

The MUSICIAN

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VJ Promotions presents...

Jan 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15 & 27

obsUnplugged

The Original Bands Showcase began in 2004 and has become an established annual event - in 2011, once again, three OBS bands took part in the prestigious Summer Sundae Weekender via this platform on the Musician Stage. Following its success, the obsUnplugged was launched in 2011. This mini Acoustic fest aims to showcase the best acoustic/electro acoustic acts in Leicester and further afield, featuring singer-songwriters, duos and trios up to full bands of many genres. If you're a fan of acoustic music then we can guarantee there will be something here for you! Please check the Musician web-site for up-to-date line-ups. www.facebook.com/obsUnplugged



Cheesewheel Promotions presents...

Fri 20

ALBUM LAUNCH: DAWSON SMITH & THE DISSENTERS

£5 (Refunded if you buy an album!) - plus Mick Ridgway's Mojo Hand Roots-rock troubadour Dawson Smith releases his new studio album 'Took The Night' at a special album launch gig here at the Musician. Expect hard-rocking bar room blues, Americana and some classic rock & roll, courtesy of his band the Dissenters, featuring the red hot Howard Smith on lead and slide guitar, Steve Cooke on bass and Graham Summers on drums. With a whole host of guests joining Dawson, this should be an album launch party to remember! www.dawsonsmith.com



Sat 21

THE STRANGE DOORS

£7adv £8door - plus Cornerstone

This UK based tribute band to the legendary and iconic sixties band The Doors aim to replicate the Doors sound as accurately as possible. Witness electrifying live performances of their unique bluesy jazz psychedelic rock music. Come with the Strange Doors as they ride the snake... is everybody in? The Ceremony is about to begin... www.strangedoors.co.uk



Wed 25

THE TOY HEARTS

£6adv £7door - plus Rebecca Pronsky

The Toy Hearts are one of the UK's hottest acoustic acts right now, their style of music neatly placing them at the forefront of the resurgence of interest in folk and Americana music. Fronted by sisters Hannah (mandolin) and Sophia (guitar), accompanied by banjo/dobro, bass and fiddle, the band draws upon the genres of Bluegrass, Western Swing and Gypsy Jazz for inspiration. By combining original songwriting, sweet sister harmonies, hard driving rhythms and energetic performances, The Toy Hearts have developed a truly unique sound that leaves their audiences breathless and ready for more! www.thetoyhearts.com



Magic Teapot & Live In Leicester presents...

Thu 26

ALEJANDRO TOLEDO & THE MAGIC TOMBOLINOS

£7adv £9door - plus support

The Magic Tombolinos, fronted by the charismatic Argentine - Alejandro Toledo, seem to have come from out of nowhere, not only storming the world music scene, but bursting its banks in the process and leaving audiences breathless! With members also hailing from Italy, Portugal and Costa Rica, the group have woven together a cohesive, lithe and exuberant sound, despite their varied musical backgrounds. Elements of Balkan, gypsy, jazz and flamenco music (all performed with an assured swagger) have invited comparisons to bands such as Gogol Bordello, Mano Negra (Manu Chao), Rodrigo y Gabriela and Fanfare Ciocaria. www.magictombolinos.co.uk



Tue 31

KEITH JAMES PERFORMS THE SONGS OF LEONARD COHEN

£10 - plus Phil Riley

The most enigmatic, mysterious and sub textural songwriter the English speaking world has ever known. Revered and covered by the entire music community; Leonard Cohen's exact sense of prose, his wry humour and his courage to wrestle with the unspoken. Keith James; with a lifetime reputation of performing in this exact way and an undying love of the pure song gives you a concert of this amazing material in the most intimate and sensitive way imaginable. www.keith-james.com

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Feb 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15 & 19

DAVE'S LEICESTER COMEDY FESTIVAL

Feat. Mitch Benn & The Distractions, Jason John Whitehead, Andrew O'Neill, James Sherwood, Paul Sweeney, Loretta Maine, Valentine's Kiss Me Burlesque, Ronnie Golden and Ian Stone

The longest running comedy festival in Europe returns, drawing in over 60,000 to the City Centre and as always, the Musician hosts an array of top comedy talent. This year we have it all, from stand-up comedians, alternative humour, burlesque and musical hilarity! Check out the Leicester Comedy web-site for details of the full schedule. www.comedy-festival.co.uk



Wed 1

FINGERSNAP: DAVID MCALMONT & GUY DAVIES

£10adv £12door - plus John Reilly & Lewis Nitikman

Fingersnap is the creative coupling of artist David McAlmont and musical tour de force Guy Davies. Guy and David originally met back in 1997, when they were introduced by producer Steve Leroni. David's musical journey of course has been an eclectic and varied one, seeing him achieve mainstream success and critical acclaim with a number of musical partners including Bernard Butler, David Arnold and composer Michael Nyman. www.finger-snap.com



Thu 2

ahab

£7adv £9door - plus support

ahab are a singer songwriter collective formed in 2009 after being invited to play the annual 'Fanfare' Festival in Nashville, Tennessee. Following a successful week long residency tearing the roof off at Tootsies Orchid Lounge, they came back to Dalston and decided to make the collaboration permanent. After a year spent writing new material and layering the songs thick with harmonies, ahab decided to hit the streets of London's market towns to put their name around. Two months of busking and the band had built up such a cult following that they have now been banned from practically every market in London as crowds had begun to block the streets wherever they played. www.ahabofficial.com



Cheesewheel Promotions presents...

