

Lift The Bandstand: Jazz and Improvisation Research Symposium

Thu 23 Oct 2025 10:00-20:00 Laban Building

A day of performance, seminars and discussion.

Lift The Bandstand is the first symposium of its kind at Trinity Laban, specifically addressing practice, research, and ideas surrounding Jazz and Improvisation. Staff, students and alumni will contribute performance, discussion and presentations throughout the day, highlighting the spectrum and possibility of research that not only takes place at Trinity Laban, but also in the wider Jazz community in the UK and Europe.

Speakers/Performers: Dr Hans Koller, Caius Williams, Will Glaser, Callum Gourlay, Professor Jonathan Clark, Dr Tomas Challenger, Chelsea Carmichael, Gloria Yehilevsky, Filippo Ieraci, and more.

Schedule

Laban Studio 1

10:00-13:00 Introduction and Jazz Research Presentations: RDP students to include Filippo Ieraci, Gloria Yehilevsky, Chelsea Carmichael and Byron Wallen.

13:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Jazz Creative Practice Performances with Will Glaser, Dr Tom Challenger and Caius Williams

16:00 Keynote Presentation: Dr Hans Koller, Associate Director (Music)

17:00 Break

17:45 Jazz Research Seminar: 'The Protentional for Jazz and Theory' with Professor Jonathan Clark, Head of Research and Knowledge Exchange

Laban Studio Theatre

18:30 Pre-Concert Intro: Callum Gourlay

19:00 Jazz Concert: Callum Gourlay Big Band