WELCOME

A rich, rewarding programme packed full of surprises – that’s what we hope Islay Jazz Festival offers our guests every year – and 2019 is no exception.

We are delighted to present many old friends in new settings, and to welcome some new names, such as Bria Skonberg, Laura Jurd and Maggie Bell, who all make their Festival debuts.

As part of this year’s programme we are profiling some of Scotland’s most exciting young musicians who are making such an impact in 2019 – Fergus McCreadie’s Trio collaborate with trumpeter, Laura Jurd, David Bowden presents two projects, Mezcla and Mingus Ah Um. Graham Costello’s STRATA closes the Festival and Harry Weir’s brand new band – Blue Boar Brass Band – plays only its second performance.

We’re also welcoming back some of the musicians who have been the backbone of the Festival programme over the last 20 years: Brian Palmer, Mario Caribè, Colin Steele, and Laura MacDonald

The extraordinary music programme is complemented by the locations. From bird sanctuaries to distilleries or village halls to hotels, the Festival takes place with the beautiful Islay scenery as its backdrop. Locations and music in perfect harmony.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Festival and raising a glass of Lagavulin™.

Fiona Alexander, Jazz Scotland
Stuart Todd, Islay Arts Association
1. BRIA SKONBERG / BRIAN KELLOCK DUO
“Bria plays trumpet like a red hot devil, and sings like a dream” (Wall Street Journal). Opening the Festival she is joined by the thrilling and mercurial pianist Brian Kellock.

*Malt Mill, Lagavulin Distillery 6-7pm, £15*

2. ISLAY JAZZ QUARTET + LAURA MACDONALD TRIO
Uplifting, vibrant and energetic modern jazz, showcasing Laura’s extraordinary saxophone facility in a special Trio with Kevin MacKenzie and Mario Caribé. Popular standard jazz tunes – and a few surprises – from The Islay Jazz Quartet, led by Brian Palmer, who open the concert.

*Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile 7.30-9.30pm, £10*

3. COLIN STEELE QUARTET PLAY JONI MITCHELL
The trumpeter has been inspired by the quirky, romantic, disillusioned and joyful tunes written by one of the greatest songwriters of the past 50 years, Joni Mitchell. Steele’s take on Mitchell’s tunes glow and sparkle with warmth and affection, with David Milligan (piano), Calum Gourlay (bass) and Alyn Cosker (drums).

*Malt Mill, Lagavulin Distillery 8.30-10.30pm, £18*  
Why not try Lagavulin’s new bar, upstairs in the Malt Mill.

4. MEZCLA WITH RACHEL LIGHTBODY
“Fresh and vibrant … really uplifting jazz with world music flavours” (BBC Radio 3). Infectious grooves fuelled by chattering percussion and springy bass lines, warm melodies with catchy riffs; with some powerful soloists including Michael Butcher (saxes) and Ben MacDonald (guitar). Tonight they are joined by special guest singer Rachel Lightbody.

*Bruichladdich Hall 10.30pm-midnight, £13*  
No bar, BYOB
SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

5. MINGUS AH UM + DAVID MILLIGAN SOLO
Six young musicians from the Glasgow School pay homage to one of the giants of jazz: Charles Mingus playing the entirety of “Mingus Ah Um”. Pianist, David Milligan’s crossover interest between traditional music and jazz creates music of extraordinary beauty.

Malt Mill, Lagavulin Distillery
noon-2pm, £12.50

8. TOBY MOTTERSHEAD
Steel guitar player, singer, and raconteur, displaying his extraordinary knowledge of early American music, bringing jug bands and juke joints back to life.

The Cinema, The Machrie Hotel
2.30-3.30pm, £10
Limited Capacity

6. ROSE ROOM
“Stupendous gypsy jazz, and a superb singer” (The Scotsman).
Festival favourites, Rose Room, fronted by fiddle player and sophisticated songstress, Seonaid Aitken, recreates the excitement of Rive Gauche Paris of the 30s and 40s with Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt.

