



Dick Lee Septet

Stu Brown Sextet

5th November 2016

Jazz as part of weekend's celebrations

Two of Scotland's leading jazz groups entertained locals and visitors after the bonfire and the fireworks. The Dick Lee Septet and the Stu Brown Sextet provided four hours of music that would have been hard to better.

A children's workshop to create a short film of cartoon characters, made possible by a third sector grant from Argyll & Bute Council, was made during Saturday afternoon. It was an incredible experience for the kids to be able to work with one of Scotland's leading animators who was in turn supported by the ArtMap artists. Artistic ability and creative imagination was stretched to produce a short animation film of some considerable merit. Full credit to those who took part. Maybe it will lead one day to one of these young people finding a career in animation. The resulting film was shown at the evening concert when Stu Brown's group played music from cartoons stretching over the past 60 years. Looney Toons are well known but hearing them 'in the flesh' was a truly exciting experience for those of us old enough to remember the early cartoon characters.

The second half of the evening concert was given by Dick Lee and his Septet. Dick is well known to audiences in Mid Argyll and his admirers had turned out in force. They were not disappointed with spectacular solos from each of the band members interspersed with impressive spells of improvisation. Much of the music played had been composed or arranged by Dick and made for a most memorable evening. The final hour was given to a jam session with members from both bands. It was an unforgettable occasion which rounded off a most spectacular weekend.

The concert was put on by Mid Argyll Arts Association and was supported by the Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance as part of the Ignite celebrations.