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19:00 LONDON SOUL CHOIR

19:20 LOUISE MARSHALL

19:40 IMAANI

20:00 TONY MOMRELLE

20:30 BREAK

20:40 ODYSSEY

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MEET THE ARTISTS

ODYSSEY

One of the most successful soul/disco acts of their era, topping the charts with "Use It Up and Wear It Out" in the early 1980's, scoring several other Top Ten hits in Britain and throughout the world.

From their debut album emerged their first smash single - "Native New Yorker", an international hit late in 1977. Lillian's eldest son, Steven Collazo had become part of Odyssey behind the scenes from its inception, recording as a background vocalist, journeyman session musician and musical director for their live performances and tours. A couple of years later, the group cut their "Hang Together" album. It contained "Use It Up and Wear It Out", while the flipside, "Don't Tell Me, Tell Her" received major airplay on US Black Radio. In the UK, "Use It Up" shot to the top ten and number one chart hit.

Performing around the UK, Europe and The Middle East throughout the 80's and into the 90's, the journey continued. In 1994, Steven moved up to co-front the group and produce new versions of the Odyssey classics while appearing with Lillian on television, touring arenas, top hotels, clubs, major holiday resorts and festivals throughout the UK and Europe. Steven Collazo continues the family legacy, taking their "odyssey" upwards and upward as a brand, performing, recording and producing new music with an amazing array of talented singers, musicians, DJs and producers.



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TONY MOMRELLE

Dubbed - 'The 21st century Stevie Wonder' by Paul Morley of The Guardian and with a music career spanning 20+ years, Tony Momrelle has played with some of the greatest artists in the world: Incognito, Earth, Wind & Fire, Gloria Estefan, Celine Dion, Janet, Whitney Houston, Chaka Khan, Sade, Gary Barlow, Andrea Bocelli, Gwen Stefani, Robert Palmer, Gospel music group Seven and many more.

Tony is a lead vocalist of the famous British Acid-jazz band Incognito for more than sixteen years before launching his solo career in 2015 with his acclaimed debut album 'Keep Pushing', an authentic and thoroughly contemporary interpretation of what British soul music means today. His later studio album 'Best Is Yet To Come' released in 2019 is arguably Tony's finest album to date, truly demonstrating his exceptional prowess as a songwriter, as well as showcasing the outstanding vocal ability for which he is widely known.

Tony has toured world-wide, playing to sold-out audiences at venues and festivals in the UK, Australia, Italy, Germany, Russia, France, Indonesia and many more. On home soil, he has dazzled audiences on the BBC One show 'Later with Jools Holland', with the Guy Barker Orchestra and Big Band for BBC Radio 2 and at the EFG London Jazz Festival and Cheltenham Jazz Festival for several years running.



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IMAANI

Gracing stages across the world Imaani's live career is impressive. She has performed in numerous prestigious venues such as Tokyo's famous Blue Note club, Switzerland's Montreaux Jazz Festival and New York's The Filmore. She has performed on television, in the studio, and live with artists including Nile Rodgers, Chaka Khan, Maceo Parker, Philip Bailey, Jimmy Cliff, UB40, Gloria Gaynor, Incognito, Betty Wright, Omar, Mica Paris, Stephen Marley, Julian Marley, Leon Ware and Aswad. Featuring on no less than twelve studio and three live albums by the celebrated Jazz Funk band Incognito, Imaani has become a long-standing favourite with the fans. She has also completed several world tours and continues to tour extensively with the band.

Imaani has also had British chart success with Tru Faith & Dub Conspiracy's 'Freak Like Me' and has featured on nine singles for dance outfit Copyright, and tracks with The Layabouts. Both of her solo house music singles, 'Found My Light' and 'Live Without Love' placed No.1 Traxsource download chart. Her current single 'Best of My Love' a collaboration with Revival is currently riding high and is playlisted on several radio stations including Radio 2 where it's on heavy rotation. As a recording artist, Imaani's success spans across genres. Her debut solo album 'Standing Tall' has been met with critical acclaim. It is a body of work that celebrates all of the styles of music that Imaani loves and combines them with strong hooks, soulful melodies and distinct production.



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LOUISE MARSHALL

Louise Clare Marshall has been singing since she was 15 months old, beginning piano lessons at five, singing in the Oldham Girls Choir and studying Piano at Chetham's School of Music, Manchester joining the Chamber Choir and was a member of the National Youth Choir from 1990 to 1996. Louise won a Scholarship to The Guildhall School of Music and Drama and learned her trade singing with bands, West End Shows including 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and 'Whistle down the Wind', various session work for many recordings for TV, Radio and Films such as 'Little Mermaids', 'Beauty and The Beast' and 'Ray'.

Currently a featured singer with Jools Holland and his Orchestra, Louise has toured worldwide and worked alongside David Gilmour, Marc Almond, Soft Cell, Paul Weller, Chaka Khan, Beverley Knight, Dionne Warwick, Michael Ball, Roy Ayers, Tom Jones, Rag & Bone Man, Ed Sheeran and The BBC Big Band to name but a few.

Last Summer, Louise was the voice on the No. 1 single, 'Afraid to Feel' by LF System. The Double Platinum track was No.1 for 8 weeks and was nominated for a Brit Award for 'Song of the Year', performing the song on Jools Holland's Hootenanny last year. She sings the nation into the New Year with 'Auld Lang Syne'. Louise has produced two original albums "Wait for you" and "Beautiful", a collection of her own original songs alongside some 'gem' covers. She is a regular performer at various London venues such as The 606 Club, Ronnie Scott's, Pizza Express, The Crazy Coqs & Boisdales with her two bands 'The Brethren' and her 'Seriously Mendes' projects.



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LONDON SOUL CHOIR

From the humble beginnings of a single choir in Greenwich with just four members, UK Soul Choirs now feature 10 branches in London and the South East with 500 members singing together weekly. Abi Gilchrist, a highly experienced vocal coach and seasoned performer in her own right, was compelled to start Soul Choirs in 2010 because of her love of the genre and the thrill of bringing people together through singing. UK Soul Choirs use their performance opportunities to collect money for many charities. Over the years, they are proud to say that they have collected tens of thousands for both local and national organisations such as Mind, Parkinsons UK, Tommy's, UK Food Banks, Mind, Disasters Emergency Committee for Ukraine and The British Heart Foundation to name a few.

Over the years, Soul Choirs has been fortunate to have performed alongside Soul Legends such as Mica Paris, Alison Limerick, Lamar and Jocelyn Brown. They've been featured on LBC, Radio 3, Good Morning Britain and they were onscreen as the community choir of choice for a Christmas M&S advert 2023.

HOUSE BAND

The house band for IMA Christmas Soul Night 2023 involves some of the most in-demand session players in London, who have worked and toured with artists like Rita Ora, Chaka Khan, Incognito, Anastacia, Fleur East and Omar.

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HOUSE BAND

Westley Joseph - drums

Guy Phethean - keys and MD

Mark Walker - keys

Tom Hill - guitar

John Matta - bass

João Caetano - percussion

Chris Maddock - Saxophone

Tom Dunnett - trombone

Luke Vice Coles - trumpet

Dessie Polean - backing vocals

Hayley Polean - backing vocals

Grace Walker - backing vocals



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