

REPORT TO: ARTS & HERITAGE COMMITTEE - 15 MAY 2000

REPORT ON: DUNDEE JAZZ FESTIVAL 2000 GRANT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND HERITAGE

REPORT NO: 320-2000

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 30 May to 4 June 2000.

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 £4750 can be met from the Arts and Heritage departments 2000/2001 revenue budget. The Dundee Jazz Festival is also supported by Music Plus which is a Scottish Arts Council 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 four 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, supported by Radio Tay and sponsored by Gordons. The programme consists of six mainstage concerts, one late night session and one afternoon concert at Dundee Rep. "Jazz Space" at the Westport Bar offers a mix of local and Scottish based musicians over six days.

6.2 The programme includes:
Carol Kidd sings Irving Berlin at the Rep at 8 pm on Tuesday 30 May celebrating the immortal songs of the golden age of American popular song. Lammas Duo and John Rae's Celtic Feet at the Rep at 8 pm on Wednesday 31 May creates a vibrant musical meeting between Celtic melody and Jazz spirit with a combination of swings, rumba's and reels. Martin Taylor's Spirit of Django at the Rep at 8 pm on Thursday 1 June sees a welcome return of one of the guitar virtuoso's, updating the classic Hot Club style of Grappelli and Django Reinhart.

- 6.3 The Scottish National Jazz Orchestra present Benny Goodman Swing King at the Rep at 7.30 pm on Friday 2 June. World renowned clarinettist Ken Peplowski will team up with the SNJO for the first time in Scotland. Salsa Celtica will present the World Premiere of their new album in a new late night show commencing at 11 pm at the Rep on Friday 2 June in an infectious mix of Latin grooves and Celtic rhythms. The Dundee University Big Band will perform the music of Dorsey, Ellington and Basie when they take the stage at 3 pm at the Rep on Saturday 3 June. Otis Grand and the Big Blues Band returns to the Rep at 8 pm on Saturday 3 June with this high-energy show complete with hot horns, a driving rhythm section and dynamic blues vocals. Dundee Jazz School Big Band showcases local young emerging talent at Dundee Contemporary Arts 12.30 pm on Sunday 4 June.
- 6.4 The Paul Harrison Trio are joined by Dundee jazz brothers Tony Sellars and Jason Sellars at the Westport Bar at 8 pm on Tuesday 30 May. The Penny Daintees combine their work with the community with a performance also at the Westport Bar at 8 pm on Wednesday 31 May. They will be at the Grey Lodge on Tuesday 30 May and Kirkton Neighbourhood Centre on Thursday 1 June at 7.30 pm. The Laura McDonald Quartet are the rising stars of the Scottish Jazz scene and play at the Westport Bar at 9 pm on Thursday 1 June.
- 6.5 Mafia the giants of Rhythm and Blues and soul led by acclaimed frontman Dougie Martin return to the West Port Bar at 9 pm on Friday 2 June. Havana Swing perform their Django inspired set at the Westport Bar at 12.30 pm on Saturday 3 June whilst later that day at the same venue Fiona Duncan and the East Coast jazzmen perform Dixieland Jazz at 7.30 pm. Also at the same venue Swirler led by guitarist Kevin McKenzie are joined by saxophonist Julian Arquelies for a late night session at 10.30 pm. At 8 pm at the West Port Bar on Sunday 4 June the Dundee Jazz Festival ends with a tribute to one of World's great jazz musicians Dundonian Jimmy Deuchar.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services and Director of Finance, 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 _____