



Wigan International Jazz Festival

It's A Family Affair

NOW in its 21st year, the Wigan International Jazz Festival is not only the borough's premier musical showcase but also a global phenomenon.

From Saturday July 15 until Saturday July 22, Wigan is alive with the sound of the finest jazz you'll hear anywhere in the country this year.

But it's not a festival for a few specialist music fans – as the thousands who attend each year from all over the world will testify.

The jazz festival has a track record of bringing the biggest names in the business to the borough and this year is no exception.

Topping the hometown bill at the JJB Stadium on Friday July 21 will be Britain's first family of jazz – the Dankworths.

And by that we mean the legendary husband and wife pairing of pianist John Dankworth and the unforgettable Cleo Laine.

This year the hardest working couple in show business will be joined by daughter and

vocalist Jacqui and bass playing son Alec for what promises to be an evening of pure magic.

Also joining the Wigan International Jazz Festival family this year will be the next-door-neighbours through a special tie-in with the Manchester Jazz Festival.

As the Wigan festival ends, the Manchester one begins – and to celebrate there will be a 'super Saturday' of jazz in the heart of the city.

Topping the bill will be Jamaican jazz giant Monty Alexander whose versatile repertoire includes interpretations of everything from Oscar Peterson to Bob Marley.

Wigan International Jazz Festival Director Ian Darrington says: "There is a definite buzz in the air about this year's festival. We are delighted to be joining forces with Manchester and the collaboration will undoubtedly produce the single most exciting jazz event in the country this year."

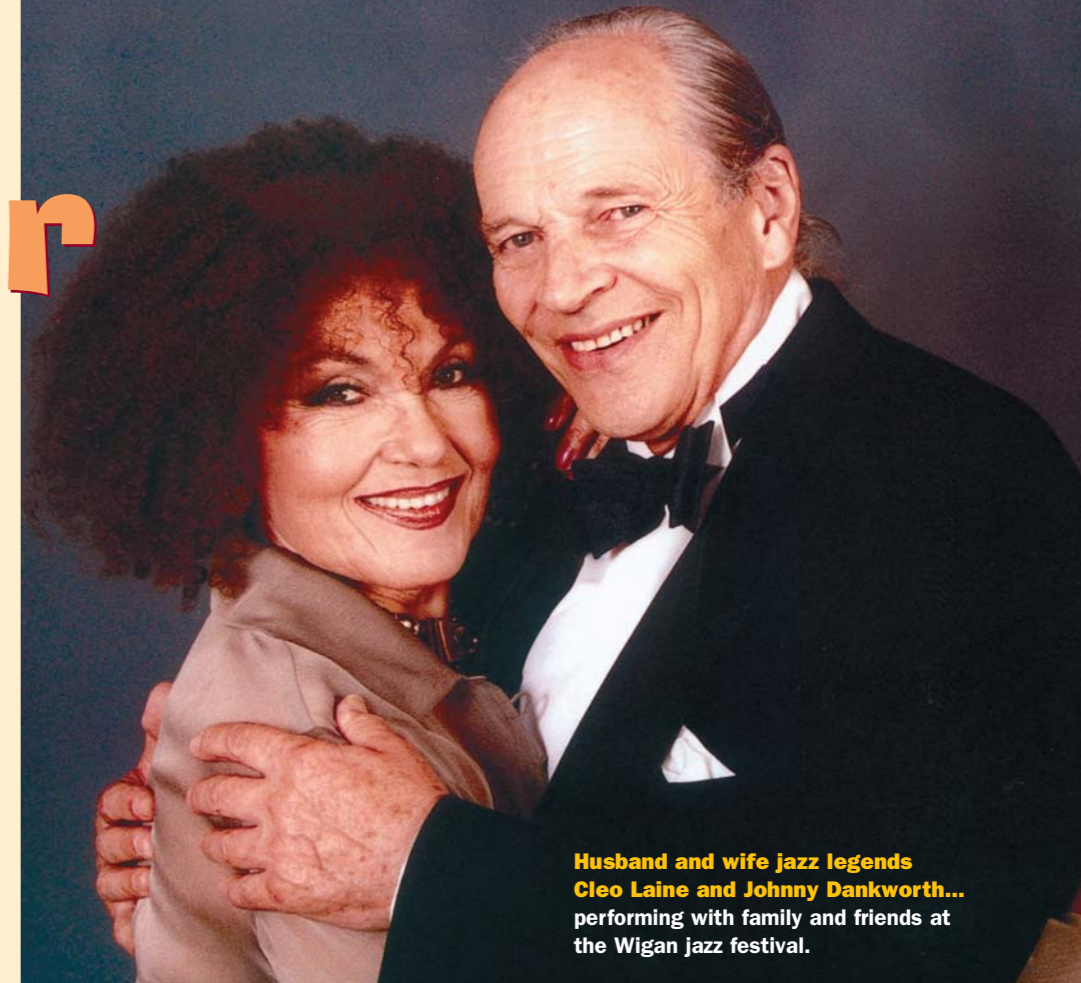
Tickets for the Wigan Jazz Festival are on sale now from:

