

How to become a *Friend of Jazzhouse* (Nottingham)

Hello fellow jazz enthusiast! We love to see you at our Jazz Steps gigs and welcome your interest in becoming a *Friend of Jazzhouse*. It's great to share inspiring and entertaining live performances as a collective audience. And we know that jazz artists love coming to perform at Jazz Steps - and appreciate us as an attentive and enthusiastic audience.



Thanks for valuing our efforts in putting on quality live jazz and for being interested in providing financial support to help our programming. You are welcome to donate what you can, although we respectfully ask for a *minimum* annual donation of £25 please. Whatever you donate makes a real difference to us continuing to bring high quality contemporary jazz performers to our friendly gigs in Nottingham which, as you probably know, are organised and run entirely by volunteers.



We all recognise that jazz music remains somewhat of a minority interest; hence, jazz performers need all the support we can provide in order to keep the music alive and in rude health. By becoming a Friend of Jazz House will help us achieve this! And, of course, we look forward to seeing you at gigs and welcome you taking advantage of our Loyalty Scheme.

What follows is more information about *Jazzhouse*, what we do, the benefits of becoming a Friend and how to apply.

Who are Jazzhouse?

Jazzhouse (Nottinghamshire) Ltd. was established in 1991 and became a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee in 2009. It is run by volunteers under the name 'Jazz Steps' and was a founder member of EMJAZZ, the consortium of jazz promoters in the East Midlands funded by Arts Council England.

Jazzhouse Activities

- We promote a 'Jazz Steps' programme of contemporary jazz at the Bonington Theatre, Arnold featuring national and international performers; we run a varied jazz programme called "Live in the Libraries", in conjunction with the Libraries Service, that features talented local jazz musicians with gigs in libraries at Worksop, Southwell and West Bridgford

- We encourage Jazz education and workshops with young players in local schools and colleges, bringing jazz professionals to work on improvisation with young players and their teachers
- We support mentoring of aspiring young jazz musicians and have facilitated gigs for their newly formed bands
- We provide performance opportunities (e.g. at the Bonington Theatre bar and in Libraries) for youth bands such as the Nottingham Youth Jazz Orchestra & the Red Hot Band
- We support, promote and mentor talented local jazz musicians
- We publicise appropriate local jazz events such as those from Lakeside Arts



What you get as a Friend of Jazzhouse

- Acknowledgement (your name) in printed Jazz Steps brochures and on the stage backdrops at Jazz Steps gigs at the Bonington Theatre (please indicate if you do *not* wish these)
- An exclusive Friends opportunity to vote each season to choose a jazz artist for a gig at the Bonington Theatre from a short list, commencing autumn 2015

How to Make Your Donation to become a Friend of Jazzhouse

We have a *Friends of Jazzhouse* Donation Form to complete. This has details of how to make your donation by cheque or BACS payment. We like to acknowledge supporters in the ways mentioned above, but you can also donate anonymously if you prefer. You can pick up a *Friends of Jazzhouse* Donation Form when you are next at a Jazz Steps gig by speaking with Brian Pierce or one of the other volunteers.

Alternately, please email info@jazzsteps.co.uk to request a *Friends of Jazzhouse* Donation Form. We will email you a form by return and you can review this, print, complete and return it at your leisure. If you have any questions about Friends of Jazzhouse, please see a volunteer at a gig or email us at info@jazzsteps.co.uk

Many thanks

Members of the Jazzhouse Volunteer Committee who run Jazz Steps gigs and facilitate local jazz education, awareness and support activities – and our legendary Jazz Steps Raffle!

