

PRESS RELEASE

NEWCASTLE JAZZ FESTIVAL
LIVE ONLINE 2020

After taking the hard decision to cancel Newcastle Jazz Festival at our venues around the city this year we're very pleased to offer online events on Saturday 15th August. We've compiled eight artists to take you through an afternoon of live music and discussion this Saturday.

Starting at 2pm with a concert featuring Gateshead based guitarist **Lloyd Wright**, followed by Durham born saxophonist **Paul Booth**.

Neither will be a stranger to jazz fans in the North East – Lloyd's acclaimed band *Logo Head* was a Newcastle staple for some years; Paul's status as one of the UK's finest tenor men is sealed with recent projects including *Bansangu Orchestra* and most recently *TRYPL*.

Following at 4pm is a discussion lead by BBC radio legend **Alyn Shipton** on the effects of lockdown on jazz musicians.

We're thrilled to be hosting panellists **Dennis Rollins** (NJF 2020 headline artist), **Paul Edis** and **Jo Harrop**. Along with discussing the effects of Covid-19, they will be speaking about music which they have produced during the period, and what the future holds for them and the industry.

Finally, at 7pm two artists who were expecting to play at this year's festival: **JASMINE**, and **Jay Phelps**.

Leeds based saxophonist Jasmine Whalley will be performing her own blend of jazz and hip-hop creating a unique and distinct sound with her trio. Then, to bring our online events to a close trumpeter Jay Phelps will take the reins till 8pm. Jay has been a regular on the London and wider UK jazz scene for over a decade – a founding member of *Empirical*, and having performed alongside Courtney Pine, Wynton Marsalis, Jamie Cullum and many more, his contemporary genre blending jazz and recognisable warm and projecting tone will mean this is not a session to miss.

All sessions on Saturday 15th August are free of charge online, streaming links can be accessed at our web site newcastlejazzfestival.co.uk

Donations to Newcastle Jazz Festival are welcome and can be made at paypal.me/newjazzfest

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