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Georgie Fame to headline Midsummer Music @ Spencers

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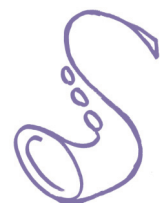
The 27th June heralds the arrival of **Midsummer Music @ Spencers 2009**, a swing & jazz festival to be held in the glorious gardens of Spencers at Great Yeldham in Essex with music performed under a huge marquee. For the third year running, the gates of this Georgian estate will open up to a spectacular line-up of talented and well known musicians. Topping a star-studded bill will be undoubted all-time-great British rhythm and blues, jazz singer and keyboard player Georgie Fame. Six other brilliant bands will perform at MM@S 2009 including Swing Out Sister, Robin Jones & King Salsa, Anita Wardell Quartet, Partisans, Monica Vasconcelos, Art Themen & the Roger Odell Trio.

Georgie Fame who celebrates his 50th year anniversary will headline MM@S 2009 with his band “**Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames**”. The line-up includes the Miles Davies influenced Guy Barker on trumpet and the Coltrane disciple Alan Skidmore on tenor saxophone. The Blue Flames are a tour de force producing an array of tunes from Hoagy Carmichael, Jon Hendricks and Mose Allison to Van Morrison vocalese. Georgie produces a contemporary jazz outfit that has become a major attraction at jazz festivals throughout the world, and with a band that can stand comparison to any international jazz group, Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames have reached true legendary status.

Playing Spencers will also be the perfect pop group **Swing Out Sister**, who perform an unplugged show they describe as “a more acoustic set, up close and personal!” **Swing Out Sister** is a unique band whose elegant melange of 60s pop and soul with jazz fusion is documented by numerous hit singles and ten superb albums over a career of nearly twenty five years. With their well-crafted arrangements and a hint of electro you will remember singles such as “Breakout”, “Surrender” and “Twilight World”. Having recently released their new album



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‘Beautiful Mess’ to rave reviews, we are thrilled to have them live at Midsummer Music. **“Swing Out Sister were always a cut above their competition, and judging by this they still are”**. Word Magazine

Another band to watch out for is **Robin Jones and King Salsa**. Spencers will be transformed into the Cuban capital as we present this master percussionist of world renown and his large ensemble. **King Salsa** are a fabulous amalgam of Afro-Cuban, Puerto Rican and Jazz influences. Robin Jones has an extraordinary and varied musical pedigree, working with jazz legends Bud Powell, Chet Baker, Stan Getz, Red Rodney, Art Farmer, Barney Kessel and Johnny Griffin. Get ready to dance as the tempo rises and we welcome “The Godfather of the British Latin music scene” to our festival.

MM@S promises not only to be a fantastic musical experience, but also a family outing with imaginative entertainment and activities for the children. This year we will be holding master classes for those keen to learn how to “beat those drums and play that tune”. There will be delicious eats (including locally reared burgers, alongside Chinese delicacies); a champagne, real ale and juice bar and intriguing local crafts to buy. Spencers gardens are at their peak in late June and its park and woodlands are open for exploration and relaxing in, as well as providing a magical setting in which to enjoy Midsummer Music.

Ticket prices are: Saturday all day **£48**. Saturday 12 noon-6pm **£15**, Saturday 6pm-midnight **£38**. There are excellent discounts for “Early Birds” & Seniors (65+). 15’s and under (accompanied by an adult) are FREE.

MM@S is once again delighted to support the vital work of **Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres**. Maggie’s provide a range of services to enhance the lives of those living with cancer and of their families and friends. This is provided by nurses, psychologists and other cancer-support specialists. Maggie’s have five Centres in Scotland and last year opened their first Centre in England, based at Charing Cross Hospital in Hammersmith, London. Fundraising campaigns have started in order to build a further six Centres - in Cambridge, the Cotswolds, the North East, Oxford, Nottingham and Lanarkshire. For further information on Maggie’s please visit www.maggiescentres.org

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