

Jazz Trio perform Sunday 29 August Waterlow Park Pop-Up Prom 3 – 4 pm



The musical offering this coming Sunday (29 August '21) is set to get jazzed up when London's Deirdre Cartwright Trio, hits the Waterlow Park pavilion. The Trio, Deirdre Cartwright, guitar, Alison Rayner, double bass, and Winston Clifford on drums, have between them played with such jazz greats as Ronnie Scott, Courtney Pine and Art Farmer. Jazz influences include Pat Metheny, Horace Silver, Kenny Burrell and Wes Montgomery.

Deirdre Cartwright [left] is a former presenter of BBC TV's groundbreaking 1983 series 'Rockschool'. She has written and recorded albums with Annie Whitehead and ARQ, led by Alison Rayner of the Trio, which won a prestigious Ivors Award in 2019. She will be returning to her childhood roots for this Prom as she was born in Highgate and has a particular fondness for the park.

She was also a member of the internationally acclaimed 1980s women's jazz group, the Guest Stars. A hard swinging, melodic and funky guitarist, it is Deirdre's clear enjoyment of the sheer variety of sounds her instrument can produce that is so infectious, and which makes her playing so listenable.

Recently she has written and recorded albums with the groups Emily Remembered, Picnic with Annie Whitehead, Paint it Blue and ARQ (Parliamentary Jazz Awards 'Ensemble of the Year' 2018). She has played with Tal Farlow, toured with the Jamaican composer Marjorie Whyllie, presented on BBC Radio 3 and founded Blow the Fuse with Alison Rayner.

Alison Rayner [right] is the leader of the group ARQ (Alison Rayner Quintet) which won the prestigious Ivors Award for small band composition in 2019.

She has played with a myriad of jazz artists such as US jazz guitar legend Tal Farlow, New York jazz poet Jayne Cortez and drummer Denardo Coleman, Ian Shaw and John Etheridge. In the 80s she spent five years with the critically acclaimed jazz-Latin group The Guest Stars touring all the major international jazz venues and festivals and recording three albums. Alison has co-run Blow the Fuse Records and Blow the Fuse Jazz Club in London with Deirdre since 1989, starting ARQ in 2012 to focus more on composing and developing her own group sound.

Winston Clifford [middle] is one of Britain's leading jazz drummers. He has worked with Courtney Pine, Art Farmer, Monty Alexander, Birelli Lagrene, Joey Calderazzo, Jason Rebello, Ronnie Scott, Julian Joseph, Andy Sheppard, Jean Toussaint, Orphy Robinson and Bobby Watson.

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