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FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

1. Martin Taylor and Ulf Wakenius
Two of the greatest guitarists in the world. Each played for nearly a decade with jazz legends, Stephane Grappelli and Oscar Peterson. They’re steeped in jazz tradition, but extraordinarily alive to creating new music. Together they play with almost superhuman fluency, astounding technique, and most inventive, a love of beautiful melody and spontaneous improvisation.
6.30-7.30pm Lagavulin Distillery, £15

2. Graeme Stephen and Fraser Fifield / The Islay Jazz Quartet
Piper, saxophonist and guitarist flow traditional-sounding airs into the realms of jazz. Standard jazz tunes from the Islay Jazz Quartet led by Brian Palmer (drums) open the concert.
7-8.45pm Ionad Chaluim Chille Ille, £10

3. Pixel
Instantly recognisable, the Norwegian band have a unique concept all their own. A straight shot of earthy and ethereal jazz and indie rock energy, they merge knotty jazz compositions with bruiserous grooves that are both catchy and satisfying. Fronted by Ellen Andrea Wang (bass, vocals), with Jonas Vemøy (trumpet), Harald Lassen (saxophone) and Jan Audun Baar (drums).
8.30-10pm Lagavulin Distillery, £12.50

4. Alison Affleck, Colin Steele and Graeme Stephen
A new collaboration formed especially for the Festival. Award winning singer Alison Affleck is joined by acclaimed guitarist Graeme Stephen and Islay favourite Colin Steele. They’ll celebrate the Great American Songbook and the tunes of Tin Pan Alley.
9.15-10.15pm Ionad Chaluim Chille Ille, £10

5. Pocion De Fe
An original spicy mix of afrobeat, Caribbean rhythms, Cuban salsa, and African mbongo, with Spanish vocals. Expect tight funky grooves and irresistible horn licks.
10.30-midnight, Bruichladdich Hall, £10. BYOB

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

6. Haftor Medbøe, Espen Eriksen, Gunnar Halle
Guitarist, Haftor Medbøe is joined by two of Norway’s most exciting musicians: Espen Eriksen (piano) and Gunnar Halle (trumpet). Meditative, majestic music, crossing genre boundaries, sparking with fire and passion. Noon-1.30pm, Lagavulin Distillery, £10

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From Oscar Peterson and Ray Brown to Herbie Hancock the “Swedish Guitar Genius” (Downbeat) is a giant of contemporary jazz. Swinging and grooving modern jazz, with Brian shel and Alyn Cosker.
12.30-2pm, Ionad Chaluim Chille Ille, £10

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Second chance to hear one of the most exciting young bands in Europe - this is where lovers of Gerry Mulligan or Ornette Coleman’s Quartets can meet progressive rockers and find common ground.
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12. James Tormé
Stellar American singer celebrates the great American songbook with songs made famous by Miles Davis, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Ray Charles and Mel Tormé (of course). Swinging, fun-loving music - all served up with sophistication, swagger and brio.
8.30-10pm, Lagavulin Distillery, £20

13. Ryan Quigley International Quintet
All-star, new project from trumpet virtuoso “bright, bursting trumpet breaks and poised construction … world-class” (The Guardian). Quigley and Paul Booth (tenor sax) features with three great American jazz stars: Geoff Keezer (piano), Michael Janisch (bass) and drum sensation, Clarence Penn.
10.30pm-midnight, Bruichladdich Hall, £15. BYOB

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Peter Johnstone (piano), Brodie Jarvie (bass)
and Stephen Henderson (drums).
Novm 1-3.30pm, RSFB, £10.
Light lunch available. Bird watching walk available before the concert.

15. Ugly Bug Ragtime Three with Enrico Tomasso
The swingiest, happiest of 20’s and 30’s jazz, available before the concert.
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3.45-5.30pm, Ardbeg Distillery £10
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16. Fergus McCreadie Trio
The young pianist, McCreadie, made waves last year when he played solo. Now he returns with his trio featuring David Bowden (bass) and
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For those visitors looking for something a little extra, we would recommend booking a sensory tasting, to celebrate the 200 year legacy of Lagavulin (Mon to Fri – 11.00 & 13.30; Sat and Sun – 10.30 & 13.30). Join the distillery team and immerse yourself in the taste, smell and sounds that makes Lagavulin an award winning whisky. This experience is one to be enjoyed time and time again. Those who book on the tasting will be given a Lagavulin sensory tasting kit to take home.

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CELEBRATES ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

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The Lagavulin 8 Year Old has been created to honour Britain’s most famous Victorian whisky writer, Alfred Barnard. The Lagavulin 25 Year Old is an ode to the immense skill of the distillery managers and the many craftsmen behind making Lagavulin whisky.

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