LUSSMANNS FISH & GRILL

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Soho comes to St Albans as the UK's best Jazz musicians perform live at Lussmanns



Left to right: Gareth Hunt, Iain Mackenzie, Dom Pipkin and Bob Haddrell

This year's **Jazz at the Festival**, alongside the International Organ Festival, brings four of the best British jazz musicians to Lussmanns Fish & Grill Restaurant in St Albans from **11 to 20 July 2013**.

As part of the ten days of world-class music on offer, the award-winning local brasserie adjacent to St Albans Cathedral will host live performances by four artists:

- **Gareth Hunt (11, 12 & 13 July)** Gareth studied Classical and Jazz piano at the Guildhall School. He has gigged in a variety of contexts and led his own quartet and trio. Gareth currently holds positions at the Purcell School and St Paul's Boys School where he coaches small groups and teaches jazz piano.
- Iain Mackenzie (14, 15 & 16 July) Iain performs classic Jazz & Swing standards with golden era charm, and a contemporary edge. Described by Kevin Spacey as *'The real deal...seriously talented'*, Iain is a regular performer at Ronnie Scott's and has recorded with Sandie Shaw, Sophie Ellis Bextor, Joss Stone and Mica Paris. Website: www.iainmackenzie.co.uk

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- **Dom Pipkin (17 & 18 July)** Currently the pianist with the fabulous Paloma Faith, with whom he records and tours all over the world, and leader of the Ronnie Scott's regulars *Dom Pipkin & the Ikos*. Website: www.dompipkin.co.uk
- **Bob Haddrell (19 & 20 July)** Much in demand, The *Barcodes* and *Incredible Blues Puppies* pianist writes with top Nashville artists, has recorded in the States with Billy Swan, and has toured with Chicago's Jimmy Dawkins and Dave Specter. Website: www.thebarcodes.co.uk

All performances start at approximately 8pm and are free to guests dining at Lussmanns. Reservations are essential and can be made directly with the restaurant on **01727 851 941**.

Patrons of the International Organ Festival (IOF) can also enjoy a **complimentary glass of wine** when they done at Lussmanns St Albans, order three courses from any menu and present an IOF brochure or ticket. See www.lussmanns.com/jazz-at-the-festival for terms and conditions of this pre-concert dining offer.

Andrei Lussmann, Owner of Lussmanns Fish & Grill said: "As the locals' restaurant and official partner of the International Organ Festival, we are excited to be bringing such a great line-up of talented Jazz musicians to St Albans. I hope that people will enjoy listening to these great performers, while eating well and being looked after in the relaxed, friendly manner that we are known for. These really are dates not to be missed"

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About Lussmanns Fish & Grill Restaurants

- Lussmanns is the locals' fish & grill restaurant, championing the best welfare-driven British producers, and dedicated to looking after all the family.
- We are recommended by *The Good Food Guide* (since 2010), rated as one of the UK's top restaurants by <u>Fish2Fork</u>, members of the Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) and SRA Three Star Sustainability Champions.
- In 2011 and 2012, we won the Independent Restaurant category of the RSPCA Good Business Awards.
- Giles Coren, food critic for *The Times*, described Lussmanns as '*everything a modern local restaurant should be*' and rated us 8/10.
- We have restaurants in St Albans and Hertford and are planning to open in Harpenden in August.

• For more information, including supplier details, please visit our website at <u>www.lussmanns.com</u>, join us on facebook at <u>http://www.facebook.com/LussmannsRestaurants</u> and chat to us on twitter @lussmanns and @AndreiLussmann.

About the 50th St Albans International Organ Festival

• Founded in 1963, the International Organ Festival now combines 10 days of music by international musicians, from orchestral to choral, early music to jazz. The two prestigious International Organ Competitions attract eminent organists from all over the world as judges, and an international field of gifted young organists as competitors. For further information, visit <u>www.organfestival.com</u>.

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