acoustic set ahead of countless summer festival appearances and a new record release.

Rosie Jones

Rosie performs an eclectic mix of delightful, acoustic post-folk that just begs to be listened to on a sunny day.

myspace.com/rosiexjones



Apples & Snakes performance poetry

Gallery Café ... Wed 16, 8pm, £9.50, students £5 (+50p Love Arts payment)

Gale warning! Tempest to hit the North Devon coast!

Yes, it's a forthright foursome of performance poets, headed by the mighty **Kate Tempest**. A brave new Shakespeare for a troubled world, wrenching rhythms from hip-hop and words from the heart, she's currently leaving a trail of dazed punters in her wake.



Kate Tempest



Byron Vincent

Also playing puckishly with audiences is **Byron Vincent**, disher-up of comedic flippancy and poems that turn all serious on you when you're least expecting. **Molly Naylor**, meanwhile, is a confident, lyrically astute poetico-storyteller, straight out of Norwich and now making waves nationally. And then



Molly Naylor

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there's soldier-turned-poet **Martin Figura**, a likeable scouser who's previewing his book *Different Words For Toilet* (no, stop trying to think of them) and polishing his first one-man show.

All in all, it's poetry to pick you up and shake your foundations, brought to you by Apples & Snakes (South West).

applesandsnakes.org



Martin Figura

The Glitch Factory

The Factory, Petroc --- Wed 16, 7.30pm, £3.50 (on the door only)

The Glitch Factory is an opportunity for artists and musicians to present works of an unconventional nature. The work includes production elements from the origins of musical instruments to the

intricacies of computer added synthesisers, the re-synthesis of bygone technology, and electronic and mechanical DIY wizardry.

Prepare for an aural assault, this is not for the timid ear.



Storm Warning

The Olive Branch ... Thurs 17, 8.30pm, Free



Considered to be one of Britain's most talented and well respected blues bands, Storm Warning make distinctive, dynamic and contemporary blues music. They are fronted by **Steve Norchi** on lead vocal, with **Bob Moore** on guitars, **Ian Salisbury** on Hammond and piano, **Roger Willis** (formerly with Capability Brown and Crazy Kat) on drums and

Derek White on bass. This line-up has been described by The Blues Band bass man, Gary Fletcher, as '*an ace rhythm section.*'

Storm Warning weave an intoxicating mix of traditional smokey blues, breezy jazz and fiery rock with their trademark slick and classy sound.

stormwarning.co.uk

The Marjorie Belles

Claytons ... Thurs 17, 9pm, Free



Created by long time Andrews Sisters fan **Vanessa Havell**, the Belles feature **Emily Alexander**, **Hannah Jones** and **Natalie Farrell**. Together they recreate the close harmony hits and vocal stylings of the 1940s trio with glamour, panache and ease.

These three silver voiced beauties joined by guest singer



Georg Tormann, take you on a nostalgic musical journey to a time when teenagers were doing the jitterbug and Gene Kelly was *Singing in the Rain*, all interjected with humour and the odd contemporary favourite.

'...the mellifluous marvels that are the Marjorie Belles'
Chris Evans - BBC Radio 2

themarjoriebelles.com

Amy Newton Showcase

Tarrbaby with support from Katie Kerslake

Lilico's ... Thurs 17, 8.45pm, Free

Tarrbaby is the personal project of singer and instrumentalist Jonny Tarr. In 2006, armed with a bunch of instruments and his voice, Jonny set out to write songs for himself by himself. Influenced by Prince, Stevie Wonder, Jay-Z and Marvin Gaye, the Tarrbaby sound is live funky dance, with honest soul-inspired vocals and a jazz infused twist.

Tarrbaby regularly plays at most of London's more soul-inclined venues and as a saxophonist with house DJ collectives such as Hed Kandi and Miss MoneyPennies.
myspace.com/tarrbaby1

Katie Kerslake
With a warm soulful singing voice Katie provides the perfect aperitif.



