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THE TENT PEOPLE

2022

Festival Sessions

2nd - 4th September

A community festival of music, dancing, performance and well-being

Festival Sessions

The Tent People bring you, for the first time, The Festival Sessions!

A full and varied community arts programme for everyone to enjoy. Over one weekend, of 2nd - 4th September, we open up our site to a maximum of five-hundred people to experience a range of sessional events. Thanks to funding from Arts Council England and the National Lottery we are bringing you quality artists, a session for local talent and a natural installation for the site as well as DJ's Drag and Cabaret, experimental work and a few surprises...

The Festival Sessions takes place in Hayfield, High Peak in a giant stretch tent with glorious views of Kinder Scout. We aim to celebrate the great outdoors, whilst showcasing a range of artists that you might not usually expect to see perform in the hills....

LAUNCH NIGHT

Friday - September 2nd

CABARET DRAG & VOGUE

From Manchester to the Sett Valley Trail, we bring you the BIGGEST, shiniest, most fabulous night the hills have ever seen!

Bringing the party to the tent, we welcome the amazing GHETTO FABULOUS... MC and dancer Darren Prichard with vogue performers and House DJ - an arts company whose main aim is to spread Queer JOY. Through all the work Ghetto Fabulous does whether it is theatre, dance, visual arts they want to excite, entertain and bring the PARTY!

MISS CHIEF open our launch night with live music, lipsync, glamour and drag! This collective, queer centric, trans run Cabaret pop up originated in the heart of Manchester.... get ready to be entertained and join us for a little Misschief!

Wear whatever makes you feel fabulous!

FAMILY

Saturday - September 3rd

This special event for families is bursting at the seams with amazing artists, musicians and performers!

TALES TRAILS & TURNTABLES

IVAN CAMPO English indie folk trio Ben, Adam, and Will, have been writing, recording, and performing together since they met at University. Their sound can be described as light and uplifting combining guitar hooks and sweeping vocals. They have released ten albums and music has featured on Radio 6, and in the TV series 'Skins'.

PETER CHAND Award-winning international Storyteller, Peter will be guiding you through wonder-filled story walks in beautiful surroundings for all the family. With a trail full of magic, wonder, and silliness - all told in Peter's unique and energetic style, with magic shoes.

GEORGE ORANGE is a clown, circus performer and outdoor theatre maker. At the Festival Sessions they will be performing the show 'Man on the Moon', featuring a giant crescent moon that George will perform with.

CREATIVE DJ SCHOOL Get involved with this exciting DJ experience. Learn fundamental DJ skills while you perform to an audience. This is a real time workshop with tutor support throughout. All you need is enthusiasm to give it a go!

DANCE PARTY

Saturday - September 3rd

From world fusions to techno, house and drum n bass – a dance party not to be missed with a world class Techno Ceilidh.....

DJs IN THE TENT

DAWN RAID

Dawn Raid's DJ set can simply be referred to as straight up dancefloor, with a musical edge! This is due to all the artists in the collective having a shared experience in DJ/MC performance and production spanning the past 15 years from jungle as it was back in the mid 90's, to its present day drum & bass format.

DJ EMMA CLAIR

DJ & Producer, Emma Clair's set will feature feel good vintage inspired house music married with infectious piano hooks, jackin' grooves and sounds from around the world. Emma has released on some of the most reputable dance music labels across multiple genres including Dirty Volt Music, Electro Swing Thing, Freshly Squeezed Music, Prohibition and most recently Trax Recordings which saw her debut House release land inside the Beatport Top 30.

DJ ELSIE & TECHNO CÈILIDH

Nobody really knows where DJ Elsie came from, but legend has it that she emerged from the sea as a lump of granite off the West Coast of Scotland. Join us for this extraordinary event where we attempt the world's biggest Techno Ceilidh!

BEKEK

BEKEK fine-tuned their passion and skill for electronic music and world fusions during the great lockdown of 2020/21. Belek has been performing at Tent People pop up events during Spring/Summer 2022 and will be opening the Festival Sessions Dance Party with funky house, electronic grooves and world music infusions.

