

The Famous Spiegeltent Music Programme for July & Edinburgh Fringe 2016



2016 sees the return to Edinburgh of the Grand Old Dame herself – The Famous Spiegeltent. After a few years sunning herself in southern climes, she returns in all her glory to the beautiful St Andrew Square Garden, Edinburgh, bringing with her everyone's favourite Fringe icon – **La Clique – Encore!**

The Famous Spiegeltent, owned and run by Spiegelmaestro David Bates, is one of the original Belgian mirror tents, which has hosted fabulous performers such as Marlene Dietrich since the 1920s. 2016 is her 21st Edinburgh birthday and she is celebrating with a wonderful programme of music, cabaret, family musicals, children's shows, late night clubs and classic festival frivolity.

There is a terrific evening music lineup for **Edinburgh Festival Fringe** with a series of sublime concerts by **Peter Straker** (one of the great voices of the British stage singing the songs of **Jacques Brel**), award winning chanteuse **Christine Bovill** with a brand new show, **Christine Bovill's Paris** and Parisian cabaret star **Isabelle Georges**, all of whom are perfectly at home in the greatest of all Salons of Kabaret. We are also honoured to be presenting intimate live concerts by Australian indigenous singer songwriter **Archie Roach** and the incomparable Australian bard **Paul Kelly**. The former *Cherish the Ladies* lead vocalist **Michelle Burke** will be inviting you to Step into her (memorabilia-bedecked) Parlour and the 7 piece folkNroll band **Holy Moly and the Crackers** promise 3 nights of loud, funky fun.

But we kick off with **Before the Fringe (25 - 31 July)** - a fabulous week of amazing live music for a wide range of tastes (inc Funk, Americana, singer/songwriters, African and blues), as well as cabaret, burlesque and late night Club Spiegel shenanigans.

Before the Fringe features a fantastic international lineup of one-night-only live music including legendary bandleader and trombonist **Fred Wesley & the New JB's** (an 8 piece jazz-funk powerhouse led by the former James Brown and P-Funk musician, Count Basie veteran and Maceo Parker cohort) and the multi-platinum selling Irish singer **Brian Kennedy** ("a voice to charm the angels").

Several of the performers are appearing en route between headline shows at the prestigious **Summertyne Festival** and **Southern Fried Festival**, including vocal phenomenon **Yola Carter** and Celtic Americana (from Leith via Nashville) singer/songwriter **Dean Owens** (who will be appearing in a double bill with fellow Scot **Yvonne Lyon**). Completing an eclectic lineup is rising star **Adam Holmes and the Embers** (whose new album *Brighter Still* has been making waves in the itunes charts and resulted in sessions on BBC Radio 2 and Virgin Radio), a night of African rhythms from Senegal and Zimbabwe with **Samba Sene & Diwan** plus original Bhundu Boy **Rise Kagona and his Jit Jive Band** and energetic, electric blues from **Main Street Blues**.

In addition to the music programme, there will be a full funpacked programme throughout August including daytime award winning productions by Captivate Theatre (high calibre amateur theatre group for young people). Evenings will see the return home of **La Clique** with its dysfunctional collection of extraordinary new artists and family favourites, including scintillating live band The Shuffle Club with singer Becc Sanderson, and the best in adult, genre-bending New Variety.

The Famous Spiegeltent and the Spiegel family looks forward to welcoming you to St Andrew Square Garden. Famous forever and famous for fun!

For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, CDs, MP3s, press tickets etc please call Morag Neil on 0771 288 0965 (email info@scarybiscuits.com)

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BEFORE THE FRINGE (25-31 Jul)

MUSIC LISTINGS

Mon 25 July 8pm

Yola Carter

Yola's powerhouse voice and stage presence, superb original songs, thrilling arrangements and a fantastic band all combine to create a sensational live show that will blow you away.

A voice to die for... it could be likened to Aretha Franklin. She is that good Maverick

Tues 26 July 8pm

Dean Owens + Yvonne Lyon

A terrific double bill with two spellbinding singer songwriters.

Celtic Americana from Leith via Nashville from former Felsons front man Dean Owens and poignant acoustic folk from Yvonne Lyon

Dean Owens: *Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter...* Irvine Welsh

Yvonne Lyon: *just stunning music...* Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2

Wed 27 July 8pm

Adam Holmes & the Embers

Adam Holmes is one of the brightest rising stars on the UK music scene. Combining elements of folk/trad and Americana, the award winning Edinburgh native and SAY Award nominee has just launched the highly anticipated follow up to his much acclaimed debut album.

an ideal example of everything that's good about acoustic / traditional music in Scotland... Folk Radio UK

Thur 28 July 8pm

Fred Wesley & the New JBs

For me, happiness is Fred Wesley playing his horn - James Brown

Legendary bandleader, trombonist and author Fred Wesley is one of the forefathers of funk who still is setting the standard with his 8-piece powerhouse jazz-funk band The New JBs. Music director for James Brown, arranger for Parliament-Funkadelic and one third of the amazing JB Horns, as well as a veteran of Count Basie's Orchestra and cohort of Maceo Parker Fred Wesley has secured his place in funk history.

