



It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back to our TENTH weekend event in Brighton, the JATS Swing Festival 2023! Here is some info that you may find useful regarding the event.

Schedule

Day 1 (Friday 17th February)

19:45-00:00 Registration, J&J sign up and Social dance w/live music from Bjorn and the Brothers of Rhythm and DJ music w/Katharina & Amelie

Day 2 (Saturday 18th February)

	HALL	STUDIO	CANTEEN
10:20-10:50	AUDITIONS: INT/ADV, ADVANCED, TOP		
11:00-11:55	*Theme Class* Hector&Sonia	SOLO JAZZ Claudia	
12:00-12:55	ADVANCED Hector&Sonia	SOLO JAZZ Claudia	INTERMEDIATES Hanna&Stephen
13:00-13:55	INTERMEDIATES Maria&Aurélien	TOP Hector&Sonia	
14:00-14:55	INT/ADV Maria&Aurélien	SOLO JAZZ Hanna&Stephen	
15:00-15:55	INTERMEDIATES & INT/ADV (JAZZ Claudia)	ADVANCED Hanna&Stephen	TOP Hector&Sonia
16:00-16:55	ADVANCED Maria&Aurélien	TOP Hanna&Stephen	
17:00-18:00	INT/ADV Maria&Aurélien		

20:00-00:00 Social dance w/live music from Steve Coombe's Hot Band and DJ music from Amelie & Katharina
 20:00 J&J Competition Prelims
 00:00-03:00 After party w/DJ Amelie, Katharina & Samas @ The Hope & Ruin

Day 3 (Sunday 19th February)

	HALL	STUDIO	CANTEEN
12:00-12:55	INTERMEDIATES Hector&Sonia	SOLO JAZZ Claudia	INT/ADV Hanna&Stephen
13:00-13:55	INTERMEDIATES Maria&Aurélien	SOLO JAZZ Claudia	INT/ADV Hector&Sonia
14:00-14:55	ADVANCED Hanna&Stephen	TOP Maria&Aurélien	SOLO JAZZ Claudia
15:00-15:55	ADVANCED Hector&Sonia	TOP Maria&Aurélien	INTERMEDIATES Hanna&Stephen
16:05-17:00	ADVANCED & TOP (JAZZ Claudia)	INT/ADV Hector&Sonia	
17:05-18:00	*Theme Class* Maria&Aurélien		

19:30-23:00 Social dance w/live music from Bjorn and the Brothers of Rhythm and DJ music from Katharina & Amelie

Theme Class Open to all Lindy Hoppers

Registration

This will take place upon your arrival at the registration desk based just outside the main hall, signs will guide you towards the main entrance of the Brighton Girls School (formerly Brighton & Hove High School). Here you will get your wristbands.

If you are attending the whole event (full weekend pass) then you will receive 2 wristbands, 1 full social pass wristband and 1 audition wristband*. After the audition you will receive 2 class wristbands, please wear one class wristband each day and remove them for the evening social dance. This helps ensure people, of each level, won't feel intimidated asking others from different levels to dance at the social dances.

*Intermediate full weekend ticket holders will receive all of their wristbands at registration and are not to attend the audition.

Competitions

The Mix & Match competition will take place on Saturday evening. Prelims will be at 20:00 and finals will be between the band sets. Registration for the competition is on Saturday evening at 20:00, first come first served. Space for 15 leads and 15 follows. £5 cash per person.

Safety & Wellbeing

There is a first aid kit behind the bar in the ballroom and another first aid kit in the dance studio building reception.

If anyone has any concerns about somebody's safety and wellbeing at our event please do not hesitate to contact either Sam (+44)07988961354 or Gabi (+44)07440476321, anytime, day or night. In an emergency please call 999.

Please remember, if you don't want to dance with someone, that is totally fine and you don't need to give reasoning. Never be afraid to say no but do so in a respectful manner.

Parking (New for 2023)

Parking at the school is forbidden. Vehicles on school grounds without a parking permit may be subject to removal.

Parking can be found in near-by residential roads and may be free after 8pm in some streets.

Bar

We are running our own cash bar at the event and no alcohol is to be bought from outside. Bags may be checked and entry may be refused and no refund given if people try bringing their own booze.

We will be enforcing the Challenge 25 policy so please don't be offended if you are asked for ID and treat our Bar staff with respect.

The bar will be cash only and there is a cash machine 5 minutes walk away at Seven Dials CO-OP.

Please note: As is the nature of any international event, many of our staff and volunteers at the event are not native English speakers so please be patient and speak clearly and don't be offended if you are asked to repeat something.

Venues

Our main ballroom and largest hall has a smooth, sprung wooden floor that is very nice to dance on. Our dance studio also has a smooth sprung wooden floor with mirrors. The canteen space has a smooth wood effect lino floor. Our after party venue at The Hope and Ruin does not have a good quality dance floor, it is upstairs in a live music venue.

Although Swing and Jump Blues will be the main music of the after party, expect a party atmosphere!

Location

Main venue: Brighton Girls, Montpellier Road, BN1 3AT

(Note: the school used to be called Brighton&Hove High School)

After party venue: The Hope and Ruin, Queens Road, BN1 3WA

