

What When Where? The Forester

Forest studio sound is Jayl's big break

A NEW single and album written and recorded in the Forest are set to take the world by storm.

The single called 'Somewhere' and the album called 'Roma' have been created at The Angel, Ruardean by acclaimed singer songwriter Jayl De Lara and his new Band of Life.

The single promo has already reached number 1 in the Online Reverb Nation Alternative Charts.

Jayl has been running the Harmony School at The Angel for the last two years, having taken on the closed pub after it had been standing empty for nearly four years. The school specialises in vocal coaching, singing therapy and also has full studio recording facilities.

Many aspiring local singers have trained at the Harmony School, with the very best being selected to perform on Jayl's album. The single is composed by Jayl and one of his protégés – Shem Booth-Spain from the up and coming band The Singing Pictures. The song has a style of its own which is a musical fusion called purism; a genre founded by Jayl and now officially recognised by Soundcloud (the musical wing of Facebook).

A professional video has also been created for the single.

This has been filmed in London, Kent, Gloucester and at Puzzlewood in the Forest. It stars Harmony School student Roanna Dunsford (aka Roanna Dee), who is now a London based fashion model and international role model. It has also been mixed and mastered at the Angel Studio. The album is the culmination of two years of hard work that have seen the Harmony School successfully integrating with the local community.

Jayl has become a parish councillor and is also a teacher and mentor to people of all ages in the Forest and beyond.

The ROMA album also features the amazing saxophonist Matt Clackett, famous for his work with Danni Minogue, Pink Floyd's Nick Mason and the All Stars Collective.

Both the 'Somewhere' single (release date – August 7) and the album are being released on Jayl's own Harmony Label and will be available on iTunes, Amazon, both online and at High Street music shops.

For further information, or to hear the promo of the song visit www.reverbNation.com/jayl or www.harmonyschool.co.uk

To view the promo video visit: www.youtube.com/HarmonyLabel



INSPIRATIONAL: Jayl De Lara, above, and performing below.



Excellence rewarded

NEWENT'S International Centre for Birds of Prey has received a Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor after amassing 118 five-star reviews on the travel comparison website.

"After a difficult few years with the weather, visitor numbers are picking up and we hope for a successful year," said director Jemima Parry-Jones.

"We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area, it is lovely to be able to share it with the general public who are so appreciative." The centre suffered in an early start to the tourist year before fine weather brought visitors through the gate.

It houses the largest collection of birds of prey in the UK and is home to a host of eagles, owls and falcons, among others.

Glosfolk diary dates

Friday August 9

● OPEN mic music session at The Miner's Arms, Whitecroft, near Lydney GL15 4PE 8.30pm. Info: <http://www.bobsmithmusic.co.uk>

Tuesday August 13

● ENGLISH Country Dancing, Highnam Parish Rooms, Newent Road, Highnam, Glos GL2 8DG 2 – 4pm 2nd Tuesdays Live music and caller £2.50 Info: Bill 077787 713758

Wednesday August 14

● FOREST of Dean Morris Men are at The Anchor, Tintern at 8pm. Info: 01594 824177, web: <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/forestofdeanmorris>

Friday August 16

● OPEN mic music session at The Miner's Arms, Whitecroft, near Lydney GL15 4PE 8.30pm. Info: <http://www.bobsmithmusic.co.uk>

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