



SUN 3

DALE WATSON & THE LONE STARS

£12adv £14door - plus The Drugstore Cowboys

Dale Watson is what country music should be: authentic, legitimate and with a bona fide heart. A staunch adeherent of old-style honky tonk and Bakersfield country, Watson has positioned himself as a tattooed, stubbornly independent outsider, putting his music before any pursuit of commerciality. Championed by numerous critics and alternative country fans alike, Watson is a Grand Ol' Opry favourite and has a devoted following in the U.S. and Europe. Willie Nelson is one of Dale's biggest fans. dalewatson.com





£8adv £10door - plus Nicole Maguire

Long before "Britpop", British indie music had a golden era that saw the likes of Pop Will Eat Itself, Ned's Atomic Dustbin, EMF, Jesus Jones and of course, perhaps the biggest band of the era - The Wonder Stuff. With a sound that mixed post-punk guitars, psychedelia, pop-rock and folk they were the perfect alternative band in a time of Stock Aitken and Waterman. Armed with killer, catchy tunes and sneering lyrics The Stuffies were to go from indie darlings to headlining the Reading festival and enjoying hit success with "Welcome To The Cheap Seats", "Size Of A Cow" and their number one collaboration with Vic Reeves, "Dizzy".





SUN 17 LENE LOVICH BAND

£15adv £17door - plus Kevin Hewick

Best known for her hit "Lucky Number", Lene Lovich was a feature of the legendary Stiff Records tours of the early 80s. She has also co-starred with Nina Hagen and Herman Brood in the film Cha-Cha and played the lead in the London stage play Mata Hari. After a break to raise a family she has recently returned to live performing with her band, which includes Jude Rawlins of The Subterraneans. Her startling original live performances, which influenced the likes of Bjork and P J Harvey, are not to be missed.

www.lenelovich.net

CHEESEWEASEL PROMOTIONS PRESENTS...

THII 21

THE GWYN ASHTON TRIO

£10 - plus special guest Mark Stanway of Magnum - plus support Guitar maestro Gwyn Ashton is back at The Musician with his new trio featuring Nick Skelson (Sinnerboy) on bass and ex Magnum drummer Mickey Barker. Tonight they are joined by Magnum's keyboard player Mark Stanway, celebrating Ashton's latest release 'Radiogram' which Stanway played on, and marking the first gig Barker and Stanway have played together since 1995! Classic Rock Blues magazine voted 'Radiogram' Best Of 2012 and it features Ashton on guitar, bass, vocals and harmonica. The diverse guest artist roster also includes Don Airey, Robbie Blunt, Johnny Mastro, Mo Birch and many more. www.gwynashton.com



WED 27
TOMMY WOMACK

£10 - plus Ben Reel

Tommy Womack has been called everything from "Tom Lehrer with a Telecaster" to "Nashville's best-loved eccentric". An award-winning artist, he writes songs as honest as anything Hank Williams or Steve Earle ever recorded. Womack sings about alcohol, sex, cigarettes and Jesus, unafraid to say whatever he wants, having weathered both the worst and best of times. His last two albums, "There, I Said It!" and "Now What!" both won rave reviews from any and everywhere while his live shows are confessional, witty and infused with the spirit of rock 'n' roll.

www.tommywomack.net



FRI 8 - SUN 24

DAVE'S LEICESTER COMEDY FESTIVAL

FRI 8 WED 13 TUE 19 FRI 22

SUN 24

MITCH BENN - £10
ANDREW O'NEILL - £7ADV £8DOOR
BOOTHBY GRAFFOE - £6ADV £7DOOR
BARRY CRYER & RONNIE GOLDEN:
GOING GA GA - £12ADV £14DOOR
GUY PRATT: GREAT MUSIC,
GREAT STORIES - £8ADV £10DOOR





VJT PROMOTIONS PRESENTS...

JAN 2 - 6, 8 - 10, 13 - 17 & Feb 2

obsUnplugged

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR LINE-UP DETAILS

The obsUnplugged is a series of nights to make selections for this year's Musician Stage at Summer Sundae. 80+ acts will play over 2 weeks showcasing some of the best local and national talent. It is specifically for Acoustic/Electro Acoustic acts, encompassing anything other than full blown electric bands. Singer/songwriters, duos and bands, of any genre will participate and 12 will be selected from the shortlist to feature at this year's finale on Saturday 2nd February. www.themusicianpub.co.uk



MARTHA BEAN BAND

£3adv £5door - plus Elizabeth Cornish

Songstress Martha Bean is making a name for herself winning loud crowds over, with "finger picking wizardry and pitch-perfect falsetto" (Leicester Mercury). Her introspective songs and strong intricate vocals have a flavour of early Joan as Policewoman, which, along with early jazz vocal tones of Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, can be heard amongst the chordal tones of Radiohead and Jeff Buckley. Recently supporting the likes of Seth Lakeman and Scott Matthews, Martha has a world-class voice well worth keeping your ears open for. www.marthabean.com



GEOFF BATES TRIBUTE NIGHT

£6 - feat. The Ann Duggan Band and Blueswamp Southern plus special guests Aisha Daisy, DAWSON SMITH, CALLUM MULLINS, BOB SPENCER, PAUL HINES,

DAWSON SMITH, CALLUM MULLINS, BOB SPENCER, PAUL HINES, SIMON FAULKS AND MANY MORE.

