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CHRIS BARBER

JAZZ & BLUES BAND

After concerts at HATFIELD and FAREHAM on March 11th and 12th., the band spends most of the week of Monday March 13th. in the recording studios. During this period BBC TV Cameras will be spying and eavesdropping on activities for a documentary feature on Chris Barber's career scheduled for screening later in the month on the 'London Live' series.

Chris Barber has recorded an interview feature with Peter Clayton for inclusion on 'Sounds Of Jazz'. No specific transmission date was set at the time of the recording, but it is certain to be sooner than later.

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DATES CHRIS BARBER'S JAZZ & BLUES BAND

- SAT MAR 11: FORUM THEATRE:HATFIELD:HERTS (WITH SPECIAL GUESTS)
- SUN MAR 12: FERNHAM HALL:FAREHAM:HANTS
- FRI MAR 17: WICKHAM BISHOPS HALL:WICKHAM BISHOPS:ESSEX

On Saturday March 18th. CHRIS BARBER guests (solo) with the Paddy Cole Band at the Olympia Theatre Dublin. The concert is to be recorded by RTE.

- SUN MAR 19TH: THEATRE ROYAL:NORWICH:NORFOLK
- MON MAR 20TH: QUEENS THEATRE:HORNCHURCH:ESSEX (WITH SPECIAL GUESTS)
- TUE MAR 21ST: THEATRE ROYAL BURY ST.EDMUNDS:SUFFOLK
- WED MAR 22: 'SESSIONS':SESSION STREET:DUNDEE:SCOTLAND
- THU MAR 23RD: TOWN HALL: BURTON ON TRENT:STAFFS
- SAT MAR 25TH: CIVIC CENTRE:AYELSBURY:BUCKS
- SUN MAR 26: CONGRESS THEATRE:EASTBOURNE:SUSSEX (WITH SPECIAL GUEST)
- MON MAR 27: PLAYHOUSE THEATRE:NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WITH SPECIAL GUEST)
- TUE MAR 28TH; BECK THEATRE:HAYES:MIDDLESEX (WITH SPECIAL GUEST)
- WED MAR 29TH: THE STABLES:WAVENDON:MILTON KEYNES:(WITH SPECIAL GUEST)
- THU MAR 30TH: BECK THEATRE:HAYES:MIDDLESEX:(WITH SPECIAL GUESTS)
- FRI MAR 31ST: LIBRARY THEATRE:LEIGHTON BUZZARD:BEDS
- SAT APR 1ST: WULFRUN HALL:WOLVERHAMPTON
- SUN APR 2ND: EVERYMAN THEATRE:CHELTENHAM:GLOS

At the concerts noted as including 'special guests', the identity cannot always be confirmed. However, Hatfield, Hornchurch and the Hayes concert on March 30th. will feature members of the original 1949 band. The earlier Hayes concert (March 28th.) will hopefully feature Van Morrison who we also hope to include at Eastbourne, Newcastle and Wavendon.



The original line-up of the Chris Barber Band, photographed circa Spring 1954! Left to right, Chris Barber, Lonnie Donegan, Jim Bray, Ron Bowden Pat Halcox and Monty Sunshine. On May 31st. 1954 they played their first engagement at London's 100 Club. On May 31st. 1989, 35 years on, they will all re-assemble at 100 Oxford Street along with the present band and members of Chris' very first amateur band formed in 1949. The same 'cast' will also appear at The Fairfield Hall, Croydon on April 13th., joined by Beryl Bryden who will perform her duty on the washboard for the 'skiffle' set along with Lonnie and Chris.

Space did not allow us to mention in the last newsletter the 'new face' in the drum chair. Some by now will already have noticed that Alan Wickett has replaced Norman Emberson on drums. Alan previously played with the bands of Steve Gibbons and Steve Marriott and was earlier a member of the Sammy Rimington Quartet.

Rory Gallagher will make a further guest appearance with the band at the University Arts Centre of Warwick on May 18th..

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