

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Arts and Heritage Committee - 21 May 2001

REPORT ON: Dundee Jazz Festival 2001 Grant

REPORT BY: Director of Arts and Heritage

REPORT NO: 308-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to award a grant to Assembly Direct towards the cost of programming Dundee Jazz Festival - which will take place from Monday 21 May to Sunday 27 May 2001.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee authorises the payment of the grant of £4750.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Arts and Heritage financial contribution to Dundee Jazz Festival is through Assembly Direct the agency that organises and delivers the Festival. The grant of £4,750 can be met from the Arts and Heritage Department's 2001/2002 revenue budget. The Dundee Jazz Festival is also supported by Music Plus which is a Scottish Arts Council's Lottery Project managed by the Arts and Heritage Department.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Dundee Jazz Festival makes a significant contribution to the Local Agenda theme "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available for all".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Dundee Jazz Festival covers a wide range of jazz influences and is available to all sections of the community and includes community workshops and performance and a free lunch time concert.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The Dundee Jazz Festival aims to build on the successes of the last five years and is now enhanced with the support and guidance of Music Plus, the Scottish Arts Council Lottery funded project managed by the Arts and Heritage Department. The festival is presented by Assembly Direct in association with Dundee Rep.

6.2 The programme includes:

- Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band The East Coast Jazzmen with Fionna Duncan play at The Rep at 8.00pm on Monday 21 May, celebrating his 80th birthday, Humph delivers a night of vintage mainstream jazz featuring the music of Ellington, Basie, Bechet, Goodman and Armstrong.
- Hue and Cry, the popstars with the blue-notes, perform at the Rep on Tuesday 22 May at 8.00pm.
- Ella Fitzgerald Songbook at the Rep on Wednesday 23 May at 8.00pm, Lee Gibson, Barbara Jay, Tina May and Tommy Whittle Quartet pay tribute.
- Evan Parker plays at McManus Galleries on Thursday 24 May at 8.00pm, Saxophonist Evan Parker is one of the most original musicians alive, a virtuoso who has invented his own musical language.
- Jazz Pianists, Jessica Williams, Brian Kellock, David Berkman perform at The Rep on Friday 25 May at 7.30pm, three solo pianists each with their own distinctive style, but all giants of the instrument.
- Mafia/Blues 'N' Trouble perform at The Rep on Friday 25 May at 10.30pm, a late night double bill of hard driving blues and soul.
- Eddie Palmieri and his Salsa Orchestra perform at The Rep on Saturday 26 May at 8.00pm, in this exclusive Scottish concert, his remarkable orchestra play a breathtaking fusion of salsa, bomba, son, montuno and jazz.
- Gordon MacNeill Quartet play at The Rep on Saturday 26 May at 10.30pm, taking his inspiration from Bob Berg, MacNeill delivers modern jazz with power and panache.
- Jazz from New York by David Berkman at On Air East on Sunday 27 May at 8.00pm, this pianist is one of the leaders of a new wave of great players from New York City, producing contemporary sounds forged out of the best jazz traditions, this will be his UK debut.

6.3 The Scottish National Jazz Orchestra recreate the magic and play the Music of Count Basie at The Rep on Thursday 24 May at 8.00pm, from Kansas City, in the era where speakeasies, gin joints and wild jazz were everywhere, Count Basie's band grew to legendary status. He quite simply was the greatest of the big band leaders, his rhythms beat hard, his songs were cool and his concerts hot.

6.4 Havana Swing perform their Django inspired set at The Doghouse at 12.30 pm on Saturday 26 May whilst later that day at the same venue Black Cat Bone serve up some laid back pre-war blues at 5.00pm. Also at the same venue on Sunday 27 May at 3.00pm The Sellars Brothers take a trip down memory lane as Tony dusts off his baritone and Jason blows the cobwebs from his flugelhorn, together they explore Thad Jones, Pepper Adams avenues with a dash of cool from Gerry Mulligan.

6.5 Dundee Jazz School Big Band, a "graduation" concert by students and tutors of the Dundee Jazz School perform at DCA on Saturday 26 May at 12.30pm. Dundee University Big Band is a Jazz Festival favourite - swing the afternoon away with some special tunes courtesy of Duke Ellington, Thad Jones and Benny Goodman at The Rep on Saturday 26 May at 3.00pm.

6.6 Fionna Duncan and the East Coast Jazz Quartet are at Grey Lodge Settlement on Tuesday 22 May at 7.30pm and Wednesday 23 May at Kirkton Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 7.00pm. Join Fionna Duncan as she sets off around Dundee with the East Coast Jazz Quartet delivering rousing Dixieland and some great swinging tunes, before the Concert Fionna shares her joy of singing with a truly inspirational workshop.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____