The Drop

The White Horse ... Fri 18, 9.30pm, Free

This five piece band play popular, high-energy hits from bands such as The Doors, Stereophonics, Muse and Foo Fighters to make you get up and dance. The band are currently in the early stages of writing their own material and

are about to incorporate a brass section into the mix – so watch this space!

The Drop features **Paul Anderson** (vocals), **John James** (bass guitar), **Jon Price** (guitar), **Aidan Gotch** (drums) and **Ed Smith** (keys/vocals).

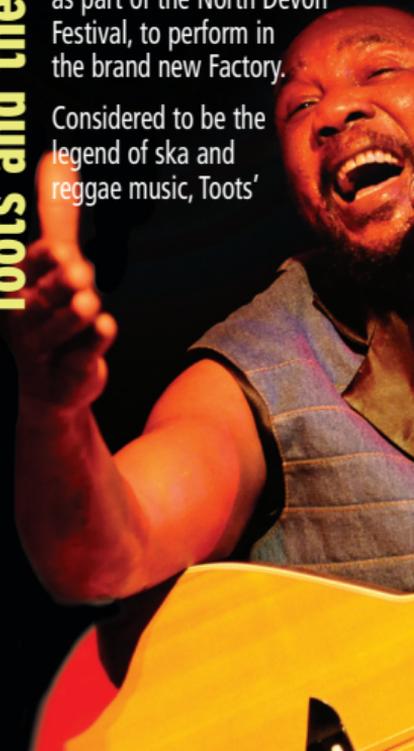


Toots and the Maytals

The Factory, Petroc ... Fri 18, 9.30pm,

Grammy award winning, Toots and the Maytals return to Barnstaple, following a hugely successful sell-out gig in 2008 as part of the North Devon Festival, to perform in the brand new Factory.

Considered to be the legend of ska and reggae music, Toots'



£22.50 (+Booking fee)

artistry spans every phase of Jamaican music's evolution. Generations of fans both old and new are discovering that Toots really is the master of reggae and live performance.

Expect classic Toots' tunes to include *Pressure Drop* and *Reggae Got Soul*.

tootsandthemaytals.com

Wild Westcountry

Pilton Hall --- Sat 19, 6pm, £10

Wild Westcountry is back with its tribute to all that is good on the indie and alternative country music scene.

This year's line-up is as exciting and adventurous as ever with Danny and The Champions of the World headlining. The Champions are lead by Danny Wilson (former band Grand Drive) whose soulful voice and memorable turn of phrase

produces heartfelt, timeless and uplifting music.

Support comes from Treecreeper, Daniel Land and the Modern Painters, Neil Halstead, Peter Bruntnell, Spectres, Matt the Hat DJ, and the Hippy Cowboy DJs.

Keep your eye on the website for breaking news!
myspace.com/wildwestcountry



photo: guyharrop.com

Stand Up, Sit Down

Boston Tea Party --- Sat 19, 2pm, Free



North Devon's aspiring young comedians present an afternoon of stand-up comedy. These promising comics aged 14 to 19, including **Steve Newman** and **Joe Munday**, have devised their own work in workshops with Suman Mathur who runs The Plough Arts Centre's Comedy Club for young people.



Workshops: Think you're funny? Want to have a go at stand-up comedy? Starting Sun 2 May, weekly workshops will lead up to this event. Featuring improvisation exercises and games you'll learn and develop comedy skills. There is no pressure to perform, just enjoy. For info or to book: 07891 951648

Ay Ducane and Harry Mundy

Boston Tea Party --- Sun 20, 2pm, Free

Featuring **Galih Richardson** on vocals and **Francis Newington** on guitar, Ay Ducane play a distinct mix of folk and blues. Galih's growling vocals meet Francis' percussive guitar playing to create a rich sound.

