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**Spring Awakening
Music Festival**

Crediton
March - April 2025

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Thursday 13 March

7.00pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Festival Launch and Film: **O Brother Where Art Thou**



Crediton Heart Project
and Crediton Arts Centre
launch the exciting

Spring Awakening Music Festival with a short reception followed by a screening of the Coen Brothers' seminal 2000 film, an adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey* set as a musical journey through rural Mississippi in 1937. Career-defining performances from George Clooney, Tim Blake Nelson and John Turturo, alongside music from Alison Krauss, Gillian Welch, Emmylou Harris, Ralph Stanley and the finest bluegrass musicians in Nashville, all co-ordinated by T-Bone Burnett.

Tickets: £5 for the film

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Friday 14 March

7.30pm

Holy Cross Parish Church

Lady Maisery

Individually three multi award-winning artists (Hannah James, Rowan Rheingans, Hazel Askew), Lady Maisery present a unified voice, carrying stories of sisterhood, human struggle, the joy of living and the vitality of song



with the "freshest possible take on traditional music" (Folk Radio UK). Their long-standing effervescent collaboration has been described as "adventurous and beautiful" (Mark Radcliffe, Radio 2) "exquisite and thrilling" (The Guardian) with "a generosity of spirit and joie de vivre that seems to emanate from every minute of their recorded output as well as from their exuberant live shows" (Folk Radio UK).

Their fifth studio album *Tender* was released at the end of 2022 to far-reaching acclaim. An arresting record exploring the power in vulnerability, the tenderness of collective wounds and the strength in kindness, it was hailed "a beguiling blend of ancient and modern" (The Times) and "both nurturing and raw, a sensitive response to the times we are living in" (Daily Info).

Tickets: £20/£18

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Saturday 15 March

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Blackheart Orchestra

The Blackheart Orchestra are British multi-award winning, multi-instrumentalists Chrissy Mostyn and Rick Pilkington, playing up to 13 instruments



in their unique live show. They have been described as a modern-day Pink Floyd with influences from as far afield as Kate Bush, Portishead and Cocteau Twins to modern composers Steve Reich and Philip Glass. Their last two albums both achieved Top 20 positions with latest album Hotel Utopia charting at #13 in the UK and winning Best British Album, Best Song and best Female Vocalist in the USA Progressive Rock Awards. The Blackheart Orchestra currently sits on six Best Albums of the year lists in the UK.

Tickets: £16/£14

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Sunday 16 March

11.00am & 2.00pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Devon Drummers – Drumming Circle

Led by James Carr, the opportunity to learn drumming techniques and patterns from various cultures, and enjoy the unique joy of playing with other like-minded drummers.

Tickets: £5 per workshop

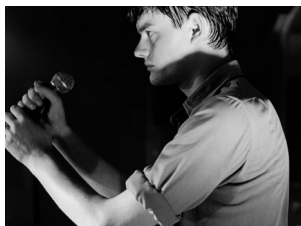
Sunday 16 March

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

East Street Films presents Control (15)

Anton Cobijn's beautifully shot black and white film charts the rise and demise of Ian Curtis, lead singer and songwriter with Joy Division. Starring Sam Riley and Samantha Morton, the film is based on the book 'Touching from a Distance' by Curtis's widow Deborah, it also features local-lad-made-good Harry Treadaway as Joy Division drummer Stephen Morris.



Tickets: £5

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Thursday 20 March

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Moon Jazz

Moon Jazz return to the Arts Centre as part of a now-regular venue sharing with the Three Little Pigs. The Moon Jazz House Band will be joined by singer Jess Laver and will invite players to join them for the second half of the set.



Tickets: £5 on the door

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Friday 21 March

7.30pm

St Lawrence Chapel

Acoustic by Candlelight

Crediton's finest acoustic musicians join together in the beautiful surroundings of the tiny St Lawrence Chapel for a truly old-style experience – no amplification, very little electricity of any kind, just the ambient acoustics and back-to-basics sounds of musicians enjoying playing.

Tickets: £1/£3/£5 Pay what you can

Saturday 22
March

10am – 1pm

High Street and
Town Square

Busk It!

The (barely) controlled anarchy of Busk It! returns for a special festival edition, with



musicians from all genres playing in shops, cafes and alleyways up and down the High Street and on stages in the Town Square.

Free event, donations welcome

Saturday 22 March

7.30pm

Crediton Congregational Church

CYO Rising Stars

Members of Crediton Youth Orchestra will be performing a varied programme of solo recitals and small chamber pieces. The concert will be a celebration of all instruments and abilities and will showcase young musicians from the Crediton area and beyond.

The performance will be preceded by a short piano recital from Exeter-based pianist Angus Robertson.

Tickets: £1/£3/£5 Pay what you can

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Sunday 23 March

2.30pm/7.00pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Crediton Strummers Scratch Workshop and Performance

Local ensemble Crediton Strummers under the leadership of Ed Finch will teach a number of songs to anyone who wants to learn them, with a view to performing these numbers in an evening presentation, alongside songs performed by Strummers regulars.