Fri 29 July 7.30pm

Africa Live! – Rise Kagona's Jit Jive Band + Samba Sene & Diwan

Spinetingling vocals, exuberant Afrobeats, infectious jiti rhythms from Zimbabwe and irresistible Senegalese dance grooves – original Bhundu Boy Rise Kagona and Dakar born Samba Sene promise to bring a splash of vibrant African sunshine to the Spiegeltent.

top quality world music... complex yet accessible... ★★★★★ Edinburgh Spotlight

Sat 30 July 7.30pm

Brian Kennedy

Brian Kennedy survived a childhood on the infamous Falls Road, West Belfast at the height of its hellish history against all the odds to carve an extraordinary career in music. Multiplatinum-selling, singer/songwriter with a voice to charm the angels!

Sun 31 July 8pm

Main Street Blues (+ Cynthia Gentle)

One of Scotland's premier blues bands. Acoustic blues combined with a powerful, energetic mix of electric blues and funk. Support by Zimbabwean powerhouse singer Cynthia Gentle

So tight you couldn't slide a Rizla between them. Great gig Ian Rankin

CABARET, BURLESQUE AND CLUB LISTINGS

25 – 31 July, 5.30pm The 5.30 Cabaret

29 July, 9.30pm Missy Malone & Friends Burlesque Revue

30 July, 9pm Vegas! A Musical Midsummer Night

25 - 28 July, 10pm Club Spiegel

31 July, 9.30pm Club Spiegel

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4 – 11 Aug 7.45pm**Peter Straker Sings Brel**

There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening of the heartbeat. Peter Straker loves to sing Jacques Brel. Hailed as one of the great voices on the British stage: Straker recorded with Freddie Mercury, starred in the notorious musical *Hair* and the original *Phantom of the Opera*. Expect a barnstorming performance of the songs of Brel.

A privilege to watch, one of the must see shows of the Fringe ★★★★★ Scotsman

12, 13, 15, 18-21 Aug 7.45pm**Christine Bovill's Paris**

Award-winning chanteuse, Christine Bovill has built her reputation on the massively successful sell-out show, *Piaf*. In *Paris*, she beckons you back to the golden age of French song: a demi-monde of heroes and outcasts, cynics and bruised romantics. With drama, pathos and pizzazz, the show casts a sepia-tinged spotlight on the songs and stories of Jacques Brel, Edith Piaf, Barbara, Juliet Greco, Charles Aznavour and more.

Come, be transported into a Parisian scented twilight world of song.

Bovill is a great storyteller... brings the songs to life with terrific panache and dramatic flair ★★★★★ List

23 – 29 Aug 7.45pm**Isabelle Georges: Oh La La**

Parisian cabaret star Isabelle Georges returns to Edinburgh with her trademark soaring vocals, theatrical delivery and a stunning all-star band. Georges leads us through a repertoire of French, English and German songs featuring the music of Brel, Bécoud, Piaf, Aznavour and more. Along with musical director and vocalist Frederik Steenbrink, Georges' sultry resonating voice takes us through stories of love, survival and dreams in an unbeatable mixture of jazz, cabaret and pop. This is cabaret at its most sultry with music to melt the soul. Georges' music is what feelings sound like.

14 Aug 7.45pm & 20 Aug 12.20pm**Michelle Burke: Step Into My Parlour**

Step Into Michelle's quirky, memorabilia-bedecked living room and let this warm Irish folk songstress, former Cherish the Ladies lead vocalist, charm and beguile you. Step Into My Parlour takes its audience back to Michelle's great grandmothers' era, with its delicious selection of parlour songs.

Join Michelle and a complement of Scotland's finest musicians led by James Ross. Part of Made in Scotland 2014.

Burke takes each song by the scruff of the neck and makes it her own ★★★★★ Irish Times

Daft and heartwarming ★★★★★ Scotsman

15, 16, 18 Aug 11pm**Holy Moly and the Crackers**

7 piece 'gypsy folkNroll' band from the UK. The band has performed at major festivals in Europe and the UK, including Hop Farm Festival, Secret Garden Party, Boomtown and Cornbury Festival, where they opened for Jools Holland. Their influences range from the honest grit and gravel of Woody Guthrie, the gypsy bone-cage burlesque of Gogol Bordello through punk, ska, reggae, folk, blues, honky-tonk and Balkan. A unique mash-up of folk/blues, waltz tempos and hoe-downs and french zazou in outlandish carnival style. Loud, funky and fun.

16 & 17 Aug 7.45pm**Archie Roach**

A singer, songwriter and storyteller in the tradition of his ancestors. Archie shares intimate real-life stories through song. Singing for the love of his people, his country and culture, Archie's songs go to the heart of the Australian story. Archie is an extraordinarily gifted Australian artist with a truly visionary talent. His voice springs from the broken heart of a broken nation, which only makes his message of hope and love more powerful.

22 Aug 9.30pm & 23 Aug 11pm**Paul Kelly in concert**

Paul Kelly has recorded over 20 albums as well as several film sound tracks.

His deeply influential career, spanning more than 30 years, has provided the soundtrack to generations of Australians.

He has been the subject of a film documentary *Stories of Me* and a work of prose – his own 'mongrel memoir' *How to Make Gravy* – featured in audio readings readings by Cate Blanchette, Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman,

Ben Mendelshon and Judy Davis. An evening with Paul Kelly is a treat anywhere in the world but in the intimacy of The Famous Spiegel Tent it will be another night never to forget.

CABARET, BURLESQUE AND CLUB LISTINGS**3 – 29 Aug (not 22 Aug) 9.30pm****La Clique Encore!****4 – 29 Aug (not 10, 17, 24 Aug) 11.30pm****Club Spiegel**

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