Jazz by the Sea Festival returns with a fresh new look this year with events taking place at various venues across Bournemouth and Poole from Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th June.

A number of well known jazz professionals will be performing with local musicians during the festival week, playing in a series of concerts and live events across the Coastal BID region. There will be performances in retail outlets, shopping arcades, hotels, bars, restaurants, clubs and pubs in Southbourne, Boscombe and Westbourne.

The festival opens in Bournemouth on Sunday 11th with a couple of unique jazz events. At The Miramar Hotel, an afternoon of Gin & Jazz with the Sarah Bolter Trio and in the evening, The Cliff House Hotel in Southbourne hosts the festival’s opening Dinner Jazz event with Rachel More in the piano bar and the Veronique Joly Trio playing jazz favourites in the restaurant.

Meanwhile, a family jazz concert at the Lighthouse features BBC’s Clare Teal and her Hollywood Orchestra led by world class trumpeter and band leader Guy Barker. As the UK’s Queen of Swing, Clare Teal’s show introduces popular jazz music from the Great English and American Songbooks.

Through the festival week there are live jazz events at Urban Guild and Koh Group restaurants and bars. On Wed 14th well known British jazz/soul/funk band, Incognito are playing at Canvas and on Thurs 15th there are a number of events across town including a special BCTC Dinner at Citygate Centre and themed events at Chaplins and the Cosy Club.

Also on Thurs 15th, Jazz FM presents an evening of Blues and Boogie at the Lighthouse in Poole featuring music from New Orleans, with acoustic blues guitarist Mark Harrison and boogie woogie pianist Dino Baptiste together with Zoe Schwarz and her Blue Commotion Band, presented and hosted by Jazz FM’s David Freeman.

To round off a week of Jazz, the World Jazz Jamboree on Sat 17th at the Lighthouse showcases jazz music from around the world. Opening the series of concerts is celebrated Italian saxophonist, Tommaso Starace who explores the melodic and cinematic approach to jazz music against a backdrop of images from one of Italy’s fashion photographers, followed by Monica Vasconcelos who introduces the wonderful lyrical compositions of the Brazilian Bossa Nova with her original latin band. Dan Somogyi returns mid afternoon with his Thokozile Collective - a highly talented South African jazz sextet featuring the reverberating rhythms and beats of the African continent, then in the evening, acclaimed Cuban Violinist Omar Puente and his Sextet play their unique style of music drawing on the elements of classical and traditional Cuban music to form the basis of an exciting new approach to Jazz. Finally, The Soothsayers, a hugely popular Afro Caribbean 7 piece band performing original Afrobeat and reggae-influenced jazz grooves bring the Jazz by the Sea Festival to a close.
Tickets are from £15 to £24. Book Online at www.lighthousepoole.co.uk or call the Ticket Office on 01202 28000. For more programme details visit www.jazzbytheseafestival.co.uk

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