ZEN

Sunday - September 4th

CHILLED VIBES

THE BREATH CONNECTION

Start the session with some dynamic breathwork guided by Sam and Miranda at The Breath Connection. The Breath Connection is all about bringing back your zest for life. They work with you to combat those stress levels and to help you feel more grounded and at peace from the inside out.

SOUND HEALING WITH CARRIE

During this session, Carrie will use gongs and singing bowls to create a soundscape that will take you on a relaxing and meditative journey, leaving you calm, focussed and thoroughly relaxed.

RESORATIVE YOGA WITH ALEX

Alex has been teaching yoga for six years and has been a key person in getting the Festival Sessions Zen Tent together! Alex will expertly guide you through the whole Zen Tent Experience as well as leading a restorative yoga practice following the sound healing.

SHAKE THE DUST WITH SALLY

During this session you will experience movement practice set to music, starting with a grounding, slow and restorative vibe and moving into dancing, intuitive movement and allowing the body to lead. This class is designed for anyone and for all levels, and invites you into the body, heart and mind, guiding you to explore the flow state, playing with form and formlessness, and connecting to the present moment through breath.

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY

LAUNCH - CABARET, DRAG & VOGUE

18:00 - 20:00 MISS CHIEF
20:00 - 23:00 GHETTO FABULOUS

SATURDAY

FAMILY - TALES, TRAILS & TURNTABLES

13:00 - 14:00 GEORGE ORANGE
14:00 - 15:00 IVAN CAMPO
15:00 - 16:00 PETER CHAND
16:00 - 17:00 DJ IAN - CREATIVE DJ SCHOOL

DANCE PARTY - DJs IN THE TENT

18:30 - 19:30 BELEK
19:30 - 21:00 DJ ELSIE & TECHNO CEILIDH
21:00 - 22:00 DJ EMMA CLAIR
22:00 - 23:00 DAWN RAID

& WHEN

SUNDAY

ZEN - CHILLED VIBE

10:30 - 11:00 THE BREATH CONNECTION
11:00 - 11:45 SOUND HEALING WITH CARRIE
11:45 - 12:20 HIGH PEAK YOGA
12:20 - 13:00 SHAKE THE DUST

INTRODUCING STAGE - LOCAL ARTISTS

14:00 - 14:25 CHARLIE MORITZ
14:30 - 14:55 RUM BABA
15:00 - 15:25 ISAAC NEILSON
15:30 - 15:55 JO GRACE
16:00 - 16:25 WONDER FOXES
16:30 - 17:00 PEAK LOW
17:15 - 18:00 SLEEP WALKING ANIMALS

EXPERIMENTAL

19:00 - 22:00 AS BELOW SO ABOVE

*programme and timings may be subject to change

INTRODUCING STAGE

Sunday - September 4th

Musicians of the High Peak and beyond take to the stage

LOCAL ARTISTS

SLEEP WALKING ANIMALS Bonded by a deep sense of brotherhood, which penetrates through their music, recording ethic, and live shows in an almost punkish demeanour. SWA cross swords with the likes of Fleet Foxes, Talking Heads and Fleetwood Mac, in a melee of evocative folk and progressive rock. Their lyrics etcho a bygone era yet are moulded by the zeitgeist and are underscored by almost filmic compositions.

PEAK LOW is a one-man operation from the High Peak, capable of creating a grand and magnetic sound. Think M83 and The Killers combined, and you start to get an idea of the anthemic feel. Already firmly on the radar of Huw Stephens, Steve Lamacq and Tom Robinson, to mention a few, PEAK LOW's stately indie rock exudes fortitude, and above all...it's catchy as hell!

WONDER FOXES An Acoustic folk duo from Hayfield in the Peak District. With original singer/songwriter stories for the inquisitive mind and tired soul, designed to melt the heart and wiggle the hips of the weary soul!

JO GRACE With influences using Jazz vocals like Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Triphop such as Massive Attack, 80s/90s Nu soul and various Dance Music styles.

