

mjf piano trail competition

manchester jazz festival, in partnership with Forsyth Music Shop and Yamaha, is bringing the city centre alive with the mjf piano trail competition 2025! From **20 March – 31 May**, a trail of 16 pianos will be placed across Greater Manchester for anyone to join in and have fun; from enthusiastic beginners to experienced players. Should you wish to enter the competition, you could win a Yamaha digital piano or a host of other prizes, head to manchesterjazz.com/pianotrail to find out more.

After two years of sold-out tours, the piano trail walking tours are back! Free Manchester Walking Tours will follow manchester jazz festival's famous piano trail across the city centre for a special walking tour accompanied by a live pianist. The tours take place on **17 and 18 May** - head to manchesterjazz.com/pianotrail to find out more about the piano trail, the walking tours and how to take part.

Piano locations include:

- 1 piccadilly station
- 2 manchester arndale
- 3 harvey nichols
- 4 HOME
- 5 victoria station
- 6 Quayside mediacityuk
- 7 great northern
- 8 corn exchange
- 9 spinningfields
- 10 royal exchange arcade
- 11 central library
- 12 forsyth music shop
- 13 Aviva Studios
- 14 trafford palazzo
- 15 grand arcade (wigan)
- 16 spindles town square shopping centre (oldham)



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manchester jazz festival 16-25 may 2025

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free opening weekender @ first street • band on the wall
matt & phreds • st ann's church • forsyth music shop
RNCM • the carlton club • the stoller hall • stage & radio
Aviva Studios, home of factory international • flawd
low four studios and other locations across the city



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Jazz North's Northern Line Showcase events are indicated by this symbol ⊗ on the 17 & 18 May

Friday 16 May

mjf @ First Street House of Social Main Stage	Free
Cheshire Youth Music for Life Jazz Orchestra	5.30-7pm
Ubunye	8-9.45pm
Ask Garden Stage	
Jazz is Everywhere: mjf Youth Advisory Board takeover	6-8pm
HOME Stage	
Jazz Students from Chetham's School of Music	6-8pm
The Hall, Aviva Studios	from £30
mjf and Factory International present: ganavya	7.30-10pm
Matt & Phreds	from £7
Back Chat Brass + NQ parade	8.45pm-12.30am

Saturday 17 May

Across the city (starting at Corn Exchange)	£10
Piano Trail Walking Tour with FMWT	12pm-2pm
mjf @ First Street House of Social Main Stage	Free
Mali Hayes	1-2.10pm
Olivia Cuttill Quintet	3.15-4.25pm
Beware of the Bear	5.30-6.40pm
Ferg's Imaginary Big Band ⊗	7.45-9pm
Ask Garden Stage	
Family-friendly Activities*	10am-1pm
*Activities include face painting, family yoga, participatory music and singing and more...	
Thanda & Friends + pop-up choir x Olympias Music Foundation	2.15-3.10pm
Trees.R.Good	4.30-5.25pm
Cup Noods	6.45-7.40pm
HOME Stage	
José Dias: 25 in 25 Portuguese Revolution Revisited	12.30-3pm
Jascha Bingham Trio	4.30-5.25pm
Yoshizawa	6.45-7.30pm

RNCM Theatre	£20
Yazz Ahmed Quartet: <i>A Paradise in the Hold</i>	8pm-9.30pm
Matt & Phreds	from free to £10*
M&Ps Music Quiz	2-4pm
Dan Burnett	5.30- 6.30pm
Mojo*	9.30pm -12.30am

Sunday 18 May

Across the city (starting at Corn Exchange)	£10
Piano Trail Walking Tour with FMWT	12pm-2pm
mjf @ First Street House of Social Main Stage	Free
Ex-Easter Island Head ⊗	1-1.45pm
Amy Thatcher & Francesca Knowles ⊗	2.30-3.15pm
John Ellis Band	4-4.45pm
Ladies of Midnight Blue	5.30-6.15pm
Ponyland	7-7.45pm
Ask Garden Stage	
Ella Ronen	1.45-2.30pm
Deep Cabaret Un	3.15-4pm
Ben Gaunt	4.45-5.30pm
HOME Stage	
Ellen Beth Abdi ⊗	1.45-2.30pm
New Ways of Moving in the Counterworlds	3.15-4pm
The Exu ⊗	4.45-7pm
Matt & Phreds	Free
mjf 30th Anniversary Party ft. Honey Bee Jazz	8-10.30pm