■ **Wigan Tourist Information Centre** (opposite Wigan North Western train station on Wallgate).

■ **By phone** - using credit or debit cards by calling 01942 825677 (10am to 5pm Monday to Friday)



Hot jazz on the streets of Wigan



Husband and wife jazz legends Cleo Laine and Johnny Dankworth... performing with family and friends at the Wigan jazz festival.

JAZZ FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS (For full listings go to www.wiganjazz.net)

SATURDAY JULY 15

Cell Creative presents **Jonathan Murray Trio**, Rigalettos, JJB Stadium, 5pm - 7pm

Pete Cater Big Band, 8pm, Lowton Civic Hall, Lowton (just off A580)

SUNDAY JULY 16

Georgina Bromilow Big Band, Tetley's Lounge, JJB Stadium, 12.30pm

Ben Riley's Monk Legacy, Tetley's Lounge, JJB Stadium, 8pm

MONDAY JULY 17

Cell Creative presents **Laura Beth & Trio** Rigalettos, JJB Stadium, 5pm - 7pm

We Remember Clifford – Celebrating the Life & Work of Clifford Brown. Featuring Benny Golson, Randy Brecker and Eddie Henderson, Tetley's Lounge, JJB Stadium, 8pm

TUESDAY 18 JULY

Geoff Eales, Wigan Cricket Club, 1pm - 3.30pm

Roy Hargrove Quintet, Tetley's Lounge, JJB Stadium, 8pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 19

Cell Creative presents **Laura Zakian & Trio** Rigalettos, JJB Stadium, 5pm - 7pm

Dizzy Gillespie™ All-Star Big Band Dir. Slide Hampton, Tetley's Lounge, JJB Stadium, 8pm. UK EXCLUSIVE. All American Big Band, featuring James Moody (tenor sax/flute), Antonio Hart (alto sax/flute) & Claudio Roditi (trumpet/fugel horn).

THURSDAY JULY 20

Scott Hamilton & Trio/The Wigan Jazz Collective, Wigan Cricket Club, 1pm - 3.30pm/4pm-5pm

Lynne Arriale Trio, Tetley's Lounge, JJB Stadium, 8pm

FRIDAY JULY 21

Cell Creative presents **Kathy Dyson and Friends**, Rigalettos, JJB Stadium, 5pm - 7pm
Dankworth Dynasty starring Cleo Laine with John Dankworth and friends. Performing with their very special guests Jacqui Dankworth and Alec Dankworth with Allan

Ganley, Andy Wood, John Horler and Wigan Jazz Club Big Band, Tetley's Suite, JJB Stadium, 8pm

SATURDAY JULY 22

St Ann's Square, Manchester - FREE EVENTS
Noon - Latin rhythms with **Apitos Pequeno**
2pm - next generation sounds from **The Wigan Jazz Collective**
4pm - soulful diva **Doreen Edwards and her band Lunetta Dean**
Monty Alexander Trio, supported by Tony Kofi Trio Plus One and support, at Royal Northern College of Music.