Their music reaches deep into classic Americana, whilst lyrically its vibrant imagery ranges from the fantastical to the familiar, and depicts their hometown London.

ayducane.com

Harry Mundy

With a love of classic song-writing and an eclectic taste, Harry has developed his own brand of acoustic Americana and alternative country music. His writing is honest, heartfelt and engaging.

myspace.com/harrymundy



Peter Bruntnell Showcase

Alex Highton with support from Jim Jones and Dave Little

Lilico's ... Mon 21, 8.45pm, Free

Influenced by the likes of Randy Newman, Nick Drake, Bert Jansch and Joni Mitchell, Alex creates music that is sublime and hypnotic. Each song feels like a story, unfolding as you listen. His voice is light, and airy and his instrumentation accomplished.

On the back of some demos that he recorded at home in Cambridgeshire, Alex's songs have been played on Channel

4's Hollyoaks, BBC Radio 6 and garnered the support of A-List Hollywood actor Ashton Kutcher. This singer/songwriter is destined for impressive things.
myspace.com/alexhighton

Jim Jones & Dave Little
As a duet these accomplished singer/songwriters and multi instrumentalists perform mellow, mesmeric music.



Wang Xiao

Fullam Restaurant ... Tues 22 & Wed 23, 6.30pm, £25 (performance & banquet, booking essential see p5)

Born in China, Wang Xiao began learning the erhu (Chinese two stringed fiddle) when she was just 6 years old. With a passion for this instrument she went on to graduate from the renowned Wuhan Conservatory of music in China.

In 1999 Wang joined the Headquarters Arts Troupe of the Henan Provincial People's Armed Police as its erhu soloist and in 2001 she took part in the *Luoyang Casio Young Instrumentalists Competition*, where she won a Silver Prize, and in the same month, a Gold Prize in the *Henan Provincial 'Hundred Fountains Cup' Young Instrumentalists Competition*.

Before leaving her homeland for the UK, Wang was both the erhu and banhu soloist for the Luoyang Symphony Orchestra. We are fortunate to have such an accomplished master of the erhu to perform here in Barnstaple.



Theatrefest Tempting Tasters

Boston Tea Party --- Wed 23 to Sat 26, 1pm, Free

To whet your appetite for the full Fringe Theatrefest **The Great Surmo** will be introducing brief extracts and 'trailers' from all 23 shows as well as impressing us with his own inimitable brand of magic.

Take this opportunity to find out what you want to see, while enjoying lunch or a brew

in a coffee shop recently lauded as one of the top 50 in the country.

The taster sessions will start at 1pm and last roughly 1 hour, made up of 5 minute excerpts. You are welcome to come and go as you wish.

theatrefest.co.uk



Inn On The Square (Upstairs and Downstairs) and The Baptist Hall
Thurs 24 to Sun 27, Thurs & Fri 4pm to midnight, Sat noon to midnight, Sun noon to 8pm, £4 (conc £2)

From the sublime to the ridiculous, from comedy to tragedy and back again, Fringe TheatreFest has something to delight both the committed theatre-goer and the TheatreFest 'newbie' in the intimacy of specially created theatre spaces in Barnstaple's town centre.

69 performances of 23 different productions adds up to 4 days of intense activity. The Inn on the Square boasts two studio spaces, playing host to a variety of comedy, drama, cabaret and performance poetry. At the other end of Boutport Street, The Baptist Hall provides a larger stage for dance, musical cabaret and big cast dramas. And there is an additional mystery venue: one of the plays unfolds in the

kitchen of a house not far from The Square.

Enjoy humorous takes on the impact of reality TV, the smoking ban, baby boomers, football and dentistry. Be moved by dramatic treatments of Macbeth's final hours, Elizabeth I, kidnapped journalists and a young Devon soldier. Lose yourself in the glory of song, the delight of dance and the power of performance poetry. Thrill to the adventures of *The Famous Five* revisited.

For full details of the companies and productions, a timetable and a guide to the venues, visit the Fringe TheatreFest 2010 website.

theatrefest.co.uk

Frequent Fringer £15
Allows you entry to five performances of your choice.