Monday 19 May

Low Four Studios	£15
Elliot Galvin	8pm-10pm
Matt & Phreds	Free
M&P x mjf Jazz Jam led by Johnny Hunter	8pm-11pm

Tuesday 20 May

Low Four Studios	£15
Alice Zawadzki: <i>Za Górami</i>	8pm-10pm
The Carlton Club	£9
Brume x mjf:	8-11pm
Brume Jam/P E A C E/Fisherman	
Dice/NONUNONU	

Matt & Phreds	Free
Bossa Dos Patos	8-11pm
Wednesday 21 May	

The Stoller Hall	£25
Richard Iles' Miniature	7.30-9.20pm
Brass Emporium: <i>New Futures II</i>	
Low Four Studios	£15
Maria Chiara Argirò	8-10pm
Matt & Phreds	Free
MaxMantis	8-11pm

Thursday 22 May

St Ann's Church	£9.50
Matt Owens: Keys	6-7.15pm
Forsyth Music Shop	£25
James Pearson Trio plays Oscar Peterson	7-8.30pm
Flawd	Free
Giulia Marrow with the Flawd House Band	7.30-10pm
Band on the Wall (The Copper Bar)	Free
Deems Experiment	6.30-7.30pm
Band on the Wall (The Venue)	from £20
Mammal Hands + Support	8-11pm
Matt & Phreds	Free
Sam Lightwing Quintet	8-11pm

Friday 23 May

Band on the Wall (The Copper Bar)	Free
Zawedde	6-7pm
La Fiesta x Afrodesia	9.30pm-2am
Stage & Radio	Free
The GreensKeepers Jam	7pm-Late
Flawd	Free
Anna Chandler-King with the Flawd House Band	7.30-10pm
Matt & Phreds	from £7
Dani Ali Band	9.30pm-12.30am

Saturday 24 May

Band on the Wall (The Copper Bar)	Free
Fiona Bevan & Adam Beattie	1-2pm
Arjuna Oakes	6-7pm

Band on the Wall (The Venue)	From £15
Camilla George	2.30-3.30pm
Steam Down + Support	7.30-10pm

Carole Nash Hall at The Stoller Hall	£20
Small Print (Winstone/Iles/Walker/Watts)	5.30-7pm

RNCM Theatre	£25
John Helliwell's Super Big Tramp Band	8-9.45pm
RNCM Bar	Free
Ambleside Quartet	7-7.30pm

Matt & Phreds	from free to £10*
M&Ps Big Band Brunch	2-4pm
Charlie Cooper	5.30-6.30pm
Soul Grenades*	9.30pm-12.30am

Sunday 25 May

The Undercroft, Aviva Studios	Free
Lou Barnell + Neighbourhood Voices	12-12.30pm
Young Pilgrims	1.45-5.15pm
The Social, Aviva Studios	Free
International triple-bill:	
NAbou	12.30-1.45pm
Sanem Kalfa's <i>Miraculous Layers</i>	3-4.20pm
Sylvain Rifflet: <i>We Want Stars</i>	5.30-6.45pm

Band on the Wall (The Copper Bar)	Free
Quincey May Brown	1-2pm
Band on the Wall	6-7.30pm
Jazz Workshop Band	
Band on the Wall (The Venue)	from £17
Emma Rawicz & Gwilym Simcock	2.30-3.30pm

Matt & Phreds	Free
mjf30 Wrap Party Jam ft. Ed Kainyek	8-11pm

tickets: manchesterjazz.com

Details correct at time of going to print. For full and up-to-date programme information, please see manchesterjazz.com