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Decade of music to be celebrated

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Music Writer

THE hugely successful Plymouth Music Zone celebrates its tenth anniversary this week with 3 In A Row For The Big 10, a series of special events co-ordinated by PMZ's Youth Forum, Tempo.

On Wednesday the White Rabbit hosted their Rock Therapy show, yesterday there was a ticket-only VIP party and today there'll be a special event open to all called Plymouth Music Zone in the Car Park.

"Basically we're going to have this gorgeous big marquee with two hours of solid entertainment between 2PM and 4pm," says PMZ development director Debbie Geraghty.

There will be performances by the Jam Band, an after-school group with a diverse membership, plus Beyond the Mainstream from Sing Up, the national singing campaign led by PMZ in Devon, beatboxing from Street Beatz, a performance by Sound Skills students, a few songs from singer-songwriter Josie Newton and an interactive performance by Big Noise.

There will also be the presentation of the Nick Thomas Memorial Award for outstanding achievement, for the student who has not only achieved musical competence but used their skills to help others and to help PMZ.

Nominees include Zoe Fell, Josie Newton and Mac Balogun.

Hailed as a flagship of the network of 22 such youth Music Action Zones across the country, Plymouth Music Zone certainly has



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ANNIVERSARY: Plymouth Music Zone's Zoe Fell and development director Debbie Geraghty

plenty to shout about and much to celebrate.

The award-winning charity started back in 1999 with just one solitary musician working from a cupboard in Seymour House to deliver workshops to a few schools around Plymouth, but now boasts a 25-strong staff and has become recognised as a centre of excellence for cutting-edge community music both locally and nationally.

In its 10 years of existence, PMZ has engaged around 16,500 children and young people, delivering around 20,300 workshops and bringing in nearly £3million in external investment to enhance opportunities for young people in the city.

However, PMZ's real focus is working with children from deprived backgrounds, who are at risk of offending or have profound learning disabilities.

"Around 80 per cent of the children we engage are disadvantaged in some way," said

Debbie.

One of PMZ's finest achievements was winning the ITV People's Millions Funding for a new multi-sensory studio which enabled the likes of talented disabled musician Luke Lundin to further his music career.

"Music can make such a huge difference to so many young people," continues Debbie, "and while some have gone into music as a profession, for many it has given them real confidence to make life choices."

As well as having a major benefit for these young people, PMZ has also proved to be a way for Plymouth musicians to be paid to impart their experience and knowledge. Over the years PMZ has engaged 336 music leaders.

"What most people don't realise is that we run the Sound Skills Course for music leaders, a training course in community music accredited by the Open College Network," Debbie says.

The next course starts in

September 2009 and takes place at Plymouth Music Zone for approximately one Saturday plus two Thursday evenings each month during term-time.

Debbie herself started by helping out at PMZ, then took the Sound Skills Course and progressed from there. Her enthusiasm for the place, like that of the many others involved, is infectious.

"I started my working career as a political journalist wanting to change the world, but quickly became disillusioned. This place has completely changed me. I think what we've been able to achieve here has had far more impact and made more difference to people's lives than anything I could have done as a journalist."

Yet despite the success, there's always a struggle for funding which comes from a variety of sources, but if it hadn't been for the generosity of the anonymous benefactor who has supported the project from the start, the story could have been very different.

Debbie says she's hoping for a good turnout tomorrow so that people can get a real insight into the spirit of the venture.

"There's a special reason for holding the event in the car park," she explains.

"It's because we want to extend the building out into the car park; we've recently done the feasibility study and have the money through to get planning. We want to create Plymouth Music Zone Drum for young people who don't want to study in a more formal setting to be able to take accredited courses.

"We also want a music leader base for skill-sharing. We thought we could call it Drum'n'Base!"

