



THE BELFAST  
**EMPIRE**

SEP/OCT 2017





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*Dear all,*

Winter, as they say, is coming. It's time to leave behind the scattered sun and showers of Summer and embrace the scattered sun and showers of Autumn. No matter what the weather may bring, there's plenty to amuse in the Empire.

Whether it's a full line-up of free entertainment every night in the Basement Bar, stand up comedy or live music, you know you'll find everything you need on Botanic. Add in our revolving beer, gin and bourbon of the month, as well as keenly priced grub, and you've no reason to leave, really.

This autumn sees the return of the mighty HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPELIN and DIRTY DC, two of the greatest tributes around to two of the greatest rock bands around. You like things more sedate? THE DEARS are for you, bringing a bit of classic 80's indie to the land of Canada. ARCAN ROOTS are an up-and-coming essential for fans of Biffy Clyro and the like, and we're keepin' it country with JAKE CARTER.

THE SLACKERS are bringing their Jamaican Ska Party to the Music Hall, and we've some hot, hot heat from Barcelona soulsters THE EXCITEMENTS. Not to forget a great charity line-up for MUSICIANS AGAINST HOMELESSNESS.

As always, I remain yours,

*Kitty*





## EVERY NIGHT IN THE BAR

### ENTERTAINMENT

**SUN** 10PM **KEN HADDOCK SUPPERCLUB**

**MON** 10PM **THE RARE AUL STUFF**

**TUE** 11PM **DISCOBEARD**

**WED** 10PM **THE BIG EMPIRE QUIZ**

**THU** 10.30PM **RAB MCCULLOUGH & BAND**

**FRI** 5.30PM **JACKIE RAINEY**

**FRI** 10.30PM **100% FRESH ROOTS**

**SAT** 10.30PM  
**LIVE  
ROCK  
& SOUL**

2 & 9 SEP ..... BLACK MARKET ICONS  
16 & 23 SEP .... ARMS OF VENUS DE MILO  
30 SEP ..... THE MOONSHINES  
7 OCT..... THE RENEGADES  
14 OCT ..... THE PAUL DEAN BAND  
21 & 28 OCT... STRICTLY NO BALLROOM

**LATE BAR | FREE ADMISSION | 7 NIGHT A WEEK  
FOOD SERVED MON-SAT 12-9PM SUN 12.30-6PM**

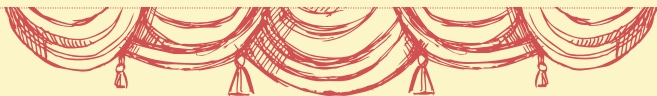
FRIDAYS | 10.30PM



# 100% FRESH ROOTS

**ORIGINAL ARTISTS PLAYING THEIR OWN MUSIC & MORE!**

1 SEP	<b>UNHOLY GOSPEL BAND</b>	7 OCT	<b>HOT SAUSAGE &amp; MUSTARD</b>
8 SEP	<b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>	14 OCT	<b>RACKHOUSE PILFER</b>
15 SEP	<b>THE SKATUESQUES</b>	21 OCT	<b>THE EL DUDE BROTHERS</b>
22 SEP	<b>CROW BLACK CHICKEN</b>	28 OCT	<b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>
29 SEP	<b>TWO TIME POLKA</b>		



# LIVE COMEDY TUESDAY



BEER BUCKET £10 | COCKTAIL JUG £12 | HOUSE WINE £12

**8PM**

£8/£7 STUDENT



THE BELFAST  
**EMPIRE**  
MUSIC HALL

THE BELFAST  
**EMPIRE**  
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*We're Celebrating*

It was 1987. Livin' On a Prayer was the number 1 selling song worldwide, Michael Fish told us there was definitely going to be no storm and the Untouchables taught us how to do things the Chicago way. It was also the year that the Empire first opened its doors. The rest, as they say, is history.

There's not a single Northern Irish band on the world stage who hasn't darkened our doors at some point. We've witnessed epic concerts in the unique grandeur of the Music Hall. The Empire Laughed Back at the absurdities and tragedy of Belfast at its best and worst.

Several generations of students have found shelter from the elements and lectures in it's cosy confines. We've seen the rise of the Premiership and watched seven World Cups on the big screen, and now we're going to celebrate 30 years at the heart of Botanic Avenue.

Hope to see you there!





THU 7 SEP | 9PM | £3

**RORY NELLIS** (FULL BAND)  
**OWEN LAMONT** (FULL BAND)  
**OUR NATIVE DEVILS**  
**ARLO**

RORY NELLIS has been a bit of a fixture on the local scene for well over 15 years now, most notably with the mighty Seven Summits, who've graced The Empire stage more than once. With his new album about to drop, these are exciting times for the talented songwriter.

Support comes from former Delawares lynchpin OWEN LAMONT (plus band!), OUR NATIVE DEVILS (ex Ten Gallon Hat/Jackson Cage) and up and coming folksters ARLO. Door tax is a frankly ridiculous three quid, which is not bad for such a night of alt-country capers.

