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SLIGO JAZZ PROJECT, INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL & JAZZ FESTIVAL

Funk may be the preacher but jazz is the teacher. And whether a learner or observer, the Sligo Jazz Project's faculty - its biggest ever, celebrating 20 years, in 2025 - sends a signed, sealed, delivered, message hand delivered person to person generation to generation, musician to musician.

Spanning a range of hand-picked Sligo venues, Sligo Jazz Project makes ample use of the town's superbly intimate Hawk's Well Theatre for some of its main concerts. This 1980s era theatre was named after the Yeats play *At the Hawk's Well* based on the stories of the warrior Cú Chulainn; it is set by a well, on a mountainside, guarded by a hawk-like woman.

Guest of honour in 2025, a returning guardian angel of sorts and veritable jazz warrior, is the great US bassist Rufus Reid who goes right back to the early years of the Sligo Jazz Project when he was invited by fellow bassist Eddie Lee to come to Ireland and travel into the west to Sligo.

Lee had written to him wittily, exhorting him to consider the invitation, the tale recounted in a 2019 Cormac Larkin Irish Times article. Eddie put it like this: "Dear Rufus, I know this is a long shot, but a silent priest never got a parish."

How could he refuse!

Artist in residence this year is Blue Note saxophonist, the charismatic Thelonious Monk International Jazz Saxophone Competition-winning Melissa Aldana from Chile.

Young Artist in Residence in 2025 is Irish saxophonist Matthew Halpin.

A further panoply of key jazz players drawn from a wide geographic spread gathers for the 20th in addition. These include both dear friends and an array of artists new to the festival. Innovative vibist Sasha Berliner, hard bop eminence trumpeter Freddie Hendrix, innovative pianist Pablo Held and the Freight Train drummer Paul Clarvis - whose work with traditional Irish band Dervish singer Cathy Jordan and pianist Liam Noble that spanned Irish trad, folk and jazz traditions toured widely - are in the sizable mix to name but a few.

22-27 July 2025

A draw, known far and wide, the festival attracts visitors and locals alike and is thought to be worth - a figure not to be sneezed at - an estimated half million euro to the local Sligo economy. Remarkably last year some 150 students from over 10 countries attended and the Project's internationalism is a significant factor in its enduring success.

Stephen Graham, marlbank.net

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• **BRIDGE STREET, SLIGO** •

9.30PM THURSDAY 24 JULY

LEE MEEHAN TRIO

Lee Meehan, guitar • Scott Flanigan, keyboards • Paul Clarvis, drums

TUESDAY 22 JULY

FREE ADMISSION UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

10am – 4pm Summer School at ATU Sligo

(See sligojazz.ie for schedule)

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The Lillies Session in partnership with The White Hag

First 20 people (over 18s) in the door each day get a pint of The White Hag Cold Lager - on the house!

4:30pm Lillies Cocktail Bar

Tom Ollendorff Trio

Tom Ollendorff, guitar

Steve Davis, drums

Conor Murray, bass

Born in London in 1992, Tom Ollendorff has emerged as one of jazz's most acclaimed young guitarists. A Royal Welsh College of Music graduate and 2015 Yamaha Parliamentary Jazz Scholar, he released his debut album *A Song for You* (2021) to international praise, followed by extensive touring across Europe's top jazz clubs and festivals. His 2023 album *Open House* (featuring saxophonist Ben Wendel) further solidified his reputation, blending virtuosic technique and harmonic sophistication. A sought-after sideman (Ari Hoenig, Tim Garland) and educator, Tom has taught at institutions worldwide and published *Etudes* (2022), a solo guitar book distributed globally. Known for his distinctive sound, he continues to shape the jazz guitar scene.