Geoff Bates, drummer, singer and all round good guy lost his 5 year battle with cancer in January 2012. A year after hosting his wake, The Musician, Blueswamp Southern and the Ann Duggan Band will honour Geoff's memory with a gig in aid of cancer charity Myeloma UK. Both bands will be joined by a star studded list of special guests. **www.annduggan.co.uk**

www.blueswampsouthern.com



GENO WASHINGTON

£10adv £12door

Geno Washington is the UK's very own, resident Godfather of Soul, and Rhythm & Blues. A legend on the 1960's live circuit, a contemporary of Paul Jones, Georgie Fame and Alexis Corner - who has had Pink Floyd and Jimi Hendrix as HIS support bands! "Unforgettable, one of the world's great entertainers" - Fringe review, Glasgow Herald. www.genowashington.com



GREENBIRD PROMOTIONS PRESENTS...

Tue 29

ELIZA CARTHY, BELLA HARDY, LUCY FARRELL & KATE YOUNG

£15

Four of the finest female players in British music, Eliza Carthy, Bella Hardy, Lucy Farrell and Kate Young bring together passion, soul and enormous talent. Their four part harmonies and quartet fiddle playing revive old favourites and new songs alike. Eliza Carthy has twice been nominated for the Mercury Prize and Bella Hardy's captivating voice spins her stories with a balance of strength and sensitivity. With Jonny Kearney, Lucy Farrell has touched the hearts of audiences everywhere while Scotland's Kate Young explores traditional and world music with passion and drive. The quartet's new album "Laylam" will be released in January 2013.

www.eliza-carthy.com

XANDER PROMOTIONS PRESENTS...
THU 31

THE DTs (Reunion Show)

F8ady f10door

The DTs were one of the best loved local bands of the early 80's. Playing such classics as Hoochie Coochie Man, Big Train, Goin' Up The Country and many more, they provided a great night out for all those of us who eagerly awaited the Thursday gig guide in the local paper to see if we were in for a treat. Steve Walwyn on guitar (now a mainstay of Dr Feelgood), Simon "Honeyboy" Hickling on vocals and harmonica, Craig Rhind on bass and "Cheeky" Chas Chaplin on drums. The band backed Steve Marriott for 2 years, making an album with him and 2 albums as The DTs.

GIGS AT A GLANCE for the most up-to-date listings and information visit: www.themusicianpub.co.uk

Tel: 0116 251 0080

Need a gig? Contact Darren on either 07970 529 760 or rideout@stayfree.co.uk 8.00pm until midnight Sunday to Thursday 8.00pm until 1.00am Friday and Saturday Live music starts after 8.30pm



JANUARY

Tue 1 Closed - Happy New Year!
Wed 2 obsUnplugged - £3 w/flyer
Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

The Musician Clyde St. Leicester

Thu 3 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Fri 4 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Sat 5 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC. Sun 6 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer

Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Mon 7 **The City Acoustic Club** - free
Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Tue 8 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Wed 9 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC. Thu 10 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer

Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Fri 11 Martha Bean Band: Single Launch - £3adv £5door plus Elizabeth Cornish. Hugely talented Leicester songstress launches her new single.

Sat 12 **Geoff Bates Tribute Night** - £6 feat. The Ann Duggan Band and Blueswamp Southern plus many special guests.

Sun 13 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC. Mon 14 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer

Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Tue 15 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer

Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Wed 16 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer
Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Thu 17 **obsUnplugged** - £3 w/flyer Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest. Line-ups TBC.

Fri 18 **Geno Washington** - £10adv £12door Legend of the 1960's live circuit and godfather of soul, rhythm 'n' blues.

Sat 19 **El Pussycat** - £9 Return of the Leicester SKA favourites.

Sun 20 **Grace Petrie** - £5adv £7door plus support. Politically fueled folk/rock songs from the acoustic singer-songwriter.

Mon 21 **The City Acoustic Club** - free Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Russell's Creation - £4 plus support. Roger Pugh's all-star rocking roots band.

Wed 23 **TBC**Thu 24 **Steve Parker** - £5

plus support. Superb storytelling and great songs from local singer-songwriter.

Fri 25 **TBC**

Tue 22

Thu 31

April

Sat 26 **The Strange Doors (The Doors Tribute)** - £8adv £10door Quality tribute to the legendary and iconic sixties band, The Doors.