Rhinns Hall, Portnahaven
noon-2pm, £13.50
Light Lunches Available

9. BRIA SKONBERG / LAURA MACDONALD QUINTET
The Brooklyn based trumpeter and singer, Bria Skonberg is “poised to be one of the most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation” (Wall Street Journal). With alto saxophonist, MacDonald their passionate and beautiful music with exquisitely crafted solos will feature Brian Kellock (piano), Mario Caribé (bass) and Alyn Cosker (drums).

Iona Chaluim Chille Ile
6-7.30pm, £16

10. MAGGIE BELL AND SANDY TWEEDDALE
+ TOBY MOTTERSHEAD SOLO
In a career spanning 50 years, Bell’s raunchy, high energy style has earned her the title The Scottish Queen of the Blues. Now she shares her favourite tunes (and a few stories), in the company of guitarist Sandy Tweeddale. Opening the show, a tour of early blues and roots music from guitarist Toby Mottershead featuring the sounds of the Delta and the Hill Country.

Ballygrant Hall, 8-10pm, £16
No bar, BYOB

7. KEVIN MACKENZIE TRIO
Mackenzie’s beautiful guitar-bass-drums trio with Mario Caribé and Alan Cosker play with “an impeccably light and contemporary sound, weaving fresh, fragrant melodic lines around one another” (Jazzwise). “Absorbing… a winner… highly recommended” (Jazz Views).

Laphroaig Distillery
2.30-3.30pm, £12

11. JACQUI DANKWORTH AND CHARLIE WOOD
Multi award-winning vocalist, Jacqui Dankworth, is joined by acclaimed American pianist-vocalist, Charlie Wood, for a unique concert of duets celebrating some of the great musical partnerships: Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn, George and Ira Gershwin.

Malt Mill, Lagavulin Distillery
8-10pm, £20

12. COLIN STEELE SEXTET PLAYS MILES DAVIS
With phenomenal solos and a driving musical energy, Colin Steele’s trumpet fronts a Sextet who cover the classic arrangements of Miles Davis’ seminal albums from “Milestones” to “Kind Of Blue”. He is joined by Martin Kershaw (alto saxophone), Michael Butcher (tenor saxophone), Dave Milligan (piano), Calum Gourlay (bass) and Alyn Cosker (drums).

Bruichladdich Hall
10.30pm-midnight, £16
No bar, BYOB

www.islayjazzfestival.co.uk  0345 450 3099
13. COLIN STEELE / GRAEME STEPHEN / MARTIN KERSHAW
Trumpet, guitar and saxophone: three Islay favourites get together for the first time in a special jazz chamber group.
RSPB Centre
noon-2pm, £12.50
Light Lunch available
11am RSPB led bird watching walk

14. BRIA SKONBERG WITH BRIAN KELLOCK TRIO
Playing classic, hot New Orleans jazz and music of the swing era, infused with a contemporary feel, the vocalist and trumpeter plays and sings in the tradition of greats like Louis Armstrong, Dinah Washington and Billie Holiday.
Ardbeg Distillery
noon-2pm, £15.
Lunch is served during an extended interval. Please order at the bar upon arrival.

15. MARIO CARIBÉ FRET
Inspired by the ‘Bass Desires’ group that featured John Scofield and Bill Frisell on guitars, the bassist’s new band, Fret, features two great guitarists Graeme Stephen and Kevin Mackenzie with the rhythm section that powered the SNJO for years: Alyn Cosker and Mario Caribé. Soundscapes, grooves and ‘in the moment’ energy from four great improvisers.
Islay House Hotel
2.30-3.30pm, £12.50

16. LAURA JURD AND FERGUS MCCREADIE TRIO
The shooting star of the Scottish jazz scene, McCreadie returns to deliver a tour de force of phenomenal musicianship and thrilling music in the company of his exceptional trio and the prodigiously talented, multi award winning, young trumpeter Laura Jurd.
Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle
4-5.30pm, £16

17. BLUE BOAR BRASS BAND
A brand-new brass band featuring two saxophones, trombone and tuba backed by drums. Taking up where the World Saxophone Quartet left off; visiting New Orleans brass band music and adding in some contemporary vibes – this dynamic quintet play with huge drive and attack.
Weather permitting this concert will be outside (standing)
Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle
6-7pm, £10