5pm Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby
SJP Jam Session

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TUESDAY 22 JULY



WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

Sligo Jazz Project Young Artist in Residence 2025

MATTHEW HALPIN SPILT MILK

8pm Hawk's Well Theatre

€25/€12.50 u18s

Booking: 071-9161518

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Matthew Halpin, saxophone
Pablo Held, piano
Oli Hayhurst, bass
Sun Mi Hong, drums
with special guests:
Veronika Morscher, voice
Sasha Berliner, vibraphone
Joseph Leighton, guitar
Michael Buckley, saxophone
Shannon Barnett, trombone



Young Artist in Residence, Dublin-born saxophonist and composer Matthew Halpin - who first attended Sligo Jazz aged 15 before becoming Ireland's only Berklee Presidential Scholar - now returns as a Vienna-based saxophone professor and rising European jazz star for a special reunion performance with members of the stellar 2025 faculty. Since 2013, Matthew has been composing on a regular basis for many of his own projects. His composition style is unique, distinctive and often braggadocious. Halpin's debut album "Agreements" was released in 2021 on Frutex Tracks and features the four Kit Downes, Hanno Busch, Sean Carpio and Sergio Martinez.

Matthew has performed at the Blue Note and Dizzy's Jazz Club in New York, WDR Jazz festival, Stadtgarten Cologne, Porgy & Bess, Vienna, the Panama Jazz Festival, the Monterrey Jazz Festival, the Newport Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz festival, the National Concert Hall of Ireland, the Galway Jazz Festival, Cork Jazz Festival, Katjazz Festival in Kathmandu, Nepal, the Berklee Performance Center and the Kennedy Center. He performs more frequently in bars, pubs and jazz clubs.

10pm (after show) Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby
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Lunchtime at the Well

1pm Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby

Ant Law & Brigitte Beraha

Ant Law, guitar

Brigitte Beraha, voice

British guitarist Ant Law, hailed as "a game changer" (The Guardian), blends jazz innovation with global influences, from Arabic music to Perfect 4ths tuning. His sixth album, Ensooneed (August 2024), collaborates with Milan-born vocalist Brigitte Beraha, whose multilingual roots shape her genre-defying sound.. Beraha, known for ethereal improvisation and electronic experimentation, has released five solo albums, including Blink (2022). Both artists push boundaries—Law through virtuosic ensembles, Beraha via vocal exploration—cementing their status as jazz visionaries.

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4:30pm Lillies Cocktail Bar

Emilia Martensson Quartet & guests

Emilia Martensson, voice

Paul Clarvis, drums

Conor Murray, bass

Ant Law, guitar

Emilia Mårtensson is an award-winning Swedish vocalist based in Berlin, celebrated for her haunting, ethereal voice and intimate storytelling. A standout in the UK jazz scene during the past decade, she won Vocalist of the Year at the 2016 Parliamentary Jazz Awards and a MOBO with Kairos 4tet. Her 2024 duo project with pianist Matt Robinson reimagines the piano-vocal format with fresh improvisation. Passionate about nurturing talent, she founded Beyond Vocals, a global platform for singers, offering workshops and summer retreats. "A voice of remarkable expressive depth" – Jazzwise.



5pm Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby
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WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

DOUBLE BILL

THE FREDDIE HENDRIX EXPERIENCE

SASHA BERLINER

8pm Hawk's Well Theatre

€25/€12.50 u18s

Booking: 071-9161518

www.hawkswell.com

Freddie Hendrix Experience

Freddie Hendrix, trumpet

Oli Hayhurst, bass

Sun-Mi Hong, drums

Scott Flanigan, piano

& guests:

Gareth Lockrane, flutes

Micheal Murray, alto saxophone

Paul Dunlea, trombone

Sasha Berliner

Sasha Berliner, vibraphone

Kush Abadey, drums

John Goldsby, bass

Pablo Held, piano



Three-time Grammy-winning trumpeter Freddie Hendrix is one of jazz's most dynamic and in-demand performers, known for his electrifying versatility across genres. A Teaneck, NJ native, he has shared stages with legends like Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and Christian McBride, while also shining as a composer and educator. With degrees from William Paterson and New Jersey City University, Hendrix has taught at Princeton, The New School, and abroad, and his global performances span 50 countries - including two White House appearances for President Obama. Whether leading his own groups or anchoring big bands, his powerful trumpet voice and 100+ recording credits make every performance unmissable.