Plymouth Music Zone is based at Raglan Road, Brickfields, and you can find out more by visiting www.plymouthmusiczone.org.uk or by calling 01752 213690.

tonight & tomorrow

TODAY

MUSIC

Agaton Social Club, Higher St Budeaux: Backchat plus Limelite Disco, 8pm
B Bar, Castle Street: Free Cuba Party, 8pm
Blues Bar & Grill, Barbican: Jill Cole, 9pm
Blues Bar & Grill, Barbican: Thomas Ford, 9pm
Brewery Tap, Stonehouse: Angus, 9pm
Brook Inn, Plympton St Maurice: Quad Core, 9pm
Cattedown Social Club, South Milton Street: City Limits, 9pm
Cherry Tree, Beacon Park Road: Full Mettle Rackett, 9pm
Comrades Club, Torpoint: Phase Two, 9pm
Ferryhouse Inn, Woseley Road: Three Strand Minstrelsy, 8pm-late
GWRSA Club, Laira: Just Me, 9pm
Hele Arms, Plympton: Free & Co, 9pm
Hyde Park Social Club, Peverell: A Total Stranger, 9pm
Kitty O'Hanlons, St. Andrew Street: Wireless, 9pm
Live Lounge, Barbican: Black Friday, 10pm
Masonic Inn, Stoke Village: Roy's Disco, 8pm
Matchroom Suite, Plympton: Country & Western Night with Spur plus Medbow, doors 7.30pm
Millbridge Inn, Stoke: Memphis, 9pm
Minerva Inn, Looe Street: Soulmates, 9pm
Post Office, Plympton: Vicious Kitten, 9.30pm
Quay Club, Barbican: On Demand, 11pm-late
Railway Club, Penryncomequick: Roger Raynor, 8.30pm
Rowing Club, Torpoint: Karen G, 9pm
Royal British Legion, Plympton: Wild Country, 8.45pm
Saltram Club, St Judds: Flares, plus Andy's Disco, 9pm
Ships Tavern, Elburton: Diamond Geezers, 9pm
Sir Joshua Reynolds, Plympton: Lisa Gregory, 9.30pm
Sportsman's Inn, Ivybridge: Kenny J, 9pm
Stonehouse Creek Social Club, Kings Road: Journey's End, 2-4pm
Stuart Social Club, Stuart Road, Penryncomequick: Jasmine, 9pm
The Albert, Keyham: Rick O'Shea, 9pm
The Falcon, Melville Road: John Phoenix, 8.30pm
The Hippo, Bath Street: Zion Train, doors 8pm
The Junction, Mutley Plain: Abaneza, 9pm
The Wharf, Tavistock: The Hamsters play Hendrix & ZZ Top, 8pm
Thistle Park Tavern, Coxside: The Craving, 9.30pm
Three Ferrets, Keyham: Tracy Louise, 9pm
Village Hall, Stoke Fleming: Plymouth Gilbert & Sullivan Fellowship presents Iolanthe (concert version), 7.30pm

CINEMA

Arts Centre, Looe Street: Cheri (15), Femat's Room (15), times vary

ARTS

City Museum & Art Gallery, Drake Circus: Ongoing Exhibitions, 10am-5.30pm
Cube 3 Gallery, Portland Square: Still Life: Royal Photographic Society Exhibition, By Appointment
Liskeard & District Museum, Liskeard: Exhibition of Caradon's Mining Heritage Past & Present, 11am-1.30pm
Peninsula Art Gallery, Roland Levinsky Building, University of Plymouth: Christopher Cook Exhibition, 11am-4pm
Plymouth Arts Centre, Looe Street: Wanderlust Exhibition by Tim Knowles, 10am-8.30pm
Plymouth College of Art, Tavistock Place: The Degree Show, 9am-4.30pm
St Peter's Church, Wyntham Square: Derriford

Art Club Exhibition, noon-5pm

Stuart House, Liskeard: Open Art Exhibition, 9.30am-12.30pm

Theatre Royal Mezzanine Gallery, Derry's Cross: Plymouth & Beyond Exhibition by Richard Allman