THU 5 OCT | 9PM | £3

**ELECTRIC OCTOPUS**  
**BLACK CHAPELS**  
**SEARCH PARTY**  
**JAMES DOWNEY**

ELECTRIC OCTOPUS play by their own rules. Sure, Jazz Psychedelia may not be the most popular of genres in these parts, but that's no bad thing. When you've got three incredibly talented dudes throwing out all sorts of frequencies, it's time to tune in, turn on and rock out.

Support comes from alternative rock four piece BLACK CHAPELS, Scratch My Progress alumni SEARCH PARTY, and one man band JAMES DOWNEY, who mines the gentle fields of folktronica. It's an eclectic night, which is what Gifted is all about!





## MUSICIANS AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

SAT 9 SEP | 8.30PM | £10

A gig that aims to prevent anyone falling through the gaps. All proceeds for the night will benefit the Simon Community. Pop Up have put together a cracking line-up of local talent to make a good cause into a great night.

All the way from the states, BASSH feature local lad Jimmy Brown and Bill Reynolds (Band of Horses). It's a rare UK date for the elusive cult outfit. Electro duo MMODE feature Thomas and Lucy Gaffney and combine style and substance, recalling Hope Sandoval backed by Brian Eno. Support comes from Armagh outfit and Electric Picnic faves SILENCES. Fresh from a set at Glastonbury, this five piece have been declared ones to watch from this wee country.



## TOM HICKOX

WED 13 SEP | 7.30PM | £12

Comparisons to Scott Walker and Leonard Cohen are some pretty big shoes to fill, yet it's all in a day's work for hirsute Londoner TOM HICKOX. Born to a musical family, his lush orchestral pop earned him many die-hard fans aided by a high profile slot on a Dr Martin's advert with Agyness Deyn.

The release of sophomore effort *Monsters in the Deep* sees Tom embark on his first Irish headline tour, and we think there's no better venue than the Empire Music Hall for his own brand of big music. For fans of John Grant, the Divine Comedy and Nick Cave, as well as the above.

