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BOOGIE WOOGIE ON DOWN WITH THE BEN WATERS BIG BAND!

Aberystwyth Arts Centre
Thurs 19 February 2009 8pm

Information begins.....

The **Ben Waters Big Band** take to the stage Thurs 19 February for a night of rock and roll and boogie woogie!

Ben Waters is acknowledged as Europe's answer to the American legends of Rock 'n' Roll and Boogie Woogie.

Hurricane, the Band's new CD which was recorded in Jools

Holland's studio has been receiving rave reviews worldwide, and Ben's name has become synonymous with excellence in the performance of boogie woogie, rock 'n' roll and blues. His band includes Clive Ashley on sax; Ady Milward on drums and Richard Hymas on bass, who are joined by some of the country's top ranking musicians to produce an unforgettable full-on rock 'n' roll experience. Special Guest on tour are Spikedrivers: their original and exciting music combines gutsy slide guitar, rock solid bass, infectious grooves and highly distinctive vocals to create a sound that is uniquely their own.

Jools Holland gives his endorsement to the band:

"Boogie woogie is alive and well! Ben Waters – who incidentally is PJ Harvey's cousin - has got the touch and the feel for it. Half of the secret of boogie woogie is knowing the tempo at which to play and not making things too fast, and Ben really understands that. I saw him years ago and I thought he was great so ended up playing with him. Then he ended up playing at my wedding and very kindly gave me some Albert Ammons sheet music, which is strange because neither he, I nor Albert read music! He's just finished a new record that I haven't heard yet, but he really is a great talent and someone to look out for. He is always playing so do go see him because he is terrific live."



Tickets for their gig at the Arts Centre are £12.50 (£11.50) and can be booked by calling 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre . You can find out more about this great band on their website, www.benwaters.com

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