

PRESS RELEASE

Sounds of summer in Northampton town centre this Saturday

10th May 2016 – Visitors to Northampton town centre this Saturday can enjoy reggae and soul inspired music, belly dancing and more with the next Northampton Town Centre BID ‘Discover Northampton Live’ day.

Three stages will light up the vibrant Gold Street area of Northampton, positioned outside Jenny’s Restaurant, Millennium Pizza and in the Gold Street Mews shopping arcade. An eclectic variety of street entertainers will be performing in 20-minute slots, scheduled from 11am to 3pm.

Performers will include Enne, a singer/songwriter/poet presenting a summery blend of reggae, soul, R&B, jazz and blues traditions, all backed up by her elegant ukulele, as well as Northampton belly dance teacher Fulya and her students. Matt McGuinness of acoustic five-piece Karl & the Marx Brothers has delighted audiences at previous Discover Northampton Live events and is thrilled to be returning, while Scott Greensmith of rock ‘n’ roll band Lucille will be performing 1950s-inspired favourites.

‘Discover Northampton Live’ has been organised by Northampton Town Centre BID to encourage more visitors into the town centre and celebrate the diverse areas that make it special. ‘Discover Northampton Live’ will take place on the second Saturday of every month until October, and will focus on celebrating local talent too.

Jessica D’Aulerio, Chair of Northampton Town Centre BID, said: “Summer really is on its way and we’ve got our fingers crossed for more sunshine this Saturday. The Gold Street area is one of the most diverse parts of our town centre and that will be reflected in this eclectic line-up. We’re looking forward to another fun and vibrant day of Discover Northampton Live street entertainment.”

Discover Northampton Live, Saturday 14th May: line-up

Enne: singer/songwriter/poet

Enne delights audiences with one of the most varied vocal ranges around. She performs a unique blend of reggae and soul, which also draws inspiration from R&B, jazz and blues traditions. The elegant melodies of the ukulele add to this quirky performer’s sound, creating unique islandy tones and Caribbean beats.

Fulya – belly dancer (and students)

Fulya has been teaching belly dancing for 16 years, and runs classes in both belly dancing and burlesque in Northampton town centre. See www.kookieaftan.co.uk for class details.

Matt McGuinness of Karl and The Marx Brothers – singer-songwriter

Indie-folk sounds from one fifth of the acoustic band that has lit up stages at previous Discover Northampton Live events.

Scott Greensmith of Lucille – singer-songwriter

Rock 'n' roll inspired music by the lead singer and guitarists from 1950s influenced band Lucille.

Anyone interested in performing at a Discover Northampton Live event, or local businesses, community and educational organisations looking to get involved should email info@northamptonbid.co.uk.

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