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Sun 1

## The Blow Monkeys

£10adv plus Stone Foundation and Chris Warner

Eighteen years on, The Blow Monkeys' original line-up is back together, with an album funded by fans desperate for new material. But this is no mere Eighties revival, their music sounds fresh and strong. The smooth pop-soul sound of the Eighties is now a little looser – courtesy of Dr Robert's folkier forays in his solo output, plus his helping out Paul Weller over the years – but they still have a way with a tune. Now, they're older, wiser, but still capable of penning excellent pop songs. [www.theblowmonkeys.com](http://www.theblowmonkeys.com)

Wed 11

Magic Teapot presents...

## Damo Suzuki

£8adv plus Black Carrot and Misterlee

Damo Suzuki, does he really need an introduction? Mushroom, Tago Mago... just come down and have your mind ripped open and played with. Tonight will be truly inspiring and totally weird in a very wonderful fashion. If the name of Can does nothing for you, you better check that you are not in fact dead and actually listening to Girls Aloud or Ryan Adams. [www.damosuzuki.com](http://www.damosuzuki.com)

Fri 13

Magic Teapot presents...

## Nick Harper

£10adv

Son of the legendary Roy Harper, Nick has been playing the guitar since the age of ten, surrounded by the likes of Jimmy Page, Robert Plant and Dave Gilmour, so it was no surprise that Nick made his recording debut on his father's 'Whatever Happened to Jugula?' album. Now a superlative singer-songwriter in his own right, his soulful voice and passionate songs are matched by his awesome guitar playing and marathon live performances. [www.harperspace.com](http://www.harperspace.com)

Tue 17

## Chris Difford

£10 plus Ella Edmondson

Double Ivor Novello Award-winning Chris Difford has been writing lyrics for over twenty five years, most notably with Squeeze. Chris has also written with Elton John, Trilok Gurtu, Marti Pellow, Lamont Dozier, Willie Mitchell, Bryan Ferry and many others. Chris is currently working as Creative Director to Hurst House in Wales, He is also writing new songs for his next album while teaching songwriting at BIMM in Brighton. [www.chrisdifford.com](http://www.chrisdifford.com)

Fri 20

## Nik Kershaw

£15adv £17.50door

In 1984 'Wouldn't It Be Good' languished gracefully at No.4 in the UK charts for five weeks. 1985 saw three hit singles, a world tour and an appearance at Live Aid. The 90s saw Kershaw writing for/with, amongst others: Chesney Hawkes, Cliff Richard, Bonnie Tyler, Lulu, Ronan Keating, Jason Donovan and The Hollies. Nik returned to making his own records in 1998 when he released the critically acclaimed '15 Minutes'. This was followed by the equally well received 'To Be Frank'. [www.nikkershaw.net](http://www.nikkershaw.net)

Fri 27

## The Mods

£10adv £12 door

Formed initially to play at the Steve Marriott Memorial Concert in 2001, The Mods combine top-class musicianship with a love of the classic tracks they grew up to. The ever-changing set list includes numbers by The Who, The Small Faces, The Kinks, The Doors, The Yardbirds, Pink Floyd, The Easybeats, Jimmy Cliff, Desmond Dekker, The Stones, Led Zeppelin, Johnny Kidd and Eddie Cochran. [www.themodsband.com](http://www.themodsband.com)



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Wed 1

## Rebecca Worthley

£5 plus Natalie Sqaunce

"If Dido and Enya had a love child, and Tori Amos became the godmother, chances are this amazing new being would be British singer-songwriter Rebecca Worthley." - Indie Music. "An elegant, mesmerising performance to which you can listen and lose all sense of time. Her stage presence is effortlessly glamorous." - Electric Stitch. "I am quite entranced." - Jeremy Vine, BBC Radio 2. "It's a lovely CD, I'll be playing more." - Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2. [www.rebeccaworthley.co.uk](http://www.rebeccaworthley.co.uk)

Sat 11

## Mike Sanchez & The Portions

£10adv plus support

Singer, pianist and guitarist Mike Sanchez is one of the most exciting and charismatic performers of Rhythm 'n' Blues and Rock 'n' Roll in the world today. His indelible image as a frenetic front man, pumping powerful boogie-woogie from the piano in a soaking suit, has won him fans from all over the world. Mike spent four years as a full-time member of Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings and in December 2007 was invited to appear as a guest vocalist with the Rhythm Kings at Led Zeppelin's final reunion show at the London O2 Arena. [www.mikesanchez.co.uk](http://www.mikesanchez.co.uk)



