

BARBICAN ANNOUNCES RICHARD DAWSON PERFORMANCE FOR MAY 2023

Richard Dawson
Fri 5 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm
Tickets from £20

Celebrated Northumbrian song maker and one-of-a-kind live performer **Richard Dawson** returns to the Barbican on **Friday 5 May 2023**, playing tracks from his latest album *The Ruby Cord* — a sonic dive into the wonders and horrors of a future world rooted in augmented reality.

His seventh studio album, *The Ruby Cord* follows on from his state-of-the-nation opus *2020*, which was hailed by many as a masterpiece and *Henki*, a collaboration with Finnish metal group Circle. Written between 2019 and 2021, the lyrics were conceived throughout the various Covid-19 lockdowns, as the side effects of isolation and state-imposed inwardness affected millions around the world.

The resulting record is seven tracks that plunge us into a fantastic, sometimes sinister future where social mores have mutated and ethical and physical boundaries have evaporated.

“So many of us are moving into these fantasy worlds... Whether it's actual constructed virtual realities, computer worlds, or retreating into even more fantastical realms, conspiracy theories, nationalism, amateur football punditry. People construct their own world because this one is so flawed.” — Richard Dawson

Domino will release *The Ruby Cord* on November 18, 2022.

Produced by the Barbican in association with Upset the Rhythm.

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COMING UP SOON

- **Aoife O'Donovan + Donovan Woods** ([Wed 2 Nov 2022, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival: International Anthem presents: CHICAGO X LONDON** ([Sat 12 Nov 2022, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival: Henry Threadgill's Zoid and Anthony Braxton** ([Sun 13 Nov 2022, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival: MoodSwing: Joshua Redman, Brad Mehldau, Christian McBride and Brian Blade** ([Mon 14 Nov 2022, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival: Ankata Niogonfé: A night of Mande music and folklore / Yahael Camara Onono** ([Tue 15 Nov 2022, Milton Court, 7.30pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival: Yahael Camara Onono: Masterclass** ([Wed 16 Nov, Milton Court Concert Hall, 2pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival 2022: Matana Roberts: Coin Coin Chapter Four: Memphis & band + Slauson Malone 1** ([Thu 17 Nov 2022, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **EFG London Jazz Festival: Mark Kavuma presents Banger Factory Records** ([Fri 18 Nov, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **The Staves** ([Tue 22 Nov, Barbican Hall, 8pm and Sat 3 Dec, 7:30pm](#))
- **Julia Holter: The Passion of Joan Arc** ([Fri 25 Nov 2022, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Lotic: Water** ([Sun 27 Nov 2022, Milton Court Concert Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Sō Percussion with Caroline Shaw** ([Sun 4 Dec 2022, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Seven Septets** ([Tue 6 Dec 2022, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))

- **Dillon** ([Sat 10 Dec 2022, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Yazz Ahmed, with Emel and Rabih Abou-Khalil: An evening of contemporary Arabic music** ([Tue 13 Dec 2022, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))

PLUS

- **Silent Film and Live Music: People on Sunday (PG) with live music by Haiku Salut & Meg Morley** ([Sun 6 Nov, Barbican Cinema 1, 3pm](#))

COMING UP IN 2023

- **Lucinda Williams** ([Sat 21 Jan 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Kayhan Kalhor + Erdal Erzincan** ([Sat 21 Jan 2023, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **The Hermes Experiment & Shiva Feshareki** ([Thu 26 Jan 2023, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Eliza & Martin Carthy + The Restitution with special guests** ([Sat 4 Feb 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Jerusalem Orchestra East & West** ([Sun 5 Feb, 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **The End of the World ft. Lubomyr Melnyk, Julia Kent, Shards + Spime.Im** ([Sat 11 Feb 2023, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Roopa Panesar** ([Sat 18 Feb 2023, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Arcadia Live: Will Gregory + Adrian Utley** ([Sat 4 Mar 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Devonté Hynes + London Symphony Orchestra** ([Sun 19 Mar 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Kaushiki Chakraborty** ([Sat 1 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Xerrox Selected: s t a r g a z e + Alva Noto** ([Wed 26 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Aldous Harding** ([Fri 28 – Sat 29 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Novo Amor + Jemima Coulter** ([Sun 30 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Lankum** ([Thu 4 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- **Musics from Summerisle / The Wicker Man – featuring Magnet, Gazelle Twin & Alasdair Roberts** ([Sat 24 Jun 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** ([Sun 19 Jul 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))

COMING UP IN 2024

- **Erland Cooper: Carve the Runes Then Be Content With Silence** ([Sat 8 Jun 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Nils Frahm – *Music For London*** ([Thu 11 – Sun 14 July 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

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