Workshop tickets £3

Tickets: £1/£3/£5 Pay what you can

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Thursday 27 March

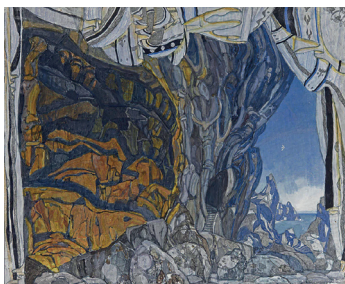
7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Exeter Opera Company present Orfeo ed Euridice

This new company under the direction of Iryna Ilnytska present Gluck's rarely performed 1762 masterpiece in a chamber version. Featuring Anna

Townhill as Euridice, Iryna Ilnytska as Orfeo, and Melanie Mehta as Amore, with sopranos Cressida Whitton & Clare Gilbert, altos Megan Debenham & Gabbi Humphries, Richard Lucas on piano and Ruth Molins on flute



Tickets: £12/£10

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Friday 28 March

7.30pm

Crediton Methodist Church

Four Choirs Concert

A special concert featuring four local choirs – The West Gallery Choir, Ad Hoc, Sandford Sings and the Spectrum Choir. There is very little more joyous and uplifting than the sound of many voices raised in song, and this will be a feast of vocal delight.

Tickets: £1/£3/£5 Pay what you can

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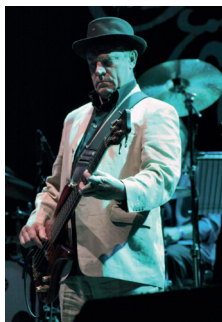
Saturday 29 March

7.30pm

Holy Cross Parish Church

Ashley Hutchings and Blair Dunlop

Ashley Hutchings formed Fairport Convention in 1967, a group that went on to invent British folk-rock with the album *Liege & Lief* - an album that was voted the 'Most Important Folk Album of All Time' by BBC Radio 2 listeners in 2002, and at the 2006 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards it won the award for 'Most influential Folk Album of all time'. He subsequently formed Steeleye Span who also had enormous success and then the first of many Albion Bands.



By 1977 the Albions became virtually the house band at the National Theatre with Ashley as Music Director. The band provided music and acted in many plays including the much-loved *Lark Rise*. In recent years "The Guvnor" has concentrated on songwriting, spoken word and groundbreaking shows and albums and has released one hundred albums.

Ashley's son Blair Dunlop joins his father for this very special tour. A BBC Folk Award-winning singer-songwriter in his own right, the pair will reflect on a very special musical relationship in chat, music and song.

Tickets: £20/£18

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Sunday 30 March

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Xogara / The Owl Light Trio

Hailing from Oxford via Galicia, Wales, and the West Country, Xogara are everything you might expect of an Anglo-Cymraeg-Galego four-piece. These acoustic multi-instrumentalists play with

verve and gusto to complement the subtlety to be found in their arrangements of traditional and contemporary music from all over the British Isles and beyond.



Owl Light Trio are an instrumental group based in Oxfordshire who take good tunes to pieces and put them back together again. Sometimes the

insides end up on the outside. At other times the tunes will seem to go back together seamlessly, until we find a stray note or two in a pocket or under the sofa. On occasion, reconstructed tunes have been known to unfold in dramatic and unpredictable ways, but nobody has ever been harmed as a result.

Tickets: £13/£11

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Thursday 3 April

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Jazz on the Green

Another high-quality jazz session from some of the country's finest players led by guitar virtuoso Neil Burns, with gorgeous Sri Lankan food from acclaimed cook Sepali Godakanda.

Tickets: £27 only from www.srilankan-authentic.co.uk/

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Friday 4 April

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

The Bridge – Eduardo Martin & Ahmed Dickinson

The famous composer and guitarist Eduardo Martin joins the renowned young guitarist Ahmed Dickinson Cárdenas to create this duo that masterfully addresses the diverse tendencies and styles of the Cuban contemporary music scene. This collaboration explores Afro, classical and Anglo-Saxon pop among other varied musical genres that mix in the creative universe of this composer while using in a virtuous way multiple techniques that expand the expressive qualities of the guitar. The use of intelligent melodies, the approach to cultures and dissimilar times converge with the Afro-Caribbean nature trying to propose a musical framework in which the stylistic barriers disappear.



Tickets: £13/£11

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Saturday 5 April

11am – 4pm

Turning Tides @ Four Mills Lane

Pizza and Music @ Four Mills



A joyous day of musical sounds of all descriptions (and pizza), including performances from the Turning Tides band and other local musicians and singers, at the lovely Four Mills site. And Pizza! Made in the new Turning Tides Pizza Oven, and

yummy cakes and tea from the Tea Rooms. Did we mention Pizza?

Free entry, donations welcome

Sunday 6 April

7.30pm

Crediton Arts Centre

Revival – The Music of Gillian Welch and David Rawlings

Pauper's Fortune, Etchechuria and The Wee Free Men come together to celebrate the music of the queen and king of Nashville bluegrass.

From Gillian's first album 'Revival' in 1996 up to the duo's latest release 'Woodland', the whole range of Welch and Rawlings' astonishing canon is represented in arrangements by a group of accomplished Devon-based musicians and singers.



Tickets: £1/£3/£5 Pay what you can

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TICKETS

Tickets for Arts Centre events can be obtained by ringing **01363 773260** or bought directly from **www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre**
Concessions are available for under 18s, full-time students and unemployed



Tickets for Jazz on the Green from **www.srilankan-authentic.co.uk/**

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