

Loughton jazz archive to mark UNESCO global music day

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The Loughton-based National Jazz Archive will host an evening of music to mark UNESCO's International Jazz Day.

The event will take place at Loughton Baptist Church, beginning at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 6.45pm on April 30.



The celebration will feature a special live performance by members of the Grand Union Orchestra, led by acclaimed musician Claude Deppa.

A spokesman for the National Jazz Archive said: "It's UNESCO International Jazz Day, and we're once again hosting an evening of celebration of global jazz in association with this incredible worldwide event coordinated by the Herbie Hancock Institute in the USA. Expect some gorgeous music that will move the feet and lift the heart."

Mr Deppa, a founding member of the influential UK jazz collective Jazz Warriors, will lead a multi-national ensemble.

Performers include Indo-jazz tabla specialist Yousuf Ali Khan, saxophonist and flautist Louise Elliott, vocalist and bassist Josh Brandler, DR Congo's Siemy Di, and multi-instrumentalist Gerry Hunt.

The concert will feature music from the African diaspora, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Organisers have said the event is entirely family-friendly. No parking is available on-site, but nearby options are available on side streets and at Sainsbury's.