Fringe Buttons £1
In addition to buying a ticket, every member of the audience aged 13+ must be wearing a Fringe Button in order to enter a venue. This is a one-off purchase and the proceeds go towards providing the infrastructure. Please be aware that 100% of the ticket money goes to the performers.

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A-up Productions
The Green(ish) Room

An actress, a sportsman and a comedian trace their careers from wannabe to has-been - a satire on celebrity and fame.
comedy, 15+



Caustic Productions
Loveless

A comedy cabaret featuring some of the finest, funniest songs in contemporary musical theatre.
comedy cabaret, 16+



Dreamshed Theatre
Dream On

Hapless heroine Sherry falls victim to a scheming talent-spotter in this sideways swipe at reality TV shows.
comedy-drama, 16+



Dreamshed Theatre
The Golden Year

Sven Goran Eriksson, Ozzy Osbourne ... the NHS - Bill Cronshaw's quirky play explores the benefits of being born in 1948.
comedy-drama, 16+



Flashbulb Theatre
The Perfect Story

A coming of age story about a boy who, at 16, travels the world to write the perfect story.
drama, 14+



Forches Finest
Five go to The Land of Far Beyond

A play about *The Famous Five*, The Saucepan Man and a challenging journey.
drama-dance, 7+



Grahame Lloyd
Funny Old Game: An A-Z of Football

A light-hearted look at the language used in football in a mix of poetry, song, quotation and commentary.
comedy, 15+



His Jeweled Floor
Sky-Larking (Other People's Stories)

A multi-character, spoken-word, painted picture one-man-show. A comedic search for the reason to be. **comedy-drama, 16+**



Left Backwards
Moving Grammar

Muddled words and misconstrued meanings explored through movement and text. **dance, 10+**



Mish Mash Productions
Spectacular Vernacular

A new collection for 2010. 'Something beautiful...a fresh...exciting experience, where the power of poetry is brought to life'. **performance poetry, 15+**



multi story
Josh's Monsters

'People ask me: *how can you let him go back?*' A mother, a father and their son – a soldier recently wounded in Afghanistan. **drama, 14+**



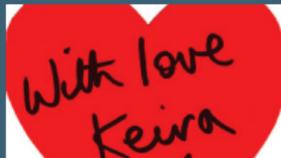
Openbatch Theatre
Floor Plan/ (Untitled)

The return of 'Floor Plan' plus a new piece devised through Openbatch Theatre's current exploration of self. **theatre, 12+**



Outspoken
Outspoken!

Two of the South West's finest and funniest performance poets bring you dynamic, heartfelt and witty wordage. **comedy, 16+**



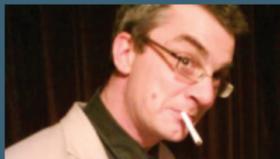
pd productions
Celebrity Love Hero

Unlikely love. Keira Knightley's bottom and an audience re-enactment of the drawn Third Test in Cape Town... **comedy, 16+**

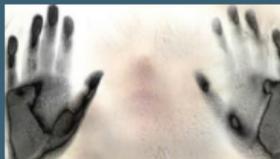


Pomegranate Theatre Company
Preparing For Elizabeth

An actress is preparing to play Elizabeth I. The monarch herself appears, revealing the woman behind the mask. **drama, 12+**



Spaniel In The Works
Theatre Company
The Smoking Show
A lively performance - part stand up, part drama - looking at life, cigarettes and matters arising.
comedy-drama, 14+



Stroud Theatre Company
Knife the Mac!
A 21st Century Macbeth: a claustrophobic journey through the life of a man who intends to be Kingpin forever...
drama, 14+



Unpacked
The Show Must Go On
An eccentric singing puppet leads her crew around the world with a band and a piano frame called Alison.
comedy-drama, 14+



Whiskeyjack Productions
A Pair of Shorts
Comedy double-bill: 'A Dubious Practice' set in a dental practice and 'A Round with Alice', a domestic comedy.
comedy, 14+