Thu 16

## The Rockingbirds

£10 plus support

Alan Tyler's pioneering English country rock adventure began back in the early Nineties with his band The Rockingbirds. Inspired by the cosmic American music of Gram Parsons and The Flying Burrito Brothers, they made two critically acclaimed albums on the Heavenly label, 'The Rockingbirds' and 'Whatever Happened to The Rockingbirds'. The band toured extensively, with main stage festival appearances at Glastonbury, Reading, Phoenix, Cambridge and the Finsbury Park Fleadh. They also made numerous TV appearances including Later with Jools Holland. [www.alantylor.com](http://www.alantylor.com)



Sat 18

## Del Bromhams Stray

£7adv £9door plus support

One of the stars of last summer's Cambridge Rock Festival, Del Bromham's Stray are a power trio that mix scintillating lead guitar with melodic anthems such as "All in Your Mind" which has been covered by Iron Maiden. Back in the '70s Stray were one of the hardest gigging and consistently excellent live acts on the circuit. With fiery guitarist Del Bromham still at the top of his game, the new Stray line-up consisting of Del, Stuart Uren and Karl Randall is setting new standards for one of Britain's most enduring rock bands. [www.delbromham.co.uk](http://www.delbromham.co.uk)



Wed 22

Magic Teapot presents...

## Spear of Destiny

£10adv £12door plus support

In the early '80s, Kirk Brandon was on the verge of being the next big thing. As the leader of post-punk combo Theatre Of Hate, he hit the top 40 with the single 'Do You Believe In The Westworld'. Theatre Of Hate split up after one album. Brandon then formed Spear Of Destiny, who released a series of fine albums. Their second 'One Eyed Jacks' is considered a classic by many. [www.kirkbrandon.com](http://www.kirkbrandon.com)



Sun 26

## Hamilton Loomis

£7adv £8door

"Innovate, don't imitate." Hamilton Loomis took his mentor, Bo Diddley's advice. It speaks volumes when the likes of Diddley, Johnny Copeland, Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown, and Albert Collins take you under their wings. This Texas sensation isn't just another cat-in-a-hat with a Strat. He has crafted his blues roots into a funk-a-fied recipe all his own. [www.hamiltonloomis.com](http://www.hamiltonloomis.com)



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## March

- Sun 1 **The Blow Monkeys** - £10adv  
plus Stone Foundation and Chris Warner. Popular '80s chart band reformed.
- Mon 2 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 3 **Peter Bruntnell** - £8  
plus Babel. UK Americana favourite with a new album and sound.
- Wed 4 **Access to Music** - free  
Student social event.
- Thu 5 **King King feat. Alan Nimmo** - £7  
plus Two Fingers of Firewater and Andrea Glass. Storming blues rock.
- Fri 6 **Keep It Ca\$h** - £8  
Fabulous Johnny Cash tribute.
- Sat 7 **Private party**
- Sun 8 **Amplifier** - £8  
plus support. Cutting edge space rock.
- Mon 9 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 10 **Declan Bennett** - £5  
plus Fur Lined and Duncan. Acclaimed singer-songwriter
- Wed 11 **Damo Suzuki** - £8adv  
plus Black Carrot and Misterlee. Magic Teapot presents...
- Thu 12 **Juliet Turner** - £8adv £10door  
plus Gentry Morris. Popullar Irish singer-songwriter.
- Fri 13 **Nick Harper** - £10adv  
Magic Teapot presents...
- Sat 14 **Twinn Lizzy** - £6door  
Thin Lizzy tribute.
- Sun 15 **Andy Griffiths** - £4  
plus support. Album launch. 18:00 - 22:00
- Mon 16 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 17 **Chris Difford** - £10  
plus Ella Edmondson. Squeeze songwriter.
- Wed 18 **Scott Shipley** - £7  
plus Briana Hardyman and Stephanie Lambring. American multi-instrumentalist.
- Thu 19 **The Rumblestrips** - £8adv  
plus support. Magic Teapot presents...
- Fri 20 **Nik Kershaw** - £15adv £17.50door  
'80s chart topper returns.
- Sat 21 **EQ Festival** - free/donation  
feat. Shapeshifter and full supporting bill. 13:00 - midnight.
- Sun 22 **Summer Sundae Shop Window** - free  
feat. 20 Below 0, The Booby Traps, Skarots, Senecio.
- Mon 23 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 24 **Weekend Warriors**  
Free. Armchair rockers unite!
- Wed 25 **Groanbox Boys** - £7  
plus support. Eclectic, organic old time roots combo.
- Thu 26 **Emily Barker & The Red Clay Halo** - £6  
plus Jenny Crook. Sublime Americana and folk sounds.
- Fri 27 **The Mods** - £10adv £12 door  
Dynamite '60s tribute.
- Sat 28 **Kingsize** - £5  
Local ska heroes rock the house.
- Sun 29 **Frightened Rabbit** - £8adv  
plus support. Magic Teapot presents...
- Mon 30 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 31 **Sarah Gillespie** - £6  
plus support. Highly rated new songwriter.