Festival fever – let's get out and celebrate!

SUMMER'S here and the time is right for dancing in the street. And not just dancing, because music, art, drama and comedy are all coming our way over the next few months as part of a fantastic festival line-up. Each year Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust puts on a host of free summer events and this summer is no exception.

Arts and festivals manager Chris Wyatt says: "Summer's a great time to be out and about and the aim of our festival season is to provide something for everyone. We feel we have done that again this year and all anyone has to do is turn up and enjoy!"

Here's the *Borough Life* guide to the best of what's on offer this year:

For Those About To Rock...

The *Haigh Music Festival* will take place on Sunday June 18 and promises the very best in cutting-edge new sounds.

The musical extravaganza at Haigh Country Park is organised by the Wigan Music Collective and Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust.

It is a brilliant showcase for fresh local talent and this year the line-up includes musical movers and shakers such as The Corinthians, Filthy Romance, Moco, The Tonics and The VCs.

Dave Fairhurst of the Wigan Music Collective says: "This year we have more bands than ever and we're helping to cement the borough's reputation as a great place for live music." The festival starts at noon and will be rocking until 8pm.

Oh For Arts Sake!

Musicians, dancers and all manner of performers and artists will be converging on Haigh Country Park on Sunday July 9 between 11am and 3pm for a festival that really lives up to its name – *Arts For All*.

The call went out earlier in the year for groups to get involved in the festival with performances and displays on the day.

"The flavour of the day is very much a celebration of local talent," says WLCT development officer Martin Green. "We've had a great response and it really should be a brilliant day."

Already confirmed on the bill are Wigan Pier and Willpower theatre companies, dance group L&L Superstars, Dance Zone, Step By Step and artists Karen Buckels and Elizabeth Smith.

Feel It Hot, Hot, Hot!

Can't get to the festival? Then if you live in Leigh don't worry because the festival's coming to you! *Hot On The Square* will be bursting onto the Leigh scene from Tuesday July 25 for three days.

From its base on the civic square the event

offers all the very best in street-based entertainment from comedians to mimes and from dancers to acrobats. And the real beauty is...it's all free and runs from noon until 2pm.

One World Is Enough For All Of Us

If ever an event had that WOW factor then it has to be *Wigan One World*. It's a massive celebration of multiculturalism that sees talented artists from all over the world head down to Mesnes Park in Wigan on Sunday August 6.

Last year saw dancers, musicians and performers from as far as the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, Africa and Europe taking part in the fun from noon until 5pm. The highlight of WOW is the glittering carnival procession, which brings a little bit of Rio to Wigan.

Other summer events in the borough supported by Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust include:

Until Monday July 8: Turnpike Gallery, Leigh: Hawes Mather & Brian Taylor. Innovative sculpture using natural materials.

Wednesday June 28 - Friday June 30: The Seven Deadly Sins at Hawley Hall, St John Fisher and Shevington High Schools. Wigan Pier Youth & Community Theatre.

Wednesday July 12 - Friday July 14 - 7:30pm: St Gabriel's Primary School, Higher Folds. The Folk on the Hill. Wigan Pier Youth & Community Theatre.

Saturday July 15 - Saturday September 9: Turnpike Gallery, Leigh: Art Factory - Sound Machine, Exciting interactive exhibition.

Wednesday August 2: 10am start, Ashfield Park, Standish. National Play Day.

Friday August 4, 2pm-4pm: Kite Making at Three Sisters Visitor Centre. Make your own kite.

Throughout June, July and August the Turnpike Gallery will be running art workshops for all ages. Details from the gallery on 01942 404469.



Hot on the streets in Leigh