



Report to Felixstowe Town Council

March 2023

Application for funding was made to create WAMfest Felixstowe (women arts and music) a community arts festival project, over the weekend of 10th and 11th September 2022 – WAMfest 2.2.

This built on the success of WAMfest 1 which took place on 6th September 2021, and WAMfest – Women in Song on 4th March for International Women's Day 2022.

The ultimate vision was to create a sustainable annual project that supports women (mainly musicians/performers, visual artists, authors) to have a platform to present their performances/art/literary products.

Women are traditionally under-represented in music festivals, and many of the participants have been adversely affected by Covid 19 pandemic. Women have been shown to have carried the burden of support for the family during the past two years therefore this event was intended to continue to support the regrowth of the arts and culture leisure and tourism economy in the town.

The objectives were :-

- For events to occur on the evening of Saturday 10th September 2022 and during Sunday 11th September 2022
- 100 plus performers and artists to gain a platform for their work
- For 2,000 people to engage with the festival, either in person or online (if necessary)
- For a further event to occur on International Women's Day March 2023
- To donate any surplus to the Lighthouse Women's Aid

Funding was gained to secure artists, venues, sound services, art materials including displays, marketing and PR, insurance cover etcetera

The plan was to launch a 6 month WAMfest Project over the weekend of 10th culminating on International Women's Day weekend 2023,

Due to the death of the Queen some of the activities planned over the September weekend including public events at the Triangle and at the Grosvenor were cancelled as a mark of

respect. These events were rolled over to November 14th and International Women's Day - March 4th.

All events were well received and highly successful, and the event objectives were achieved thanks to the generous funding received. Funding of over £800 was donated to the Lighthouse Women's Aid, due to ticket sales and raffles and match funding from the landlord of the Grosvenor



WAMFEST FELIXSTOWE EVENTS ♦ SEPTEMBER 2022

SAT 10TH SEPT - WAMFEST LAUNCH AT LA VIDA, BEACH STREET	
19:30 - 23:30	Big Mama Funk - supported by Gabby Rivers and Lydia Angelica.
SAT 10TH SEPT - FREE EVENT AT THE GROSVENOR	
14:00 - 17:00	Serena Grant, Ruby Ambrose, Elly Tree, Aimee Iris and Tori McKew.
SUN 11TH SEPT - EVENTS AT THE ORWELL HOTEL	
10:00 - 10:30	Felixstowe Harmonies
11:00 - 12:00	Crime author panel: Ruth Dugdall & Jemma Wayne on thrilling twists and why crime is so compelling.
12:15 - 13:15	Theatre performance: 'Yours Truly'
13:30 - 14:30	Historical author panel: Elske Howeler & Gill Blanchard on research tips and writing the past.
14:45 - 15:15	Belinda Gillett
15:45 - 17:00	International Soprano Christina Johnston - supported by Stellar Acappella.
SUN 11TH SEPT - EVENTS AT THE TRIANGLE	
10:45 - 11:15	Believe Group
11:30 - 12:00	Felixstowe Harmonies
12:15 - 12:45	Ipswich Reggae Choir
13:00 - 13:20	Katie Mitton
13:25 - 13:45	Annabelle Taylor
14:00 - 14:30	Stellar Acappella
14:45 - 15:15	Majestic Voices
15:30 - 16:00	Dennis Lowe Theatre Company
16:15 - 16:30	Ukrainian Dancers
SUN 11TH SEPT - WAMFEST FINALE AT TWO SISTERS ARTS CENTRE Trimley St Mary	
19:00 - 22:00	The Three Chordettes, Ukelele Ladies, Grace Calver, Brooke Telling.

Tickets: www.wamfestfelixstowe.art/tickets

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Programme may be subject to change

● Music
● Literary event
● Theatre & performance

Initial 10th 11th September programme – the event at the Grosvenor was deferred to 14th November 22

Programme for 4th March

FELIXSTOWE

WAMFEST

WOMEN, ARTS AND MUSIC
goes

MARDI GRAS

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT

BEACH STREET & LA VIDA
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FELIXSTOWE HARMONIES - IPSWICH REGGAE
CHOIR - FLAMENCO WORKSHOP - ART FOR WELL-
BEING- WOMEN'S ART EXHIBITION - BOUNCE AND
MUCH, MUCH MORE!

THE GROSVENOR PUBLIC HOUSE
FROM 7 PM

All female singers including
Belinda Gillett Ruby Ambrose Katie Mitton.

For more information and tickets
www.wamfestfelixstowe.art