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Dear Blowout Saxophonists,

2009 was an outstanding year for us at Blowout Sax Bath and Bristol with some incredible and wonderful performances at The Chapel Arts in May 2009.

In 2010 the first date for your diary is for the next splendid **Blowout Sax School Gig is SATURDAY MAY 15TH 2010** at Chapel Arts Centre (Formerly The Invention Arts Centre), Lower Borough Walls starting at 7.30 pm. We are going to produce our usual mix of as many styles as possible displaying many of the sax's qualities from Blowout's array of Kings of ska, reggae, soul, pop, solo sax, quartets, some wild honking and screaming, be-bop jazz and of course for a change a vocal call and response finale we will try to get as many of you up there as possible and it will be quite an occasion.

Phil Andrews has taken over The Chapel Arts Centre investing over £20,000 to improve a vital performing space especially for us as we have held our very special Blowout Sax gigs there for the past decade. So to cover the increased hiring costs and (as we only break-even anyway) we will have to charge performers as well as family and friends. Please tell your friends as soon as possible and let's have another tremendous musical evening. Tickets will be on sale from April 14th and after over nine years of £8 will be a minor league raise to £10.





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Gigs and concerts to see..The headline act at the Cheltenham Festival this year is the current jazz superstar that is Mr Jamie Cullum. Amongst the other jazz acts that involve top British saxophonists are 'Food' with the versatile Iain Ballamy and the award winning group Polar Bear with always electric Pete Wareham on tenor sax. All information is to be found at www.cheltenhamfestivals.com. tel 0844 576 9870.

But at the Bath Festival this year is a jazz and soul legends festivals. At The Pavilion British Jazz wise there is an onslaught to the senses of those Saxperimentalists Acoustic Ladyland and Lead Bib 2pm May 22nd. And in the evening the legend that is Booker T is playing his original R and B here in the evening...Top US Jazzman



David Murray is playing The Pavilion on the bank Holiday Monday and to close the festival the dame of soul Martha and the Vandellas. Tickets can be bought from The Bath Festivals Box Office 01225463362 or online www.bathmusicfest.org.uk or in person from the box office at 2,Church Street, Abbey Green.

Lessons wise Please adhere to our 48 hours cancellation rule because this is what we do for a living and it would be easier if this was just accepted without the awkwardness of having to ask for it.

The website www.blowoutsax.com is finally finally finally being revamped with loads of great new stuff including live footage and photos from the last set of gigs. Also please send us your email address to markarcher@blowoutsax.com so we can send you updates.

We are so pleased you are a part of The Blowout Sax.

Please pass on our name to anyone else who is interested in playing our wonderful saxophone either here in Bath or in Bristol.

Thanks again for all your help and support,

Keep grinning,

Mark and Cate, Craig, Stan, Berry and Jackie.