

THE GREAT YORKSHIRE FRINGE

Curtis Stigers and Henning Wehn head the line up as
The Great Yorkshire Fringe adds The York Barbican
as a new festival venue in 2017!



American singer **Curtis Stigers** and comedian **Henning Wehn** are to headline as The Great Yorkshire Fringe adds York's 1,500-seat York Barbican as a new festival venue.

They will be joined by tribute shows celebrating the music of Burt Bacharach, Abba, Queen the 80s and 50s rock and roll.

Martin Witts, local York resident and Festival director, said: "We are delighted to add The York Barbican as a venue for 2017. This is especially great news for fans of Henning Wehn, who sold out both in 2015 and 2016 and left many fans disappointed when they couldn't get tickets."

Curtis Stigers and the Ronnie Scott's Big Band perform Sinatra at the Sands on Friday July 28 at 7.30pm. This will see the US singer joining forces with the world famous Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra. Stigers has had string of hit singles and sold millions of records sold in a 23-year recording career. His latest acclaimed album, "One More For the Road" brought two worlds together - old-school pop and big band jazz - with Stigers' own version of the Frank Sinatra/Count Basie Orchestra marriage that originated 50 years ago at the Sands Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and resulted in Sinatra at the Sands. The Great Yorkshire Fringe will see Stigers and Ronnie Scott's Big Band perform his very own renditions of many Sinatra classics.

Henning Wehn – Westphalia Is Not An Option on Saturday 29 July at 7.30pm we join the German Comedy Ambassador in an evening of Teutonic jolliness at its best. After his last show tackled those well-known staples of light entertainment that are the British obsession with home ownership and the self-serving nature of most fundraising efforts, this time Henning's having an unbiased look at immigration. He also wonders, if, generally speaking, people are competent. Luckily in his case this doesn't matter as either he's funny or he lives up to a national stereotype. It's a win-win situation.

Back to Bacharach on Saturday 22 July at 7.30pm celebrates the magical music of Burt Bacharach, one of the most accomplished popular composers of the 20th Century, featuring some of the finest West End vocalists, accompanied by the amazing "Magic Moments Orchestra", recreating Burt Bacharach's timeless masterpieces. Songs featured in the show include *Alfie*, *Anyone Who Had A Heart*, *Arthur's Theme*, *Always Something There To Remind Me*, *Close To You*, *I Say A Little Prayer For You*, *Magic Moments*, *Walk On By*, *What's New Pussycat?*, *24 Hours from Tulsa*, *Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head* and many more.

Due to go on sale soon are: **Abba Reunion** (Friday July 21), **Magic of Queen** (Thursday 3 August), **Twist and Shout** (Friday 4 August) and **80s Mania** (Saturday 5 August).

The Great Yorkshire Fringe exceeded expectations in 2015, 2016 saw it take comedy, variety and family entertainment to even more locations in the heart of the city, and extended to September with a Family Festival on site on the Parliament Street village green.

The festival returns for a third year from 21 July - 6 August 2017 with The York Barbican as this years fantastic addition. The Great Yorkshire Fringe just gets better each year. This festival of entertainment, music, cabaret, magic and theatre, again centred on Parliament Street, promises to be chock-full with craft beer and wine bars, gourmet street-food, music and much, much more.

Returning to The Great Yorkshire Fringe are Morgan and West, Baby Loves Disco, Paul Foot and Showstoppers! The Improvised Musical, new for 2017 Barbara Nice, George Egg and Lieven Scheire all now on sale plus many more.

Full details of all shows can be found at www.greatyorkshirefringe.com, with new ones being added every week.