



8th - 10th  
August  
2025

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[breconjazzfestival2025.co.uk](http://breconjazzfestival2025.co.uk)



# Introducing the Early Bird Market Hall Ticket!

## You're the first to know!

Our exclusive early bird Market Hall weekend pass is now available! But only in limited numbers. This is the only weekend ticket for Brecon Jazz Festival 2025, giving you access to six incredible concerts at the soon to be transformed Market Hall. With a truly exciting line-up, filled with jazz legends, Brecon jazz Festival 2025 is set to be the jazz event of the summer. Don't miss out!

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**HEJIRA  
CLEVELAND WATKISS**

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**SULTAN STEVENSON  
RUBY TURNER**

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**SOWETO KINCH  
JAZZ SABBATH**

**£130**

Early bird price!



With individual concert tickets priced between £17.50 and £40, this pass offers incredible savings—up to £80 compared to door prices! Experience the magic of jazz in an intimate, historic venue while securing your place at the festival's most captivating stage.

Limited availability, don't miss out! Secure your Mindset Stage Pass now and be part of an unforgettable jazz journey.

# A new era of Brecon Jazz begins.

Since 1984, Brecon Jazz has been an unmissable celebration, blending world-class jazz with the charm of the Brecon Beacons. Now, in 2025, we're thrilled to launch a new chapter, with a festival powered by our passionate community. This August, join us for a lineup that honours our roots while looking to the future, featuring legendary artists, fresh new sounds, and the vibrant spirit of Brecon.

For three days in August, the streets of Brecon will be lined with stages and performers. Dip into indoor and outdoor venues all across our town and find artists both big and small. Brecon has been home to the world-famous jazz festival for over 40 years, and we're dedicated to continuing its legacy for generations to come.

## **Volunteering**

Join us behind the scenes to help make Brecon Jazz 2025 unforgettable! We're seeking volunteers for roles in setup, artist support, guest services, and more. Be part of a vibrant community tradition, connect with fellow jazz lovers, and gain unique festival experience. Sign up today!



# Springtime Jazz Day Festival April 12th!

Get ready for a one day jazz celebration as we gear up for Brecon Jazz Festival 2025! On April 12th, join us for a multi-venue mini-festival packed with an exciting mix of free and ticketed concerts. Here's our April 12th lineup:

**BEN CREIGHTON GRIFFITHS**

**SASKIA LAROO & WARREN BYRD**

**GLEN MANBY TRIO**

**JACK MAC**

**JOHN CRESPO TRIO**

**Day Ticket (limited release) - £35**

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**Saskia Laroo & Warren Byrd - £20**

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**Jack Mac - £20**

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**The rest of the shows are free to attend**



# Market hall Headliners Announced!

## Friday

**Hejira**, the acclaimed seven-piece jazz band dedicated to celebrating Joni Mitchell's jazz period, will be performing on the Market Hall Mindset Stage on Friday afternoon. Their enchanting performances beautifully reinterpret Joni Mitchell's music with the band's jazz flair.

Fronted by the captivating vocals of Hattie Whitehead, Hejira's lineup features some of the UK's most talented jazz musicians who come together to create a powerful and unforgettable live experience.

The phenomenal **Cleveland Watkiss** will be bringing his latest project, The Great Jamaican Songbook, to the stage on Friday night of Brecon Jazz Festival at the Market Hall.

A powerful tribute to the rich musical heritage of Jamaica, expect a night of soulful storytelling, infectious rhythms, and a celebration of Jamaica's musical legacy. This is a set that will move both heart and feet, don't miss it!

## Saturday

We are delighted to announce that pianist **Sultan Stevenson**, one of London's most exciting young jazz musicians, will be performing on the Market Hall Mindset Stage on Saturday of the Brecon Jazz Festival.

Graduating in 2023 from the Guildhall School of Music, where he studied jazz piano, Sultan has taken the jazz scene by storm. Performing his original music in iconic venues such as The Jazz Cafe and the renowned EFG London Jazz Festival, Sultan has proven he is more than an up-and-comer, he is jazz greatness in the making.



Winner of the 'Best Newcomer of the Year' award at the Parliamentary Jazz Awards 2023, we can't wait to welcome Sultan to Brecon.

For our Saturday night headliner, we are thrilled to announce **Ruby Turner** at the Market Hall Stage! A true powerhouse of soul, gospel, and R&B, Ruby's voice is nothing short of legendary. With a career spanning decades, she remains one of the most electrifying voices in British music. Expect an evening of pure soul, timeless hits, and breathtaking vocals as Ruby Turner lights up Brecon Market Hall. This is one performance you won't want to miss!

## Sunday

We are honoured to welcome legendary saxophonist and rapper **Soweto Kinch** to the Market Hall Stage for our Sunday headline slot.

Kinch grew up surrounded by music and culture and began playing the saxophone at the age of nine. As he grew, so did his passion for jazz—a passion that he blends with hip-hop to create some of the most versatile and fresh music the genre has seen.

From winning two Urban Music Awards to multiple MOBO Awards for Best Jazz Act, Kinch has solidified himself as a legend, and we can't wait to hear him play.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience **Soweto Kinch's** groundbreaking artistry live at the Market Hall Stage. Secure your tickets now and join us for an unforgettable evening of musical innovation.

We're excited to announce the phenomenal **Jazz Sabbath** as our Sunday headliner! Set to be a sell out and the perfect way to close Brecon Jazz Festival 2025, this dynamic jazz trio, led by Adam Wakeman of Black Sabbath and Ozzy Osbourne's band, will play the Market Hall Mindset Stage on Sunday, 10th August. Legend has it that Jazz Sabbath actually wrote Black Sabbath's biggest hits, only to have them stolen while their pianist was laid up in the hospital in 1969. Now, they're taking back their tunes, reimagining classic rock anthems as moody, high energy jazz. This is jazz like you've never heard it before. Don't miss the chance to see Jazz Sabbath bring down the house.

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## Press & Media

Media accreditation is available for journalists, photographers, and content creators who wish to capture the festival experience. Whether you're a seasoned reporter or covering Brecon Jazz Festival for the first time, we're here to support your coverage every step of the way. We look forward to seeing the stories you create for Brecon Jazz 2025! Follow and tag us on Instagram to share your experience live. Use #BreconJazz2025 to engage with the festival's community.

## Stay Up To Date

Follow Us on Social Media: Stay up-to-date with lineup announcements, exclusive artist interviews, and behind-the-scenes glimpses leading up to the festival.

Join our community of jazz lovers on social media and be the first to know everything happening for Brecon Jazz Festival 2025.

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Kick off the Brecon Jazz Festival weekend with the fun and flair of the Brecon Frazz Parade! This vibrant, community-driven procession fills the streets with music, dancing, and colourful costumes, bringing together locals and festival-goers alike. In the months leading up to the August festival, locals of all ages—artists, creatives, and Brecon residents—gather to plan the festivities, design unique parade displays, and organise workshops for children and families, welcoming both locals and visitors to join in the excitement!

From brass bands and drummers to dancers and creative costumes, the Frazz Parade is where jazz meets carnival, setting an energetic tone for the weekend's festivities. Whether you want to march, dance, or simply cheer from the sidelines, everyone is welcome to join the celebration. Don't miss this chance to dive into the spirit of Brecon Jazz—come be part of the excitement and help us kick off the festival in style!