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Free Live Music Across Sedgemoor

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Sedgemoor's unique Front Garden Music Festival is back for a third year and it is set to be even bigger and better than before. Everyone can enjoy a weekend of free LIVE music right in the heart of the community on **Saturday 10** and **Sunday 11 June 2023**.

Front Garden Music Festival was created to bring live music right to where people live. It is accessible, family-friendly fun. Best of all, it is completely free to attend. Seed will be bringing stages to Bridgwater (Cranleigh Gardens and Victoria Park), Cheddar (Community Pavilion), Edington (Village Hall), Highbridge (St John's Church, Church Street, Market Street Green and the Coopers Arms), and at the National Trust's Fyne Court at Broomfield. People across Sedgemoor will not have to travel far from home to be able to experience a high-quality live music event.

Seed CEO Scott O'Hara says 'The Front Garden Music Festival gives a unique platform for local musicians to showcase their talents alongside top professional acts. This year's exciting programme is jampacked with acts from jazz and classical to punk and pop. There is something for everyone on the programme, including our exciting headliners **Redtenbacher's Funkestra** featuring singer **Jana Varga** on our full-size festival main stage in Cranleigh Gardens'

'**Redtenbacher's Funkestra** is a Funky Collective of world class musicians with 20 releases to their name. They have and have recorded with a 'who's who' from the international Jazz Funk and Fusion scene including legends like Alfred 'Pee Wee' Ellis (James Brown) Prince's New Power Generation horn section (aka 'The Hornheads'), Brand New Heavies, Cory Wong and many more. Fatea magazine described headliner Jana Varga's music as 'The Stuff Carnegie Hall shows are made of' so we are delighted they are coming to perform for us in Bridgwater'.

Front Garden Music Festival 2023 also offers performances from Seed's community groups including Bridgwater's **Guitar and Bass Group**, the **Chilton Polden Music Group** and the **Highbridge Youth Theatre**, alongside leading local talent including Blues in the Pews resident band **Mossflower**. There is also an exciting programme of professional artists. **RSVP Bhangra** will be getting the crowd dancing with Bhangra workshops in Victoria Park in Bridgwater. **Andy Novak Trio** add high quality jazz to the lineup at Cheddar Pavilion and Fyne Court and pop-punk favourites **Slackrr** return for their third year at the event, this time in Cranleigh Gardens.

It is free for everyone to experience and enjoy. You will need to prebook your tickets for Cranleigh Gardens and RSVP Bhangra workshops to ensure your place – you can do this online. Bring a picnic, family and friends and enjoy a great weekend of FREE live music.



IMAGES

Full size Images to accompany this release and a copy of the programme can be downloaded via: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sc2aEbEljX5O4ZK9zvMaAigEZ_bbJ1zL?usp=sharing

Front Garden Music Festival

Is a music festival created by Seed Sedgemoor to enable more people to access creative activities on their doorsteps. Travel can be a barrier to accessing music festivals so this one takes place in community centres and public spaces close to where people live. It is also completely free with funding from the Arts Council. Front Garden Music Festival Is in its third year. It is brought to you by Seed Sedgemoor, an Arts Councils Creative People and Places project.

Pre-booked your free tickets these are available online now for Cranleigh Gardens here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/united-kingdom/cranleigh-gardens-park/front-garden-music-festival-cranleigh-gardens-bridgwater/e-eb1xld>

And for RSVP Bhangra's dance workshop at Victoria Park here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/bridgwater/victoria-park-community-centre/rsvp-bhangra-dance-workshop-front-garden-music-festival/2023-06-11/12:30/t-vvjyml>

Tickets are not required for the other stages.

Front Garden Acts Featuring in 2023

More about the acts can be found on the Seed website:

<https://seedsedgemoor.com/activities/front-garden-music-festival-2023/>

Retendbacher's Funkestra featuring Jana Varga will be the headline act at this year's Front Garden Music Festival, closing the show at the brand new Saturday main stage at Cranleigh Gardens Bridgwater from 5-6pm on Saturday 10 June 2023

The London based, multi-national, Redtenbacher's Funkestra is the brainchild of bassist, composer and producer Stefan Redtenbacher. This original and mostly instrumental wall-to-wall Jazz Funk Collective of world class players has about 20 releases to their name - 'The Hang' being the latest one, currently number one in the weekly top 50 Funk album chart according to the Roots Music Report.

<https://redtenbachersfunkestra.com/>

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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) which helps more communities enjoy high quality cultural experiences. With £108 million investment nationally in the programme since its launch through Arts Council England in 2012, Creative People and Places projects have empowered communities across the country to take the lead in deciding what creative activities they want and need. The projects have a wide-ranging, positive impact on individuals and communities in parts of the country where involvement in arts and culture is significantly below the national average. There have been over 10 million engagements with the programme – 86% of which are from groups with low to medium engagement with arts and culture. From 2022 - 2025, Arts Council England [is investing £38.3 million in Creative People and Places](#) through National Lottery funding, so more communities can choose the creativity and culture on offer in their local area. Arts Council England is committed to supporting Creative

People and Places projects in helping 'everyone, everywhere' enjoy creativity and culture as part of the Let's Create strategy.

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www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk

www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects

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