



MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

Contact: Scott O'Hara

Phone: 07484 820672

Email: scott@seedsedgemoor.com

seedsedgemoor.com

Front Garden Music Festival returns bigger and better in 2022!

Thursday 25 May: Imagine if you could enjoy a music festival right on your doorstep with no traffic or parking problems and no cost-of-living crushing ticket prices? Thanks to Seed's Front Garden Music Festival, you can. On **Sunday 12 June** at ten locations across Sedgemoor, more than 35 acts will provide free entertainment for everyone.

After the success of the inaugural festival last year, Front Garden Music Festival returns bigger and better in 2022. **Seed** Director Scott O'Hara explains,

"Last year's festival was arranged during the second lockdown as an event where local musicians could step out of their front doors and perform. Thanks to lockdown easing we were able to add pub gardens to programme and it proved really popular. All year we have been asked if we would run the event again, and our artist call out attracted a massive response. This year we are adding some high-quality acts from nearby area, and a wider variety of music including classical and music from other cultural traditions".

Anna Kemper from Bristol based **Chalguh Cheng** adds *"We are really excited to take part in such a different and special event. A celebration that is created by the community and for the community like this is great for everyone to get together. It's also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diverse cultures and to put female performers at the forefront. We are thrilled to be part of that."*

With more acts to accommodate, even more locations have been added to the Festival Programme. Brand new venues include Cheddar Community Pavilion, Woolavington Village Hall, the National Trusts' Fyne Court and Victoria Park in Bridgwater. Returning venues include The Coopers Arms and St John's Church in Highbridge as well as various front garden locations, providing even more opportunities to enjoy some high quality local live music.

Roger Rogers from Highbridge band **Beat Route Jam** says *"This is a unique opportunity to perform in a front garden and reach an audience right where they live. It's a far cry from the usual venues and it is very exciting to do something new."*

All events are free and no booking is required. You can find further information on performances times and venues at www.frontgardenmusicfestival.com

/continues

media release

Event Schedule

Bridgwater	Woolavington	Highbridge	Catcott	Cheddar
Chandos St 10-11am				
	Woolavington Village Hall 11am-2pm	Church St 11am & 1.45pm		
Fyne Court 1-3pm		St Johns Church 1pm	Crown Inn 1-5pm	
Victoria Park 1-3pm		Coopers Arms 2.15-6pm		
		Highbridge Social Club 7.30- 10pm		Reservoir & Community Pavilion 6-10pm

IMAGES



Full size Images to accompany this release can be downloaded via:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vmNz3rVP9za42fqkete6lxz8kpwee-Nf?usp=sharing>

Seed Sedgemoor

The Engine Room | 52 High St. Bridgwater Somerset TA6 3BL info@seedsedgemoor.com | 01278 433187

Seed is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

- Homes in Sedgemoor,
- Community Council for Somerset,
- Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum,
- Somerset Film;
- Young Somerset and
- Bridgwater Town Council.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

Seed is part of Arts Council England's **Creative People and Places** programme (**CPP**). Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in arts and culture experiences in the places where they live. There are 33 projects, each located in a place where people are least likely to engage with arts and culture. We've committed £108 million to the programme so far, covering 33 Projects, 33 Places, 30 consortia and 45 local authorities. Since 2013, there have been 4.5 million engagements with the CPP programme and 86% of people who participate in weren't previously engaging regularly with arts and culture. www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk
www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects

If you would like further information about Seed, this announcement or to arrange an interview please contact Scott O'Hara via Scott@seedsedgemoor.com or on ph. 07484820672

/ends