

The International Organ Festival & Lussmanns Fish & Grill Restaurant

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The International Organ Festival at St Albans brings top Jazz pianists to Lussmanns Restaurant



This year's **Festival of Summer Music**, presented by the International Organ Festival (IOF) at St Albans, brings some of the best British jazz pianists to Lussmanns Fish & Grill Restaurant from **7 to 16 July 2011**.

As part of the ten days of world-class music on offer, the popular local brasserie adjacent to St Albans Cathedral will host performances by four jazz pianists:

- **Bob Haddrell (7, 8 & 9 July)** - 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.
- **Dom Pipkin (10 July)** - Currently the pianist with the fabulous Paloma Faith and leader of the Ronnie Scott's regulars Dom Pipkin & the Ikos.
- **Harry The Piano (11 & 12 July)** - Virtuoso Paul 'Harry' Harris, the man who can play absolutely anything on piano and is described by Jonathan Ross as "*The best damn pianist in the civilised world*"
- **Tim Laphorn (13, 14 & 15 July)** - One of Britain's most exceptional and gifted young pianists. His enigmatic and melodic style is distinctive, expressive and ambitious.

All performances start at 8pm and are free to guests dining at Lussmanns. Reservations are essential and can be made directly with the restaurant on **01727 851941**.

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Patrons of the International Organ Festival can also enjoy a **complimentary glass of wine and two courses for £11.95** when they dine at Lussmanns before a concert and present an IOF brochure or ticket. See www.lussmanns.com for terms and conditions of this pre-concert dining offer.

David Titterington, Artistic Director of the International Organ Festival said: *“The award winning Lussmanns Eatery has been the chosen place for the IOF to entertain its distinguished guests to the city for several years, so we are particularly delighted to present, in partnership with Andrei Lussmann and his excellent team, Festival Jazz. The freshest and best ingredients imaginatively prepared with an excellent wine list in a contemporary setting make it the place to eat. Allow Andrei and his well-trained and caring staff to look after you and take advantage of their pre-concert dining offer. We will!”*

Andrei Lussmann, Owner of Lussmanns Fish & Grill said: *“As the locals’ restaurant and official partner of the Festival of Summer Music, 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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Notes to editors

- 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 www.organfestival.com.
- Lussmanns is the locals' fish & grill restaurant, championing artisan and welfare-driven food producers, and dedicated to looking after all the family. Twice voted St Albans restaurant of the Year in 2010, Lussmanns is also recommended by *The Good Food Guide 2011* and accredited by the [Fish2Fork](#) campaign. For further information, visit www.lussmanns.com.

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