**More about the bands playing in Waterlow Park Pop-up Proms**

**Joe English Quartet**

Joe English is currently in his second year studying jazz piano at Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He has played at venues such as the Vortex jazz club, Royal Albert Hall, Cheltenham Jazz Festival, and many smaller venues in Hitchin. In 2023 he received the Guildhall School of Music & Drama Junior Dept Jazz Prize.

He will be joined by Simon Spies (Drums), James Leaver-Whitfield (Bass) and Jacob Wilson (Tenor sax). Between them they have played at Ronnie Scott’s, Brick Lane jazz festival, 606 Jazz club among others.

**Guy Dempsey Jazz Trio**

The Trio consists of Guy Dempsey on double bass, Lewis James on keyboard and Kai MacRae on drums. The three met on the jazz course at the Royal Academy of Music and have prepared a set of their favourite tunes from the Great American Songbook with a couple of extra surprises.

**The Astral Quartet**

A London-based saxophone quartet comprised of Royal College of Music graduates. Their repertoire covers a range of genres from classical, folk, to jazz. Formed in 2020 whilst studying at the RCM, they have played in venues including the Elgar Room in the Royal Albert Hall, St James’ Piccadilly, and won the RCM Woodwind Chamber Competition in 2022. They recently competed in the semi-final of 2024 Royal Over-Seas League competition in the mixed ensemble division.

Their repertoire includes Gershwin Classics, Wendell Hobbs,
Edvard Grieg, Quatuor pour Saxophones - Jean-Baptiste Singelée
and West Side Story favourites.

**Eleanor Grant and Gus McQuade** The duo’s repertoire encompasses music from16th Century lute songs to their own up-tempo arrangements of modern folk, jazz and original compositions. Their upcoming album is titled Seasons in Time. They are both Royal Academy of Music alumni and debuted at the Wigmore Hall in 2023.

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