

PRESS RELEASE

BOWNESS BAY BLUES FESTIVAL COMES OF AGE!

THE FOURTH BOWNESS BAY BLUES WEEKEND, 27–29 MARCH 2015

The Bowness Bay Blues festival, which takes place each year on the weekend before Easter, has been hailed as 'a flagship for the very best of British blues' by the influential Blues in the Northwest website. Now preparing to mark its fourth year, this friendly festival can lay claim to a regular place on any blues fan's calendar. Musicians and punters alike clearly appreciate the beautiful backdrop of Lake Windermere, and the warm welcome offered by music venues, hotels and restaurants in Bowness and Windermere.

The headline bands who will be performing on the weekend of 27–29 March 2015 are David Migden & The Twisted Roots, an exciting electric five-piece, performing original material in a crossover of rock, blues and American roots; The Laurence Jones Band, fronted by a brilliant young guitarist who has been likened to Robin Trower and Eric Clapton; and Northsyde, a unique band, who combine blues, rock and funk with amazing vocals from the very talented Lorna Fothergill.

Next year's programme will also feature some top touring acts such as Rosco Levee and the Southern Slide, The Robin Bibi Band, TJ and the Suitcase, Matt Woosey, Stark, Al Hughes, and The Blues Duo (Tommy Allen & Johnny Hewitt). From closer to home, there will be The Deluxe, Otherside, Buzz Elliott, and local favourites The Elderly Brothers.

Bowness Bay Blues will certainly be making music lovers very happy. But it's not only about the music. Organised by the Rotary Club of Windermere, the 2014 festival raised over £6,000 for Automated External Defibrillators for the Windermere First Responders Team as well as other charities. The main beneficiaries from the 2015 event will be The Alzheimer's Society and The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Given the increasing popularity of this event, the organisers are advising music fans to book early. Tickets are on sale from the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, at:

<http://www.breweryarts.co.uk/>

Tel: 01539 725133

They are excellent value, and there is a special Weekend Earlybird Ticket offer (available until 31 December 2014) at only £40.

After the 31 December deadline, Weekend Tickets will be on sale at £45, with Friday Tickets at £15, Saturday Tickets at £30, and Sunday Tickets at £20.

For further information about the festival and the bands performing in March 2015, visit:

<http://www.bownessbayblues.co.uk/>

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT PREVIOUS BOWNESS BAY BLUES FESTIVALS:

'I was very impressed with the venues visited and the way the programme was tailored so that most artists could be seen over the weekend.'

'Just wanted to say what a brilliant weekend it was!!!'

'Enjoyable festival, with a varied, well-chosen programme' **Blues Matters Magazine**

'A thoroughly great weekend' **North West Evening Mail**