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

Sasha Berliner, a San Francisco-born vibraphonist and composer, rose to prominence after studying with Stefon Harris at the New School. Her debut album *Azalea* (2019), blending jazz with electronic and political themes, earned critical acclaim, while her sophomore release *Onyx* (2022) topped charts and featured all-star collaborators. The first woman and youngest winner of DownBeat's "Rising Star - Vibraphone" award (2020), she has headlined major festivals (Newport, Montreal) and performs with icons like Christian McBride.

A professor at UC Irvine, her genre-defying third album *Fantome* was released to critical acclaim this year, solidifying her as a visionary in modern jazz.

sashaberlinermusic.com

Sasha Berliner's participation in Sligo Jazz Project 2025 is part of the Better Live Music programme. Better Live is a project co-funded by the European Creative programme of the European Union, and the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage from the Culture Promotion Fund.



9:30pm Shoot the Crows

Members of NoCrows

Acoustic Session with members of NoCrows & guests

One of Sligo's longest running sessions, running for twenty years this year and featuring members of folk/world music group NoCrows

10pm (after show) Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby
SJP Jam Session

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THURSDAY 24 JULY



10am – 4pm Summer School at ATU Sligo

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4:30pm Lillies Cocktail Bar

Gareth Lockrane Quintet featuring Michael Buckley

Gareth Lockrane, flutes
Michael Buckley, saxophones
Oli Hayhurst, bass
Sun Mi Hong, drums
Scott Flanigan, piano
& surprise guests

Gareth Lockrane is a virtuoso flutist whose dynamic career spans jazz, film scoring, and education. He has collaborated with icons like Quincy Jones, Bheki Mseleku, and the James Taylor Quartet. A prolific bandleader, his groups Grooveyard (MOJO's "Jazz Album of the Year") and his acclaimed big band showcase his cinematic, groove-driven compositions.

Saxophonist/flautist Michael Buckley, hailed as a child prodigy and now a cornerstone of Ireland's jazz scene, has performed with legends like Charles Mingus Dynasty, Kurt Rosenwinkel, and Glen Hansard, while also earning acclaim as a producer and composer.

5pm Ósta Café

Latin Jazz and Rumba

with **Felip Carbonell & Eddie McFarlane** and special guest

5pm Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby SJP Jam Session

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THURSDAY 24 JULY

Sligo Jazz Project 2025 Artist in Residence

MELISSA ALDANA QUARTET & GUESTS

8pm Hawk's Well Theatre

€25/€12.50 u18s

Booking: 071-9161518

www.hawkswell.com

Melissa Aldana, saxophones
Kush Abadey, drums
Pablo Held, piano
John Goldsby, bass



Sligo Jazz Project 2025 Artist in Residence, Chilean-born, Brooklyn-based saxophonist and composer Melissa Aldana, delivers a thrilling blend of fiery improvisation and lyrical depth, drawing from jazz, South American folk, and contemporary experimentation. A rising star praised for her 'bold, expressive sound' (DownBeat) and 'adventurous yet accessible' compositions (JazzTimes), Aldana leads a dynamic quartet through original works and reimagined classics. Don't miss this electrifying performance that bridges tradition and innovation with 'technical brilliance and raw emotion' (The New York City Jazz Record)."
Melissa is joined at the Hawks Well Theatre by bandmates, the extraordinary NYC-based drummer, Kush Abadey, German pianist Pablo Held, with John Goldsby on bass and expect a surprise guest or two from our stellar 2025 summer school faculty. melissaaldana.net

THURSDAY 24 JULY



9:30pm Fureys Bar

Lee Meehan Trio

Lee Meehan, guitar
Scott Flanigan, keyboards
Paul Clarvis, drums

Lee Meehan is a Dublin-based jazz/blues guitarist and vocalist who has been a dynamic force on Ireland's music scene for over 20 years. A Newpark Music Centre/DCU graduate, he has shared stages with top Irish and international artists at major venues and festivals, including Sligo Jazz, Cork Jazz, and Electric Picnic. His acclaimed 2023 debut album, *Some Of Us Are Looking At The Stars*, blends soulful originals with a fresh take on Tadd Dameron's "On a Misty Night," featuring an all-star Irish lineup. Praised by critics like Scott Yanow and named one of 2024's best jazz releases (*All About Jazz*), Meehan's star continues to rise as a performer, composer, and bandleader.