## April

- Wed 1 **Rebecca Worthley** - £5  
plus Natalie Squance. Exciting new singer-songwriter.
- Thu 2 **David Wyatt** - £5  
plus Andrew Oxley. Expect new material from this always engaging performer.
- Fri 3 **John Butler & Rick Willson** - £5  
plus Adrian Nation. Diesel Park West duo's acclaimed acoustic show.
- Sat 4 **The Mustangs** - £5  
plus The Dirty Robbers. Thrilling electric blues.
- Sun 5 **Le Festival Acoustiqué** - £3  
feat. Scaramoose, Dan Britton, Andy Griffiths and others. 13.00 til 23.00.
- Mon 6 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 7 **Trace Bundy** - £8adv  
plus support. Magic Teapot presents...
- Wed 8 **Michael Chapman & Bridget St John** - £6adv £8door  
UK folk legends.
- Thu 9 **Crowded Out** - £5  
Crowded House tribute.
- Fri 10 **For The Sake of the Song presents...** - £3  
feat - Funeral Suits, The Legion, Great Imitation, Giles Likes Tea
- Sat 11 **Mike Sanchez & The Portions** - £10adv  
plus support. Pounding '50s rock and rhythm 'n' blues.
- Sun 12 **Black Carrot** - £5  
plus Tenebrous Liar, The Resurrection Men and Curtis Eller. 6pm till midnight
- Mon 13 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 14 **Magic Teapot presents...** - £7.50adv  
Details to be announced March 6 check website for details.
- Wed 15 **Robb Johnson & The Irregulars** - £5  
plus support. One of English folks brightest stars.
- Thu 16 **The Rockingbirds** - £10  
plus support. Alan Tyler's country rockers reformed.
- Fri 17 **Cosmic Charlies** - £6  
Sublime Grateful Dead tribute.
- Sat 18 **Del Bromhams Stray** - £7adv £9door  
plus support. Legendary UK rock guitarist.
- Sun 19 **Closed**
- Mon 20 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 21 **Khalif Wailin' Walter** - £6  
plus The Chris Arson Band. New blues talent from Chicago.
- Wed 22 **Spear of Destiny** - £10adv £12door  
plus support. Magic Teapot presents...
- Thu 23 **St Georges Day celebration of English Folk & Song** - £4  
feat Young No More and friends.
- Fri 24 **65 Days of Static** - £10adv  
plus Amusement Parks On Fire and Maybeshewill. Magic Teapot presents...
- Sat 25 **Jimi Loves Funk** - £7adv £8door  
Prince tribute.
- Sun 26 **Hamilton Loomis** - £7adv £8door  
Popular young blues guitarist from Texas.
- Mon 27 **Musician Open Stage** - free  
Electric and acoustic open mic session. Bands welcome.
- Tue 28 **Paul & Harpers Woods Heroes** - £4  
plus James Apollo. Exciting blues rock from America.
- Wed 29 **David Mallett** - £6adv  
plus support. Influential American folk performer and songwriter.
- Thu 30 **Empire: Band of the Land** - £4adv £5door  
Speaks Volumes presents...

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**May:** 5 Kim Richey, 10 Paperboys, 15 Rory McLeod, 22 Pete Morton, 23 Hot Club of Cowtown, 31 Ian Siegal

**June:** 2 Po' Girl, 26 Tracey Hunter Band **July:** 3 Piston Broke, 21 Jason Ringenberg

**August:** 7 The Quireboys, 21 Tony McPhee's Groundhogs