THEATRE/SHOWS

Athenaeum Theatre, Derry's Cross: Plymkids present Oink!, 2.30pm matinee & 7.30pm
Drum Theatre, Derry's Cross: The Adventures of Wound Man & Shirley, 7.45pm
Edgumbe Theatre, Devonport High School for Boys, Stoke: Carmenians Music Theatre Company presents 'Last Train to Broadway', 2.30pm matinee and 7.30pm
Plymouth Pavilions, Millbay Road: Jimmy Carr - Joke Technician, 8pm

TOMORROW

MUSIC

Barbican Tavern, Looe Street: The Organization, 5.30-8pm
Beresford Arms, Devonport: A Total Stranger, 4pm
Brunel Inn, Saltash: Roger Marks' Cornish Armada Jazzband, 8pm
Cattedown Social Club, South Milton Street: Dave Banana, 9pm
Cherry Tree, Beacon Park Road: Nick Jones, 7pm
Crownhill Royal British Legion, Tailour Road: Len Jackman, 8pm
Ferryhouse Inn, Woseley Road: Jan, 7pm
GWRSA Club, Laira: Sixty Plus, 9pm
Guildhall, Royal Parade: Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, 7.30pm
Hele Arms, Plympton: Terrell Issac, 7-9pm
Hyde Park Social Club, Peverell: Tamar Valley Westerners present Mike A, 7.30pm
Kitty O'Hanlons, St. Andrew Street: Karaoke, 8pm
Masonic Inn, Stoke Village: Sidekick, 5.30pm
Minerva Inn, Looe Street: JD & Coke, 4pm
Old Friary, Bretonside: Pete Gover, 9pm
Parkway Social Club, Ernesettle: New Medicine Wheel/Renegades Western Club presents Amigo, 7.30pm
Railway Club, Penryncomequick: Angela, 8.30pm
Railway Hotel, Saltash: Shane's Karaoke, 9pm
Railway Inn, Devonport: Lisa, 4pm
Rowing Club, Torpoint: Dave Ja Vu, 4pm
The Falcon, Melville Road: Dee D James, 4.30pm
The Walrus, Athenaeum Street: Karaoke, 8.30pm
Tradesman's Arms, Octagon: Karen G, 6-8pm
Treasury, Royal Parade: The Half Quartet, 1pm
Trinity United Reform Church, Tor Lane, Hartley: Devonport Apollo Choir summer concert, in aid of Lifeline Resources, 7.30pm
Yard Arm, The Hoe: Christian Sleep, 9pm

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Theatre Royal Mezzanine Gallery, Derry's Cross: Plymouth & Beyond Exhibition by Richard Allman

Art clubs combine for show

PLYMOUTH Arts Club and the city's Watercolour Society are pooling their talent for a joint show.

Most of the work exhibited at Clearbrook village hall from July 3 to 5 will be for sale.

Entry is free. For more information call 01752 895102 or 773153.

Comedy coming to The Treasury

CITY-CENTRE venue The Treasury is banking on comedy to bring in the punters on Wednesdays.

Top US funnyman Louis Ramey headlines the first session on July 8.

Expect smooth delivery sprinkled with punchlines gleaned from family observation - but you

won't see them coming.

The three-act line-up is scheduled for upstairs in the lounge.

The laughs start at 7.30pm. For more, call 01752 672121.

The comedy date is the first in a new Wednesday mix that will range from live music to magic.

German blues

EURO rockers Blues Power are heading back to Plymouth on another South West tour.

The electric blues band from Germany are back on our patch for the eighth time in 10 years.

They pitch up at the Post Office Inn, Plympton, on August 7.

That's the only city date by a band that tours faster than a Porsche. Their Devon and Cornwall jaunt takes in 15 gigs in 17 days.

The three piece blues-rockers play their own tunes and covers of Hendrix,

Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughan tracks plus others by various Texan blues bands which aren't commercially known in the UK.

Stefan Jahn, Blues Powers spokesman and lead guitarist/singer/songwriter:

"We can't wait to come to England again.

"We love playing in English pubs, which is one of the reasons why we tour the UK. We have a strong fan base there."

For tickets, call the pub on 01752 337051.

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