10pm (after show) Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby
SJP Jam Session

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FRIDAY 25 JULY



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10am – 4pm Summer School at ATU Sligo

(See sligojazz.ie for schedule)

2pm Lyons Café

Lee Meehan & Scott Flanigan

Lee Meehan, guitar
Scott Flanigan, keyboards

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4:30pm Lillies Cocktail Bar

Joseph Leighton Quartet

Joseph Leighton, guitar
Conor Murray, bass
Paul Clarvis, drums
Micheál Murray, saxophone

One of Ireland's brightest jazz talents, guitarist Joseph Leighton evolved from teenage rock prodigy in Derry to a dynamic jazz voice, mentored by greats like Jesse van Ruller, Mike Walker and Peter Bernstein. A sought-after sideman, he's toured from Vietnam to Jamaica (the latter reflecting his roots) and shared stages with UK sax legend Julian Siegel. Don't miss this quartet with the Murray twins, Conor & Micheál and first call drummer Paul Clarvis — a thrilling blend of energy and finesse.

5pm Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby SJP Jam Session

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5:30pm Thomas Connollys

The Old Market St Swing Band

Get a real taste of the legendary Sligo scene at this long running Friday session in Sligo's famous heritage pub. An evening of swing jazz with The Old Market Street Swing Band. One of Sligo's most popular sessions featuring a merry troupe led by a legend of the Sligo music scene Gerry Grennan.

Sligo Jazz Project Guest of Honour 2025

RUFUS REID IN CONCERT

8pm Hawk's Well Theatre

€25/€12.50 u18s

Booking: 071-9161518

www.hawkswell.com

Rufus Reid, bass
Kush Abadey, drums
Freddie Hendrix, trumpet
Pablo Held, piano
and special guests



Rufus Reid will appear in two special sets for this concert. Set 1 features the legendary bassist in intimate collaborations with faculty members in small ensemble configurations. Set 2 expands the scope with larger ensemble pieces, culminating in a rousing finale with the SJP Little Big Band.

One of jazz's true renaissance figures, Rufus Reid has shaped the music's evolution since the 1970s through his virtuosic bass playing, innovative compositions, and dedicated pedagogy. With over 500 recordings to his credit - including 25 as a leader and recent vinyl releases on Newvelle Records - his collaborators read like a who's who of jazz: Dexter Gordon, Stan Getz, Thad Jones, and Kenny Barron among them. His compositional reach extends from solo bass works to symphony orchestras, with his Grammy-nominated Quiet Pride project showcasing his large ensemble mastery.

Reid's educational impact matches his musical achievements. His seminal book *The Evolving Bassist* remains the gold standard for bass instruction, while his co-creation of William Paterson University's Jazz Studies program established one of the first accredited BM degrees in jazz. The recipient of prestigious honors including a Guggenheim Fellowship, Reid continues to push boundaries - truly living up to his moniker "The Evolving Bassist."

10pm (after show) Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby SJP Jam Session

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SATURDAY 26 JULY



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10am – 4pm Summer School at ATU Sligo

(See sligojazz.ie for schedule)

DOUBLE BILL

FRANCESCO TURRISI

SHANNON BARNETT
QUINTET

2pm Hawk's Well
Theatre

€25/€12.50 u18s

Booking: 071-9161518

www.hawkswell.com

Francesco Turrisi

piano, with special guests

Shannon Barnett Quintet

Shannon Barnett, trombone, voice

John Goldsby, bass

Pablo Held, piano

Sun Mi Hong, drums

Matthew Halpin, saxophone



A genre-defying multi-instrumentalist, Turrisi reimagines ancient melodies through jazz, early music, and global traditions. Hailed as "one of the most striking voices in European jazz" (All About Jazz), the Italian-born, Ireland-based artist has collaborated with icons like Bobby McFerrin, Rhiannon Giddens (winning a 2022 Grammy for their duo album), The Silk Road Ensemble, and Bill Frisell. From Baroque opera to Irish sean-nós, tarantella to flamenco, his work transcends borders. Leader of five acclaimed albums—including the "delicate, wistful" Northern Migrations—he blends Mediterranean, Arabic, and African diasporic sounds with fearless innovation. A true "polyglot" of music.