White Hippos Productions
Description of Everything
Two kidnapped journalists try to weave the events of their capture into the narrative of a spectacular fantasy epic.
drama-comedy, 12+



Wind Up Theatre Company
The Party (Two Short Plays)
Wife swapping MPs and sparky suffragettes will get your vote in a topical double-bill of new comedy writing.
drama, 12+



Wonderbar Productions
Small Space
Direct from London and New York. Real couple, real kitchen, real story? Poignant and funny, a show about the experience of intimacy.
drama, 14+



YoYo Dance and Music
Dance Me To The End Of Love
Beauty, burning and safe gathering-in. Shelter, tenderness and tearing. A response to the passions of Leonard Cohen's song.
dance, 7+

Asere

The Factory, Petroc ... Thurs 24, 8pm, £8 (+Booking fee)



This 7 piece Cuban jazz band formed, in the 1990s, to create music with a contemporary edge that maintained the feeling of the songs performed by their forefathers. Staying true to an acoustic base Asere developed a fresh sound with inventive songwriting and a soulful groove, perfect for dancing.

Asere have released 4 albums, their latest *Junio Groove* recently received a 4 star review in the Guardian, and they continue to tour internationally. They were last seen in North Devon performing with legendary drummer Billy Cobham, as part of the 2008 North Devon Festival.

asere.org

Amy Newton Showcase

Katie Marie with support from Jenna

Lilico's ... Thurs 24, 8.45pm, Free



Spikedrivers

The Olive Branch --- Thurs 24, 8.30pm, Free

This superb Delta roots trio features **Ben Tyzack** (guitar, vocals & harmonica), **Constance Redgrave** (bass guitar, vocals & percussion) and **Maurice McElroy** (drums, vocals & percussion). As one of the most original and innovative bands around, Spikedrivers' combination of gutsy slide guitar, rock-solid bass, infectious grooves and highly distinctive vocals,

creates a sound that is uniquely their own.

In the space of just a few hours the Spikedrivers take you on a journey, from southern juke-joints and lazy front porches to huge open plains and railroad tracks... *'the atmosphere the band is able to create is nothing less than remarkable'* Blues Revue USA.

spikedrivers.co.uk

This acoustic singer/songwriter hails from the alternative South Devon town of Totnes. **Katie Marie** plays a refreshing and rhythmical blend of well crafted songs, with plenty of soul and funk.

For the past 10 years Katie has performed across the UK and has just completed a third successful tour of Germany. She recently released her second studio album *To The Journey* which she recorded entirely in her humble home studio. funkeegirl.com

Jenna

With staggering maturity and an abundance of natural talent, Jenna delivers irresistible songs inspired by North Devon. myspace.com/jennadwitts



The Drat Pack

Claytons ... Thurs 24, 9pm, Free



Adam Moran - lead vocals

Neil Maya - saxes/vocals

Tom Unwin - keyboards/vocals

Kevin Sanders - electric bass/
vocals

Nick Carter - drums

If you are looking for classic swing sounds, made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr, as well as Michael Bublé and Jamie

Cullum, then this is the gig for you.

Swinging their way through classic tunes such as *Fly Me To The Moon*, *I Get A Kick Out Of You*, *Mr Bojangles*, *Mack The Knife* and *New York, New York*, The Drat Pack make your feet tap and your hips sway and leave you calling for more.

thedratpack.co.uk

The Liquidators

The White Horse ... Fri 25, 9.30pm,



Free

With a huge following on the North Devon music scene, The Liquidators have built up a reputation for delivering no nonsense, up tempo dance-oriented ska. They are regulars on the line-up for all the major local festivals, including GoldCoast Oceanfest, Pilton Green Man, Landmark Beer Festival and Sunwest.

Inspired by the dub and reggae music produced by Trojan Records and the ska and punk rock that followed, The Liquidators play an energizing mix of Jimmy Cliff through to The Specials. Watch out though, they tend to speed it up a notch!