Fri 3

HELL'S ADDICTION

£5 - plus Motherlode and Wave of Brine

Leicester's own Hell's Addiction formed just over a year ago through a love and passion for classic no bullshit rock. With its members having come together from local bands De Sade, Dirty Cocktail and Forgotten Sun, and a stagershow honed by supporting bands such as Heaven's Basement, Voodoo Six, Fury UK, The Heavy Metal Kids and Zodiac Mindwarp, these guys really know how to rock! Hell's Addiction play with a raw intense energy that very few bands possess and live onstage is where the band really hit you hard. www.hellsaddiction.com



Forty Tenth Promotions presents...

Fri 24

FLUTATIOUS and TARANTISM

£10adv £12door

Flutacious feature soaring melodic flute accompanied by flying fiddle, atmospheric guitars, jazzy vibes and groovy beats. With their unique sound, Flutacious have been gaining interest from various parts of the 'industry' but still enjoy the freedom of being truly independent. With Tarantism, it's all about dancing and always has been, from tribal drums, medieval pipes or a frenzy of voices. To sweaty pub back-rooms, banging nightclubs, free festivals and parties or anywhere there is a beat! Tarantism bring all of these influences into their songwriting and performance, weaving traditional instruments & styles with ska, punk, funk & dub. www.flutacious.co.uk - www.tarantism.co.uk



Magic Teapot & Live In Leicester presents...

Sun 26

BETH JEANS HOUGHTON & THE HOOVES OF DESTINY

£8adv - plus support

Beth Jeans Houghton is a singer-songwriter from Newcastle upon Tyne, who plays sweet and gentle folk music. She has been described by The Guardian as looking like "Gwen Stefani with a touch of Brody Dalle", with a sound that "is Vashti Bunyan crossed with Nico and Laura Marling". "A considerable talent, with a remarkable voice and a rare star quality" - Mojo. www.myspace.com/bethjeanshoughton

GIGS AT A GLANCE

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8.00pm until midnight Sunday to Thursday

8.00pm until 1.00am Friday and Saturday

Live music starts after 8.30pm



JANUARY

- Sun 1 **Closed - Happy New Year!**
- Mon 2 **Leicester Rocks** - Free (1pm til 6pm)
Featuring the best of 2011's Leicester Rocks programme.
- Mon 2 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free (8pm til midnight)
Open mic night.
- Tue 3 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Watson & Wigmore, Michael Vickers, Andessa Martin, Mark Elliott plus more.
- Wed 4 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Izzy Hill, Rose Island Republic, Theo Miller, Mary Anne Ratcliffe plus more.
- Thu 5 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Geno Lynch, Megan Jones, Becky Read, Scott Adams plus more.
- Fri 6 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Doubling Thomas, Grace & The Magic Roots, Mike Kerslake plus more.
- Sat 7 **Green Date (Green Day Tribute)** - £6
Top tribute to the Californian pop punk outfit.
- Sun 8 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Ben Ryecroft, Ned The Kids Dylan plus more TBC.
- Sun 9 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free
Open mic night.
- Tue 10 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Carl Stein, Max Wheatley plus more TBC.
- Wed 11 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Kristy Gallacher, Marc Reeves, Leo Stannard, Ed Goodson plus more.
- Thu 12 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
Line-up TBC, please check web-site for up-to-date details.
- Fri 13 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. The Outwood County Riders plus more TBC.
- Sat 14 **Blueswamp Southern** - £5
plus acoustic set. Blues and roots featuring Bob Dayfield.
- Sun 15 **obsUnplugged** - £3 with flyer
feat. Mark Wynn, Fay Brotherhood plus more TBC.
- Mon 16 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free
Open mic night.
- Tue 17 **Mazarine Blue** - £4
plus support. Americana influenced alternative rock.
- Wed 18 **Derrin Nauendorf** - £7
plus Tony Alles. Outstanding virtuoso singer-songwriter and guitarist.
- Thu 19 **Edwina Hayes** - £8adv £10door
plus Carissa Lee Broadwater and Mark Wynn. Haunting, honeyed solo songwriter.
- Fri 20 **Dawson Smith & The Dissenters: Album Launch** - £5
plus Mick Ridgway's Mojo Hand. Bar-room boogie and good-time rock 'n' roll.
- Sat 21 **The Strange Doors (Doors Tribute)** - £7adv £8door
plus Cornerstone. Electrifying tribute to the iconic sixties band.
- Sun 22 **PROSTaid Jazz Day** - £10 (Mid-day til 7pm)
Annual jazz extravaganza in support of Prostate Cancer charity PROSTaid.
- Mon 23 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free
Open mic night.
- Tue 24 **Grace And The Magic Roots** - £5
plus Nancy Dawkins and Weikie. Enchanting acoustic string quartet.
- Wed 25 **The Toy Hearts** - £6adv £7door
plus Rebecca Pronsky. Americana/folk from one of the UK's hottest acoustic acts.
- Thu 26 **Alejandro Toledo & The Magic Tombolinos** - £7adv £9door
plus support. Magic Teapot & Live In Leicester presents...
- Fri 27 **obsUnplugged Finale** - £3 with flyer
Please check web-site for up-to-date details.
- Sat 28 **The Jamm (The Jam Tribute)** - £10adv £12door
Fantastic high energy tribute to Paul Weller's original group.
- Sun 29 **Blue Rose Code** - £5adv £6door
plus Jinwoo and Theo Miller. Live In Leicester & Magic Teapot presents...
- Mon 30 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free
Open mic night.
- Tue 31 **Keith James performs The Songs of Leonard Cohen** - £10
plus Phil Riley. "UK's most evocative interpreter of golden music" - The Guardian.