Shannon Barnett, an Australian trombonist, composer and vocalist, now based in Cologne, brings her dynamic versatility to the festival. From early work with Australia's jazz elite (The Bamboos, Andrea Keller Quartet) to New York collaborations (Darcy James Argue, Jon Faddis), she's forged a unique path. As a longtime member of Cologne's WDR Big Band, she's performed with jazz greats like Ron Carter and Maria Schneider. Her acclaimed quartet has released three albums (Hype, Bad Lover, Alive at Loft), blending sharp compositions with fiery improvisation. A 2020 WDR Jazz Prize and 2022 German Jazz Prize winner, Barnett also pushes boundaries with interdisciplinary projects (Dead Weight for musicians and Fitness Studio) and prepares her 2025 singer-songwriter debut. As Professor of Jazz Trombone at Cologne's Hochschule für Musik und Tanz, she shapes the next generation of jazz innovators.



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4:30pm Lillies Cocktail Bar

Quinner's North West Session!

A showcase of local jazz talent from the Northwest

Curated by the great curator of many magical events himself, Sligo's own Mr. Kieran Quinn. Expect emerging talent like BBC Young Jazz Musician finalist Nils Kavanagh, drummer Sam Purcell and bassist Brian Questa, all of whom attended Sligo Jazz Project as participants, seasoned pros like Sligo's amazing guitar man Mike "Mickey" Nielsen, and many others. Not to be missed!

5pm Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby

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SATURDAY 26 JULY



SJP ALL-STARS

8pm Hawk's Well Theatre €25/€12.50 u18s

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An electrifying revue showcasing the phenomenal talent of the amazing 2025 Sligo Jazz project faculty, led by Guest of Honour Rufus Reid and Artist in Residence Melissa Aldana.

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Micheal Murray (IE)
Michael Buckley (IE)
Fraser Gaine (IE)
Flute Gareth Lockrane (UK)
Trumpet Freddie Hendrix (USA)
Linley Hamilton (NI)
Trombone Paul Dunlea (IE)
Shannon Barnett (AU/DE)
Vibraphone Sasha Berliner (USA)
Drums/ Kush Abadey (USA)
Percussion Sun Mi Hong (KOR/NED)
Paul Clarvis (UK)
Stephen Davis (NI)

Voice Veronika Morscher (AUT)
Brigitte Beraha (UK)
Emilia Martensson (AU/UK)
Guitar Ant Law (UK)
Dr Mike Nielsen (IE)
Tom Ollendorff (UK)
Joseph Leighton (NI)
Piano Pablo Held (DE)
Dr Scott Flanigan (NI)
Nils Kavanagh (IE)
Kieran Quinn (IE)
Francesco Turrisi
Bass John Goldsby (USA/DE)
Oli Hayhurst (UK)
GUEST OF HONOUR
Rufus Reid (USA)
Conor Murray (IE)
Violin Oleg Ponomarev (IE)

Full biogs on our faculty pages
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9.30pm Lillies Cocktail Bar
Lee Meehan & Friends

10pm (after show) Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby
SJP Jam Session

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SUNDAY 27 JULY

20TH BIRTHDAY SJP BIG BASH 2025

12 noon Hawk's Well Theatre



Witness the explosive finale of our summer school—a non-stop jazz marathon showcasing dazzling global talent, honed all week!

SUNDAY 27 JULY



VOICES OF SJP 2025

7pm Hawk's Well Theatre

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Emilia Martensson

Brigitte Beraha

Veronica Morscher

and guests



A stunning finale to the week! Sligo Jazz Project's phenomenal vocal faculty—Emilia Mårtensson, Brigitte Beraha, and Veronika Morscher — unite for an unforgettable evening of genre-defying harmonies, improvisation, and soulful collaborations. Don't miss this celebration of vocal jazz at its most inventive!

