



Friends of the Isle of Bute Jazz Festival 2017

For the last fifteen years we have received generous support from dedicated jazz enthusiasts who become Friends of the Isle of Bute Jazz Festival. The support of Festival Friends has always been of great value to the event, especially during the early months of 2011 when it seemed that the Festival might not go ahead.

Despite other jazz festivals contracting into mini-festivals, the Isle Bute Jazz Festival will be putting on a full programme for our landmark 30th anniversary gala event from 28th April to 1st May.

However, like many other festivals we are faced with falling revenues due to the decline in our ageing core audience and whilst 2016 saw a welcome increase in younger faces, they tend to be day or single session ticket purchasers meaning we need two or three of them to replace each of our traditional rover ticket sales.

Our finances were dealt a further blow this year when our grant from Argyll & Bute Council saw a significant percentage cut just weeks before the event was due to start, making the difference between breaking even and finishing in the red. We have the necessary reserves to go ahead for 2017 but the reality is that the support we receive from the Friends of the Festival is even more important as we look ahead to the future.

Savings will be made where possible without detriment to the quality of the programme and we are pleased to launch our comprehensive new website which is now under our full control. As well as many new features, it provides us with the ability to keep our supporters up to date and to market the event more effectively via the web and social media.

Festival Friends are invited to an exclusive reception with a private concert on Friday 28th April 2017 at the 292 Club between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. The reception will be followed by a public concert which will start at 8.00pm. Refreshments for the Friends reception are generously supported by The Cooperative Group and we wish to thank our local Co-op manager and staff for their support and assistance.

We invite you to join the Friends of the Festival by completing the form below and sending it to:

Isle of Bute Jazz Festival, 40 Ardmore Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute PA20 0PG

Please note: If you are ordering tickets at the same time as making a donation, it is only necessary to issue one cheque for the total amount payable to **The Isle of Bute Jazz Festival Ltd**. Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting you at the Friends reception.

Friends of the Isle of Bute Jazz Festival 2017 - Charity Gift Aid Declaration - Charity No. SC028601 Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

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