18. GRAHAM COSTELLO’S STRATA
Fusing jazz, rock, and classical minimalism, they create “an intense, hypnotic and almost continuous journey through mesmerising repetitive motifs, crisply and carefully executed sound worlds, elemental soloing and frankly thrilling musical peaks” (The Times).
Bruichladdich Hall
9-11pm, £15
No bar, BYOB
One of Scotland’s "essential" distilleries, Lagavulin™ is a place of pilgrimage for many adorers of this definitive Islay single malt Scotch whisky. The distillery works its magic on a cramped, romantic site by the sea across a small bay from the ruins of Dunyvaig Castle. The intensity of this majestic whisky comes from the heavily peated malt from the Port Ellen Maltings, the four traditionally shaped copper stills, a leisurely fermentation and distillation regime, with a wide spirit cut that captures more of the richly-peated tastes and a long maturation of 16 years in refill casks.

A warm welcome awaits at the Lagavulin™ Distillery Visitors’ Centre, open all year round for guided tours and tastings.

For those visitors looking for something extra, we recommend booking the Warehouse Demonstration. Join the distillery team and immerse yourself in the taste, smell and sounds that makes Lagavulin an award winning whisky. Not only will Iain MacArthur give you a behind the scenes look into the Lagavulin warehouse, but we’ll also open up some duty paid casks and give you the rare opportunity to taste some unique single cask whiskies.

Available Monday Friday 10.30am & 13.30pm, Saturday 10.30am.

On Friday 13th at 11.00am to celebrate the release of our exclusive Jazz Festival Bottling, Colin Gordon, Lagavulin Distillery Manager will be hosting a morning of Jazz and Lagavulin alongside; steel guitar player, singer, and raconteur, Toby Mottershead.

For more information or to book a tour and/or tasting please contact the distillery via email Lagavulin.Distillery@diageo.com or phone +44 (0)1496 302749

Please drink responsibly check drinkaware.co.uk for the facts

---

**TICKETS AND INFORMATION**

Tickets for individual concerts are available as follows:

**Online:** simply click the buy button next to the concert - until 12th September. Postal charges may apply.

**By Phone:** +44 (0)131 467 3660 - until 6pm 12th September.

**On Islay:** from The Ileach office - Main Street Bowmore: +44 (0)1496 810355 - to 13th September.

**On the doo**r: subject to availability - please note that many capacities are limited, so we strongly recommend advance booking.

Concessionary tickets (£2 off) are available for unemployed and students via +44 (0)131 467 3660. Proof of status must be shown on the door.

**VISITING ISLAY**

Islay is the most southerly of the Hebridean islands. Ornithologists, photographers, golfers, anglers and of course whisky enthusiasts all find Islay a joy. The wares of the nine distilleries can be tasted throughout the island.

For more information about travel and accommodation please visit www.lagavulinislayjazzfestival.co.uk

**THANKS TO**

**A NOTE ON THE VENUES**

We use all sorts of venues on Islay which have masses of character, however some of their facilities are limited. Doors will open 15 minutes before the concert time - generally there is nowhere to wait apart from outside. Let’s hope for good weather.

**ACCESS**

All venues are wheelchair accessible and we offer a carers go free ticket. Call us on +44 (0)131 467 3660 or email colin@jazzscotland.com for booking.
Islay’s Classic Malt

Among all the malts of Islay, one stands alone. Enjoyed as an award-winning 16 year old, a natural cask strength 12 year old or an intense Distiller’s Edition finished in Pedro Ximenez cask wood, Lagavulin embodies richness and power.

White-washed distillery buildings tumble down to the shore in Lagavulin Bay, guarded still by the lonely Dunyvaig Castle, historic stronghold of the all-powerful Lord of the Isles. Rich reward lies within.

Lagavulin Distillery, Port Ellen, Isle of Islay PA42 7DZ Tel 01496 302400

drinkaware.co.uk for the facts