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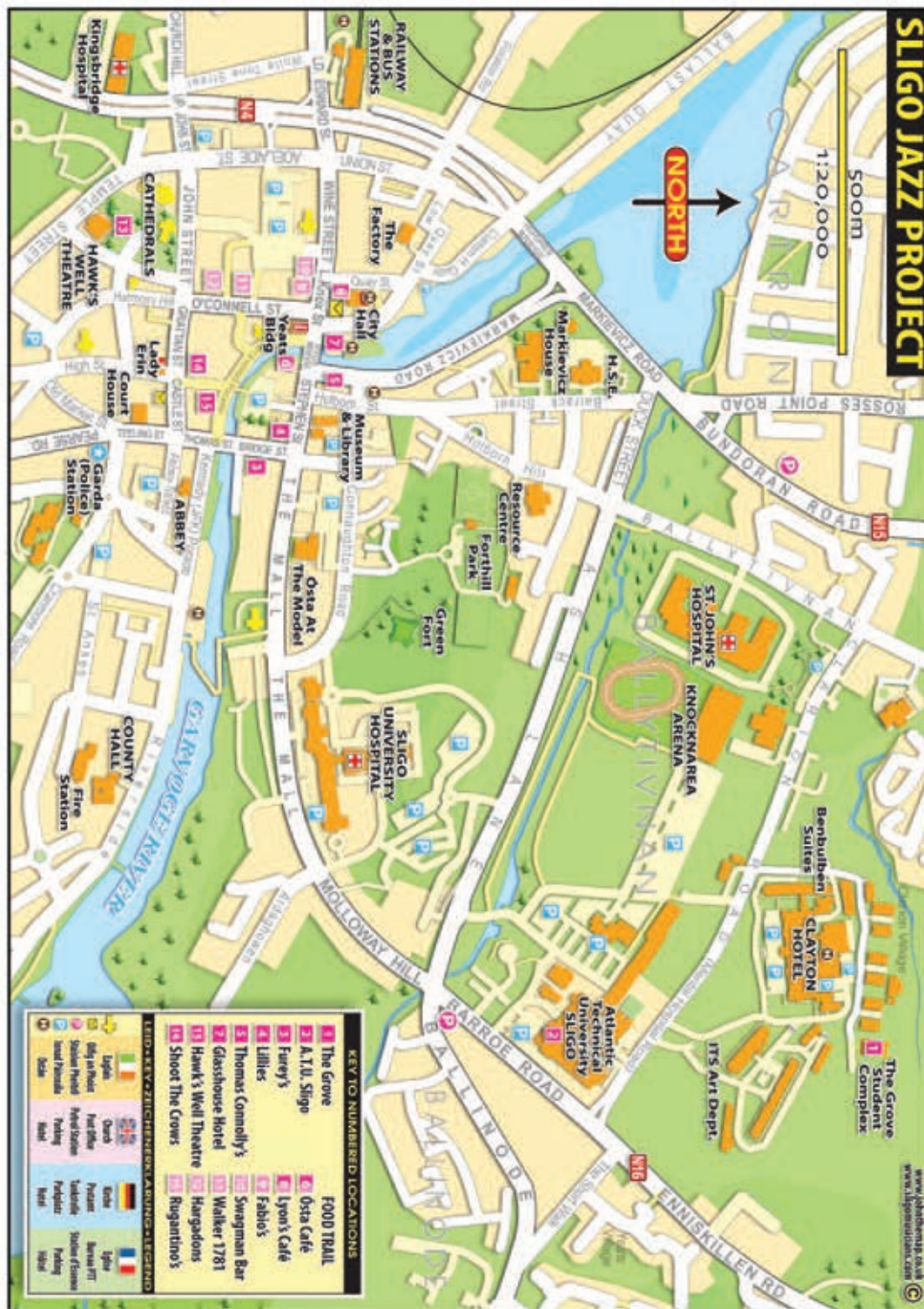
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TUESDAY 22 JULY

