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## EFG London Jazz Festival – Barbican announces *Take Me To The River: A Celebration of New Orleans Music*



Alongside previously announced acts, and with more new performances in the Barbican Hall and on the Barbican's FreeStage still to come in further announcements, the Barbican today announces a celebration of New Orleans music. *Take Me To The River* will take place on the penultimate night of the long-running annual jazz festival, which is produced with Barbican Associate Producer Serious.

**Take Me To The River: A Celebration of New Orleans Music**  
**Saturday 23 November, 7:30pm**  
**Barbican Hall**  
**Tickets from £25 plus booking fee**

GRAMMY Award-winning project *Take Me To The River* brings a celebration of the musical legacy of New Orleans and Memphis to the Barbican - part of this year's EFG London Jazz Festival from Friday 15 – Sunday 24 November 2024.

*Take Me To The River* is a multi-disciplinary project shining a light, through live performance, film and educational programmes, on the cultural impact of music from these two musically historic cities. It also showcases some of the best contemporary musical talent from New Orleans.

The Barbican concert will featuring **Cyril** and **Omari** of the legendary **Neville** family on vocals and percussion, alongside some of the most influential figures in New Orleans funk, R&B, soul and jazz, including **Jon Cleary** (vocals, piano), **Big Chief Bo Dollis Jr.** (vocals), **Anjelika "Jelly" Joseph** (vocals), **Ian Neville** (guitar), **Robert Mercurio** (bass), **Joe Ashlar** (keys) and **Martin Shore** (percussion and MC) alongside London-based horn players on the penultimate day of the annual jazz festival.

Produced by the Barbican in association with Serious  
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#### EFG London Jazz Festival 2024 performances at the Barbican announced to date:

- **Pat Metheny: Dream Box** ([Fri 15 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Pat Metheny: Dream Box** ([Sat 16 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Anouar Brahem Quartet** ([Sun 17 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Charles Tolliver celebrates Max Roach @ 100** ([Mon 18 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Tim Garland's Lighthouse Trio and Britten Sinfonia** ([Tues 19 Nov 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **London Symphony Orchestra x seed. featuring Cassie Kinoshi** ([Thurs 21 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7pm](#))
- **Cross Currents Trio: Zakir Hussain, Dave Holland, Chris Potter** ([Fri 22 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Marilyn Mazur's Shamania** ([Fri 22 Nov 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **NEW - Take Me To The River: A Celebration of New Orleans Music** ([Sat 23 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Sikelela, 30 years on... A celebration of the South African jazz tradition and avant garde** ([Sun 24 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))

#### BARBICAN PROMOTIONS COMING UP IN 2024

- **Whiplash – In Concert** ([Thu 4 July 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Nils Frahm – Music For London** ([Thu 11 – Sun 14 Jul 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm + matinee performance Sat-Sun 13-14 Jul 2024, 3pm](#))
- **OrchestRAVE presents 15 years of UK: An Orchestral Celebration of Bass Music** ([Sat 20 Jul 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Margareth Menezes & Ilê Aiyê** ([Fri 26 Jul 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Jamz Supernova: Future Bounce** ([Fri 9 Aug 2024, Level G, 11pm](#))
- **The Magnetic Fields perform 69 Love Songs** ([Sat 31 Aug & Sun 1 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Cornelius** ([Fri 6 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Dawn Landes & Friends perform The Liberated Woman's Songbook** ([Sat 7 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Gruff Rhys** ([Fri 13 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

- Philip Glass Ensemble – Early Works: 1973-1984 (Sat 28 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 730pm)
- Jaubi with Tara Lily (Sun 29 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 730pm)
- Billie Marten & Her Ensemble (Fri 4 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- Efterklang + Titanic (Sat 5 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm)
- Nala Sinéphro (Fri 18 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm)
- Caroline Rose (Sat 19 Oct 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm)
- Oysterband and June Tabor (Sat 19 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- EFG LJF: Pat Metheny – Dream Box (Fri/Sat 15-16 Nov 2024, 7.30pm)
- EFG LJF: Anouar Brahem Quartet (Sun 17 Nov 2024, 730pm)
- EFG LJF: Charles Tolliver celebrates Max Roach @ 100 (Mon 18 Nov 2024, 7.30pm)
- EFG LJF: Tim Garland’s Lighthouse Trio and Britten Sinfonia (Tue 19 Nov 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm)
- EFG LJF: LSO x seed. Feat. Cassie Kinoshi (Thu 21 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7pm)
- EFG LJF: Marilyn Mazur’s Shamania (Fri 22 Nov 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm)
- EFG LJF: Cross Currents Trio: Zakir Hussain, Dave Holland, Chris Potter (Fri 22 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm)
- **NEW** - EFG LJF: Take Me To The River: A Celebration of New Orleans Music (Sat 23 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm)
- EFG LJF: Sikelela, 30 years on... (Sun 24 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm)
- Gotts Street Park (Tue 26 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Desert Slide (Sat 30 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- Dur Dur Band (Thurs 5 Dec 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- Lisa O’Neill with Britten Sinfonia (Wed 11 Dec 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm)

#### **BARBICAN PROMOTIONS COMING UP IN 2025**

- Lloyd Cole (Sat 25 Jan 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- Roo Panes and The Delphi Quartet (Sat 1 Feb 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm)
- Maria Schneider + Oslo Jazz Ensemble (Sun 2 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm)

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We are an international arts and events centre rooted firmly in our own neighbourhood, collaborating with local communities and putting the City of London on the map as a destination for everybody. Central to our purpose is supporting emerging talent and shaping opportunities that will accelerate the next generation of creatives.

As a not-for-profit, we rely on the generosity of individuals and organisations, including our principal funder the City of London Corporation. Every ticket purchased, donation made, and pound earned supports our arts and learning programme and enables the widest possible range of people to experience the joy of the arts.

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