To book tickets visit - www.wegotickets.com

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1 **Fingersnap: David McAlmont & Guy Davies** - £10adv £12door
plus John Reilly & Lewis Nitikman. 90's pop legend and musical tour de force.
- Thu 2 **ahab** - £7adv £9door
plus support. Blistering UK Americana band.
- Fri 3 **Hell's Addiction** - £5
plus Motherlode and Wave Of Brine. Feel-good classic hard rock.
- Sat 4 **Mitch Benn & The Distractions** - £10adv £12door
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Sun 5 **Jason John Whitehead** - £TBC
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Mon 6 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free
Open mic night.
- Tue 7 **Andrew O'Neill** - £7adult £5con
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Wed 8 **Yellowwire** - £TBC
plus support. Magic Teapot & Live In Leicester presents...
- Thu 9 **Patsy Matheson & Becky Mills** - £7adv £9door
plus support. Two world class singer-songwriter-guitarists join forces.
- Fri 10 **Snakewater** - £5
Hard hitting, raw British blues rock from exciting young three-piece.
- Sat 11 **James Sherwood** - £5adult £4con (8pm til 9:15pm)
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Sat 11 **Paul Sweeney** - £TBC (9pm til 11pm)
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Sun 12 **Loretta Maine** - £5adult £4con
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Mon 13 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free
Open mic night.
- Tue 14 **Valentine's Kiss Me Burlesque** - £8adv £10door
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival. Starring Missy Malone, Talulah Blue and Mama Jenufa with live music from Mellow Baku.
- Wed 15 **Ronnie Golden** - £7adv £8door
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Thu 16 **Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman** - £9
plus James Findlay. Two of the British folk scene's most accomplished performers.
- Fri 17 **The Calder McLaughlin Band** - £5
plus Us Wolves. Emotive and anthemic singer-songwriter with his band.
- Sat 18 **The Hamsters: 25th Year & Farewell Tour!** - £12adv £14door
"The Hamsters are fabulous: one of Britain's very best live bands" - Bob Harris.
- Sun 19 **Ian Stone** - £TBC
Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.
- Mon 20 **The Dykeenies** - £8adv
plus support. Live In Leicester & Magic Teapot presents...
- Tue 21 **TBC**
Please check web-site for details. Horus Music presents...
- Wed 22 **The Chickenhead Lounge** - Free
feat. The Outwood County Riders, Mr. Plow and Bob Dayfield's Blueswamp Southern.
- Thu 23 **Talon - The Acoustic Collection** - £10adv £12door
Contemporary acoustic classics from members of the world's greatest Eagles tribute.
- Fri 24 **Flutatious and Tarantism** - £10adv £12door
Folk-rock, flutes, tribal beats and more from two stalwarts of the festival circuit.
- Sat 25 **Sinnerboy (Rory Gallagher Tribute)** - £7adv £8door
Live 'n' kicking tribute to the blues/rock legend.
- Sun 26 **Beth Jeans Houghton & The Hooves Of Destiny** - £8adv
plus support. Magic Teapot & Live In Leicester presents...
- Mon 27 **Allo Darlin'** - £8adv
plus support. Live In Leicester & Magic Teapot presents...
- Tue 28 **Spotlight Kid** - £6adv
plus support. Live In Leicester & Magic Teapot presents...
- Wed 29 **Steve Hicks & Lynn Goulbourn** - £5adv £6door
plus Pete Kelly. Versatile folk duo featuring haunting songs and guitar instrumentals.

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MARCH

2nd Arena • 3rd The Watch • 6th Peter Bruntnell • 7th Bap Kennedy • 8th Gwyn Ashton's Two Man Blues Army • 14th Jim Moray • 22nd Watermelon Slim • 28th Eric Sardinas & Big Motor

APRIL

5th Little Johnny England • 6th Stacie Collins • 19th Amanda Shires • 21st Mick Pini • 22nd The Miserable Rich • 26th Leon Rosselson, Roy Bailey & Robb Johnson • 29th The Nimmo Brothers