Sun 27 **The 9th Annual Prostaid Jazz Bash** - £10 (12pm til 6pm) In memory of Dave Rae. Line-up TBC.

Mon 28 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Tue 29 **Eliza Carthy, Bella Hardy, Lucy Farrell and Kate Young** - £15 Four of the finest female fiddlers promote new album.

Wed 30 **Wake Up presents...** - £5 Please check website for up to date details.

The DTs (Reunion Show) - £8adv £10door Reunion of the original line-up feat. Steve Walwyn (Dr. Feelgood) and Simon Hickling. **FEBRUARY**

Sun 3

Fri 1 The Mad Bones - £3 plus The Fisters. High energy 50s British/US rock 'n' roll and rockabilly.

Sat 2 **obsUnplugged Finale** - £TBC Acoustic/Electro Acoustic minifest finale. Line-up TBC.

Dale Watson & The Lone Stars - £12adv £14door plus The Drugstore Cowboys. Old-style honky tonk and Bakersfield country from the US maverick.

In 4 The City Acoustic Club - Free Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Tue 5 **Dr. Bob's Acoustic Roots 'N' Blues Band** - £7adv £8door A one off reunion of the local all-star classic roots and blues band. Show starts at 8:30pm.

Wed 6 Miles Hunt & Erica Nockalls - £8adv £10door plus Nicole Maguire. The Wonder Stuff duo return.

Thu 7 Leaving Party - £5 plus A Night Underwater, Tom Nurse and The Estates. Wake Up presents...

Fri 8 **Mitch Benn** - £10 BBC Radio favourite and former Leicester Mercury comedian of the year.

Sat 9 **Johnny 2 Bad (UB40 Tribute)** - £8adv £10door Number one tribute to UB40 featuring members of Pato Banton's backing band.

Sun 10 **The ZZ Tops (ZZ Top Tribute)** - £8adv £10door Return of the unique three man tribute to rock's best known Texan boogie band.

Mon 11 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Tue 12 Ray Cooper (aka Chopper) - £10 plus The Raven. Longtime Oysterband bassist/cellist Ray Cooper with solo material.

Wed 13 **Andrew O'Neill** - £7adv £8door Popular stand-up comedian, metalhead, amateur occultist and musician.

Thu 14 **Valentine's Comedy Burlesque** - £9adv £10door plus The Jailhouse Rockers' Elvis Show. The Burlesque show of all Burlesque shows.

Fri 15 **Anthony Harty Band (The Style Council/Selecter)** - £8adv £10door 30th Anniversary celebration of The Style Council from the Grammy award winner.

Sat 16 **Marcus Bonfanti** - £7 plus support. "As if Jimmy Page had been reborn as Seasick Steve" - The Times.

Sun 17 **Lene Lovich Band** - £15adv £17door plus Kevin Hewick. Post-punkette who hit the big time as part of the Stiff Tours.

Mon 18 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Tue 19 **Boothby Graffoe** - £6adv £7door Award winning comedian, singer/songwriter and playwright.

Wed 20 Otis Gibbs - £10 plus Wooden Horse. American troubadour with hard hitting songs and entertaining tales.

Thu 21 The Gwyn Ashton Big Band (feat. Mark Stanway) - £10

plus support. Australian hard rockin' blues and rock 'n' roll from the virtuoso.

Fri 22 **Barry Cryer & Ronnie Golden: Going Ga Ga** - £12adv £14door Two of comedy's most fabled masters perform a brand new set.

Sat 23 **Factory Records Night: X-O-Dus** - £8adv £10door plus Section 25 and Kevin Hewick. Return of the Manchester based reggae band.

Sun 24 **Guy Pratt: Great Stories, Great Music** - £8adv £10door Grammy award-winner spills the beans on 30 years as bass player to the stars.

Mon 25 **The City Acoustic Club** - Free Leicester's original and best open mic night.

Tue 26 **The Willows** - £8adv £10door plus Red Herrings. Americana and UK folk influenced roots ensemble.

Wed 27 **Tommy Womack** - £10 plus Ben Reel. Award-winning Nashville eccentric returns with wry humour and true life tales.

Thu 28 **The Gren Bartley Band: Album Launch** - £9 plus Mellow Peaches. Ace acoustic guitarist/songwriter in rare full band appearance.

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MARCH 1st Cosmo Jarvis • 2nd Dire Streets • 12th Maria Muldaur • 14th Talon: The Acoustic Collection 20th Patsy Matheson & Becky Mills • 21st 999 • 23rd The Watch

5th Gerry McAvoy's Band Of Friends • 11th Martyn Joseph • 13th The Bluefields • 18th Martin Allcock & Huw Williams

• 21st Wild Willy Barrett • 24th Nels Andrews • 25th Robb Johnson • 26th Tony Hazzard • 30th Willie Nile