

LIVE Music on Sundays
in Dunfermline

Season 2023–24: Concert 3

Rose Room



3:00pm

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Viewfield Baptist Church

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Rose Room

Voted 'Best Band' twice at the Scottish Jazz Awards, Rose Room are Scotland's leading ensemble influenced by the Gypsy Jazz genre. Sharing a love of Swing music and the style of the great Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli, their "vigorous and vivacious" performances go "down a storm" with any audience as they serve up their 1930s 'Hot Club' standards, Gypsy Jazz favourites and self-penned originals with virtuosity, verve and panache recreating the excitement of Rive Gauche Paris.

Now in their second decade, the quartet is based in Glasgow and is fronted by award-winning virtuoso violinist and "sophisticated songstress" **Seonaid Aitken** who was voted Scottish Jazz Awards 'Best Vocalist' in 2017 and 2018, presented BBC Radio Scotland's 'Jazz Nights' for six years and is a regular tutor at the Grappelli-Django Camp in The Netherlands. Scotland's No.1 guitar maker, **Jimmy Moon** of 'Moon Guitars', features on double bass with Celtic Connections' Danny Kyle Award-winner **Tam Gallagher** on rhythm guitar. The newest addition to the band, and continuing Rose Room's second decade in style, is an exceptional talent from Glasgow's Southside – solo guitarist **Conor Smith** – known for his work with hugely popular band The Vintage Explosion.

With three albums recorded to date – *The High Life* (2015), *Am I Blue* (2013) and *Somewhere in Roseland* (2011) – Rose Room have headlined all of the major Scottish jazz festivals, appeared at the celebrated Shetland Folk Festival and toured Ireland performing at the Guinness Cork Jazz Festival. They have collaborated with Stéphane Grappelli's former guitarist; the world-famous virtuoso Martin Taylor MBE, leading British jazz violinist Christian Garrick, German Gypsy Jazz star Joscho Stephan and top Scottish saxophonist Konrad Wiszniewski as well as being played on BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Radio Ulster and Jazz FM.

Rose Room were delighted to have been voted 'Best Band' in the Scottish Jazz Awards 2018 and 2021 and two of Rose Room's tracks are featured on *The Clutha Sessions* charity CD released by the Clutha Trust.

"Classy vintage swing and gypsy jazz played by a band that combines brilliant musicianship and warm personality" (*Jazz Scotland*)

"As close to the sound of the great Stephane Grappelli as I think you're going to hear in Scotland" (*BBC Radio Scotland*)

"Rose Room swing harder than an elm tree in a force nine English gale ..." (*Shetland News*)

Seonaid Aitken (violin/vocals) Jimmy Moon (double bass)
Tam Gallagher (rhythm guitar) Conor Smith (solo guitar)

PROGRAMME

The music played in the two sets that make up this afternoon's concert will be introduced by the artistes. Some of the numbers you might expect to enjoy will be:

Gypsy Jazz numbers:

Joseph, Joseph; Swing Gitane; Dark Eyes; Minor Swing

1920s/30s songs:

I Found A New Baby; Me, Myself And I; If I Had You;
I Wish You Love

Jazz Standards:

Lady Be Good; Avalon; The Nearness of You;
It's Been A Long, Long Time; The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise

15-minute INTERVAL

Coffee/tea will be available during between the sets

You will find toilets at the top of the entrance staircase
(disabled and ladies) and the bottom of the staircase (men)

Tell us what you think ...

For our winter concerts this season, we are trialling holding winter concerts at 3:00pm rather than 7:30pm. We'd like to find out whether or not we should do this again in future seasons, and what the reaction might be to our holding all future concerts in the afternoons.

Thank you for your help in completing either the form enclosed in this programme – please leave it on your seat – or the on-line equivalent linked to the QR code or available at <https://tinyurl.com/yc66sk6v>