4.30pm	Festival Launch - Tom Ollendorff Trio	Lillies Cocktail Bar	FREE
5pm	Early Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE
8pm	Matthew Halpin - Spilt Milk	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s
10pm	Festival Club Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

1pm	Ant Law & Brigitte Beraha	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE
4.30pm	Emilia Martensson Quartet & guests	Lillies Cocktail Bar	FREE
5pm	Early Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE
8pm	The Freddie Hendrix Experience & Sasha Berliner	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s
9.30pm	Members of NoCrows & Guests	Shoot the Crows	FREE
10pm	Festival Club Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE

THURSDAY 24 JULY

4.30pm	Gareth Lockrane/Michael Buckley	Lillies Cocktail Bar	FREE
5pm	Latin Jazz and Rumba	Osta	FREE
5pm	Early Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE
8pm	SJP 2025 Artist in Residence Melissa Aldana Quartet & Guests	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s
9.30pm	Lee Meehan Trio	Fureys Bar	FREE
10pm	Festival Club Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE

FRIDAY 25 JULY

2pm	Lee Meehan & Scott Flanigan	Lyons Café	FREE
4.30pm	Joseph Leighton Quartet	Lillies Cocktail Bar	FREE
5pm	Early Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE
5.30pm	Old Market Street Swing Band	Thomas Connolly	FREE
8pm	SJP Guest of Honour 2025 Rufus Reid in Concert	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s
10pm	Festival Club Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE

SATURDAY 26 JULY

2pm	Double Bill: Francesco Turrisi & Shannon Barnett Quintet	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s
4.30pm	Quinner's North West Session!	Lillies Cocktail Bar	FREE
5pm	Early Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE
8pm	SJP All Stars	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s
9.30pm	Lee Meehan & Friends	Lillies Cocktail Bar	FREE
10pm	Festival Club Jam Session	Hawk's Well Theatre Lobby	FREE

SUNDAY 27 JULY

12noon	SJP 20th Birthday Big Bash	Hawk's Well Theatre	FREE
7pm	Voices of SJP 2025	Hawk's Well Theatre	€25/€12.50 u18s

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Child Safeguarding Team: Therese O'Loughlin (Designated Liaison Person), Child Safety Officers Jane Paul, Siobhan O'Farrell, Jeanette Towey, Sandra Furlong.

Production Management/ Summer School
Production Team: Aneta Moran, Tony Travers, Ruari Hanley, John Sharkey
Videography: Ita Callagy, Kris Manulak
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Sound: Ray Duffy, Vinnie Higgins, James McManus, Ruari Hanley
Mimi Lee (the real boss of SJP)
Colm & Nick O'Sullivan & Sinead Kelly
Mhairi & the Gaine family

All at ATU Sligo, who take such good care of us each year.

Des Faul and his O'Hehir's ATU team

Hawk's Well Theatre director Kieran Griffiths and his amazing team who put so much energy and experience into making our event run smoothly every year.

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All the amazing musicians who come to our summer school every year and create the unique atmosphere that is Sligo Jazz Project!

All of our fantastic volunteers!

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SJP board, 2025:

Eddie Lee, Therese O'Loughlin, Norman Pugh, John Sharkey, Dr. Mike Nielsen, Sean Boni, Eunan McKinney, Ita Callagy.

This programme is dedicated to the memory of a Sligo jazz great, Paraic Potter RIP



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LILLIES SESSIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WHITE HAG – 4:30PM

BE ONE OF THE FIRST 20 THROUGH THE DOOR EACH DAY
AND WE'LL TREAT YOU TO A FREE PINT ON US.



TUESDAY 22: Tom Ollendorff Trio
– UK Rising Star of jazz guitar

WEDNESDAY 23: Emilia
Martensson Quartet –
Award-winning Swedish vocalist

THURSDAY 24: Gareth Lockrane
Sextet feat. Michael Buckley –
MOJO Award-winning flautist &
Irish saxophone phenom

FRIDAY 25: Joseph Leighton
Quartet – Derry-born rising star
of the London jazz scene

SATURDAY 26: Quinner's North
West Session! – Kieran Quinn
curates the best of the North
West with special Sligo jazz
family vibes!