ISAAC NEILSON cut his teeth in studios, working with a multitude of talented artists, before slowly unravelling the mythical craft of songwriting. Now he's striking out on his own path following the elusive tracks of the indie rock n roll saga.

RUM BABA Four-part vocal harmony band from Glossop. Best described as swing music in the 'boogie-woogie' style of the Andrews Sisters, also dabbling in a range of genres to include folk, gospel and the odd sea shanty.

CHARLIE MORITZ all the way from far-flung Chinley. Charlie sits in the kitchen of a one-time cafe, now his house, cooking up fresh songs and tunes. Light-hearted, moody, funny, serious, sad- Charlie can be all of these - and so can his music which revolves around some mean, finger-style guitar.

With huge thanks to Conscious Music
Local record label and partners for the Introducing Stage

EXPERIMENTAL

Sunday - September 4th

AS BELOW SO ABOVE

An abstract, experimental journey through growth, decay, and the interconnections of the underworld and life on earth above it.

Commissioned by The Tent People for Festival Sessions 2022
and curated by musician and artist Richard Knox.

As Below So Above is an audio and visual installation that explores the connections between the complex and fascinating networks that control the underground and the similarities and consequences of human behaviour living above it. The cyclical nature of this work provides a framework for experimentation, for themes to return and for the infinite possibilities of the natural world to unravel.

A three hour immersive installation featuring a constantly evolving live soundtrack performed by Richard Knox, Claire Knox and Luke Bhatia alongside an experimental film by Owain Paciuszko. The tent will be transformed into a cocoon of light and sound and will also feature specially created fabric hangings by designer and printmaker Lauren Riley.

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FOOD & DRINK ONSITE

PIZZA TENT

Open All Weekend

Sourdough pizza bases, hand stretched in Italy and cooked on our pizza stones, fresh to order. Serving in Hayfield since 2021, our pizzas have been complimented far and wide for their great base and generous toppings, not to mention our highly skilled chefs.

THAI FOOD TENT

Open All Weekend

The Thai Food Van, a family business serving up authentic delicious Thai Food, enjoy handmade starters, a range of aromatic Thai curries and our special Pad Kra Pow stir fry. All our food is made using our own signature family recipes, you won't find any other Thai food like ours!

THE LOUNGE

Open 13:00 - 23:00 (from 18:00 on Friday)

In partnership with The Bottle Store, Glossop, we bring you 'The Lounge'. A tent to relax in, take the weight off, and enjoy a lovely mix of your favourite spirit tipple.

BAR & SNACKS

Open All Weekend

A full bar serving delicious beers and pilsner from over the hill in the distance (Distant Hills Brewery) as well as High Peak Cider made from apples from the local area. Wines, fizz, soft drinks and bar snacks are also available.

ICE CREAM

All the way from New Mills, we'll be serving a range of delicious flavours churned and potted by Ginge and Co!

Meals from £8.00 Pints from £5

LOCATION & TRAVEL

We strongly advise walking, cycling or public transport to get to the festival. Get the train to New Mills Central and the 358 bus to Hayfield. It's then a short walk down the Sett Valley Trail.

From Glossop, take the number 60 bus and pre-book taxis for the return journey.

The Festival Sessions is only accessible on foot only – No vehicle access. The closest parking is at the Sett Valley Car Park which is a five-minute walk down the Sett Valley Trail.

Please get in touch if you have specific access requirements: info@thetentpeople.co.uk

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Steven – Glossop Creates
Shelly & Owen – The Bottle Store
Alex – Yoga in the High Peak
Paul - Conscious Music
Arts Council England

We are a social enterprise that celebrates the great outdoors and use our amazing tents in our natural surroundings as space to create, learn and have fun.

We have a base in the High Peak that becomes a tented community arts and education space for up to four weeks per year where we run employee well being days, leadership training programmes, retreats and community events as well as local art and heritage based projects.

We work with businesses, charities and community groups to develop and run special projects and events in our beautiful movable venues, complete with hospitality and artistic programme.

The Festival Sessions is our flagship annual event and we are thrilled to welcome you all down to Tent People HQ!

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