

Erik the king

CANADIAN acoustic guitar maestro Erik Mongrain (right) is appearing at Poulton Community Hall on Breck Road in Poulton tomorrow at 9pm.

Erik was born in Montreal in 1980 and grew up to the sounds of Metallica, Jimi Hendrix and Nirvana, learning to play his favourite songs by ear.

Over the years he composed his own music and discovered Jean-Sebastian Bach's classical guitar melodies, before choosing the acoustic guitar as his favourite musical instrument.

Erik is a musician who is constantly researching and exploring the world of music. After experimenting with unusual guitar techniques he has been writing songs in which the harmonies and melodies are profoundly inspired.

■ Tickets are available, priced £10 from (01253) 890927 or on the door.



Make sure you rock the vote



THE Original Rock Quest 2009 is ready roll and with just one week to go before the first heat all 18 bands are now confirmed.

Heat one will feature The Cardinals, Goonies Never Say Die, Inflight Recorder, Mauser, Population Four and The Silvertones.

November 27's line-up is The Dirty Daggers, The Drop Out Wives, Kaseno, (OK), Screams of Cold Winter and Shen.

December 4 features Paul Berry, KPLG, Makers of Venice, Switchboard Spectacular, Troubadour and The Valvetronics.

Sponsored by Bulmers Original and staged in The Tower Lounge, the winning band from each heat will automatically gain a place in the grand final where they will be joined by the highest scoring runner up from the three heats plus the band

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which receives the most number of emailed votes from Gazette readers.

Six bands will take part in each heat – the weekly winner taking home £150 as well as going through to the final. All other bands in the heats will receive £50 each. In the December 11 final the winning band will receive £1,500. The four runners-up in the final receive £200 each.

Audio from all 18 of the successful bands who have got through to the three heats of The Original Rock Quest 2009 is now available on

our website – www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk – by following the Rock Quest link.

Listen to what they have got to offer then see them live on stage at The Tower Lounge from Friday, November 20.

Vote for your favourite band by emailing rockquest@blackpoolgazette.co.uk

Just name the band you would like to see in the December 11 final.

Along with the competition's highest scoring runner up and the three heat winners, the band with the highest email score which has not already gained a place in the final will be given a second chance to play for the big money first prize.

Your vote could be the one that puts your favourite band into the final of The Original Rock Quest 2009 at Blackpool Tower Lounge.

in brief

◆ It's a good night for guitar fans tonight as blues legend **Woody Mann** (right) rocks into **Blackpool Grand Theatre** for the latest Studio Blues 2009.

Woody has become one of the world's most renowned guitar masters. In both his guitar playing and songwriting, he blends the unique genres of blues, jazz and world music, updating music traditions with his contemporary improvisational style with ease and grace.

● Call the box office on (01253) 290190, online at www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk or at the Grand Theatre information sales point in the Houndshell Shopping Centre. All seats £10.

◆ Gritty Oldham rock and roll trio **Twisted Wheel** are at **Preston's 53 Degrees**

tomorrow as part of a full UK headline tour.

The band have quickly earned themselves a reputation as one of the hardest working young touring bands around and also as the support band of choice, previously having gigged with Oasis, The Enemy, Ian Brown and many more.

It should be a big night for fans of proper old school indie rock and roll. Doors 7.30 pm. Tickets: £6-16+

◆ **King Pleasure and The Biscuit Boys** will be presenting a breathtaking mix of 1940s Kansas City Jazz and Blues at **The Platform in Morecambe** tomorrow starting at 8pm.

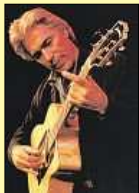
Looking like they stepped straight out of a 1940s black and white B movie, the six-piece delivers a shot of pure

and authentic jazz and blues from a bygone era when swing was king.

Tickets for this exhilarating, swinging non-stop live stage performance cost £14 adults and £13 concessions from the box office on (01524) 582803.

◆ The weekly **Irish Music Session** previously held at the North Euston Hotel in Fleetwood is moving to **Poulton's Old Town Hall** in Market Place from Sunday. All listeners and session players/singers welcome.

◆ Controversial comic **Jimmy Carr** has been booked for what has become his annual Blackpool visit. Having recently hit the headlines, the comedian will be at **Blackpool Opera House** on Friday, August 6 at 8pm as part of his national Rapier Wit tour. Tickets are £22.50 all areas – no concessions. Not suitable for under 16s.



Rude talk

LISA Riley (Emmerdale, Fat Friends) is looking forward to another Grand night in Blackpool when she returns to the resort's Victorian theatre with Sally Lindsay

(Coronation Street, Scallywagga) and Sarah Jayne Dunn (Hollyoaks' Mandy Richardson) tonight for the hit show The Vagina Monologues.

"I can't wait to come back to the Grand," said Lisa (pictured). "There's such a warm feeling to the theatre, you have to pinch yourself when you think about those who have performed there in the past."

Tickets from £14.50. Please note: this show contains adult themes. Book by calling the Grand Theatre box office on (01253) 290190, online at www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk or at the Grand Theatre information sales point in the Houndshell Shopping Centre.



Uncle Tom's Cabin

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November
Sport at
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Saturday 14th Nov

3.00pm Wales V Scotland
5.00pm Brazil V England
8.00pm Republic of Ireland V France
(World Cup Play Off 1st leg)
10.00pm IBO Welterweight Title
Lovemore Ndou V Matthew Hatton

Sunday 15th Nov

4.30pm Southampton V Brighton

ENTERTAINMENT WEEK AHEAD

Fri 13th Nov James Ray (Male vocalist)
Sat 14th Nov Kids Disco
Andy Monro (Male vocalist)
Sun 15th Nov Black pearl (Band)
Mon 16th Nov Evening of Salsa (Lessons available Between 8 - 9.30pm)
Tue 17th Nov Intellectual Battlefield (Quiz) (Prizes)
Wed 18th 2 - 4pm Tony del Ray (Male vocals & Bingo)
Thurs 19th 2 - 4pm Tony Ford Karaoke Night With J & J Entertainment

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 19th Dec
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