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready The Liquidators are here to introduce you to your feet!

theliquidators.co.uk

Pollito Boogaloo

Zena's ... Sat 26, 12.30pm Free (table bookings essential see p5)



Pollito Boogaloo (*Little Dancing Chicken*) play Afro-Colombian roots music drawing from the classic 60s folk music styles Cumbia, Vallenato and Puya, all mixed in with a little dub and some Haitian voodoo.

Fronted by singer Rafael Berrio, this very popular Brighton-based band comprises of five musicians who bring a wide

variety of individual flavours to an authentic South American stew. Steaming hot rhythms fuse accordion, bubbling bass, plenty of percussion and great vocals. Pollito Boogaloo bring the sights and sounds of a Latin summer wherever they go; it must be time for a mojito!

myspace.com/pollitoboogaloo

Can North Devon Be Saved?

Gallery Café ... Sun 27, 7.30pm, £3 (£5 for both debates)



The Future, Part 2

Following on from the first debate (1 June - see p8) on how North Devon can address the fundamental changes taking place in the wider economy, **Stewart Wallis**, the executive director of the **new economics foundation**, will now challenge you to

come to some conclusions, and how they can be put into practice.

What are the consequences, intended or otherwise? How would you deal with the current situation? Will the economic and social contribution of the arts be properly recognised? neweconomics.org

Peter Bruntnell Showcase

Oldboy with support from Maple Canyon

Lilico's ... Mon 28, 8.45pm, Free



Oldboy is the latest project from fiery guitarist **James Walbourne** and features his brother **Rob** on drums and **Carwyn Ellis** on guitar. James has been playing from a young age and has lent his unique talent to artists as diverse as the Pernice Brothers, the Pogues, St Etienne, and Jerry Lee Lewis as a lead guitarist for a one-off show in London in



2008. Rob has recently been touring as Pete Molinari's drummer, and Carwyn is better known as the frontman of Colorama.
myspace.com/jameswalbourne

Maple Canyon
Stripped down acoustic, country-blues and retro, jangled-pop from Johnny Sharp and Phil Lively-Masters.
maplecanyon.co.uk

Sam Dowden

with support from Scott Xander Linn

The White Horse --- Wed 30, 9pm, Free

This promising young singer/songwriter has been performing and writing music since the age of 10. Sam has recently been busy in London recording his debut album at Rooster Studios with producer/studio engineer Nick Sykes (producer for Cliff Richard, Robbie Williams & Eric Clapton). The album is soon to be released with a UK tour.

With accomplished acoustic guitar skills, a mellow voice and diverse compositions Sam is definitely one to watch in 2010.
myspace.com/samdowden

Scott Xander Linn
Expect bright and bouncy acoustic pop-rock from this singer/songwriter and poet.
myspace.com/scottxanderlinn



Muntu Valdo

Gallery Café --- Tues 29, 8pm, £9.50, students £5 (+50p Love Arts payment)

Vocalist, guitarist, harmonica player and percussionist, Muntu Valdo was first discovered alongside some of the great names of world music including Ali Farka Touré, Manu Dibango and Richard Bona. As 'prince of sawa', his music is rooted in the blues, mixing African traditions with striking modernity and technical mastery, building up layers of sounds with loops and samples. He toured last autumn with Congolese superstars Staff Benda Bilili.

His 2005 debut album *Gods & Devils* received rave reviews in Europe as well as in his native Cameroon and was described by NME as 'a rapturous record that shudders with joy and passion.'

muntuvaldo.com

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What's in store this June at North Devon Theatres?

Andy Hamilton

Fri 4

Treemonisha by Scott Joplin

Sat 5

The History Boys

Mon 7 to Sat 12

Jus' Like That

Wed 9

Tangomotion

Sun 13

Paul Meton's Impro Chums

Sat 19

Rick Wakeman

Sun 20

Chris Packham

Wed 23

Jacqui Dankworth

Thurs 24

Shappi Khorsandi &
Jon Richardson

Fri 25

Sinfonia Classica

Wed 30

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