# SO:NI

SOUNDS OF NORTHERN IRELAND

THU 14 SEP & THU 12 OCT | 8.30PM | £5

LIVE  
LOUD  
LOCAL

BELFAST CITY BLUES FESTIVAL PRESENTS



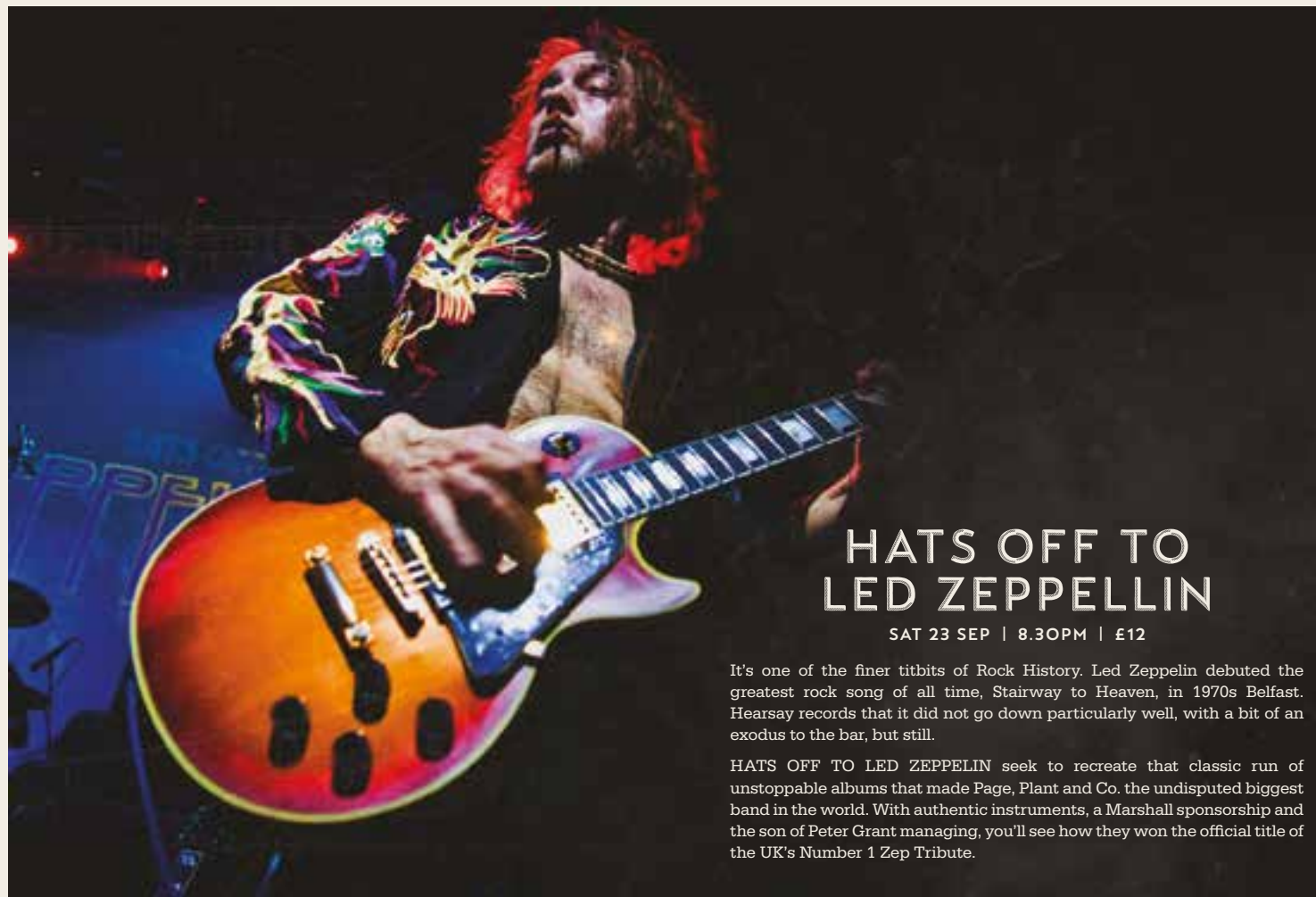
## THE PAT MCMANUS BAND THE WILLIE BYRNE BAND A TASTE OF RORY

FEAT. BLACKWOOD

SAT 16 SEP | 8.30PM | £12.50

THE PAT MCMANUS BAND are a peerless power trio, with their roots firmly in the country's trad scene and classic Celtic rock. Pat and his brothers formed the acclaimed Mama's Boys following a Horslips gig, and never looked back.

Is it blues based rock? Or rock based blues? Not even WILLIE BYRNE knows and he's the one responsible! One of Belfast's guitar gentry, Willie and his band will be laying down the law! A TASTE OF RORY, is the ultimate tribute to the boy from Ballyshannon. All of your favourite Gallagher tunes and much more.



# HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPELIN

SAT 23 SEP | 8.30PM | £12

It's one of the finer titbits of Rock History. Led Zeppelin debuted the greatest rock song of all time, Stairway to Heaven, in 1970s Belfast. Hearsay records that it did not go down particularly well, with a bit of an exodus to the bar, but still.

HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPELIN seek to recreate that classic run of unstoppable albums that made Page, Plant and Co. the undisputed biggest band in the world. With authentic instruments, a Marshall sponsorship and the son of Peter Grant managing, you'll see how they won the official title of the UK's Number 1 Zep Tribute.



# DIRTY DC

SAT 30 SEP | 8.30PM | £13

It's a dirty job being in an AC/DC tribute band, and often done dirt cheap. But that doesn't mean that DIRTY DC will be holding anything back! Despite death, drugs and the birth of Political Correctness, AC/DC have still managed to tour the globe, providing the good times, the riffs and a Whole Lot of Rosie to a legion of die-hard fans.

This is why, when you tribute AC/DC you have to be the best and DIRTY DC won't disappoint. With nearly twenty years' experience and an eye for detail that will satisfy the most obsessive fan, it's over two hours of high octane, high volume maximum Rock and Roll.



# AT A GLANCE...

**EVERY TUE** | 8PM | £8/£7 PAY AT THE DOOR  
**COMEDY**

**THU 7 SEP** | 9PM | £3  
**GIFTED** RORY NELLIS, OWEN LAMONT,  
OUR NATIVE DEVILS & ARLO

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**MUSICIANS AGAINST HOMELESSNESS**

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BELFAST CITY BLUES FESTIVAL: THE PAT MCMANUS BAND,  
THE WILLIE BYRNE BAND & A TASTE OF RORY: BLACKWOOD

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**HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPELIN**

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**GIFTED** ELECTRIC OCTOPUS, BLACK CHAPELS,  
SEARCH PARTY & JAMES DOWNEY

**SAT 7 OCT** | 8.30PM | £10  
**PLEASUREDOME** ROCKTOBER

**MON 9 OCT** | 7.30PM | £13.50  
**ARCANE ROOTS**

**WED 11 OCT** | 7.30PM | EARLY BIRD £12/£14  
**THE EXCITEMENTS**

**THU 12 OCT** | 8.30PM | £5 PAY AT THE DOOR  
**SO:NI** LIVE AND LOCAL

**SAT 14 OCT** | 8.30PM | £11  
**MACK FLEETWOOD**

**SUN 15 OCT** | 7.30PM | £18  
**THE SLACKERS**

**MON 16 OCT** | 8PM | £16  
**THE DEARS**

**THU 19 OCT** | 7.30PM | EARLY BIRD £10/£12  
**THE SWINGTIME STARLETS**

**SAT 21 OCT** | 8.30PM | £13.50  
**PEARL JEM**

**SUN 22 OCT** | 7PM | £14.50  
**JARROD DICKENSON**

**THU 26 OCT** | 6.30PM | £10/£12 AT DOOR  
**SPECTRUM** A PLASTIC ROSE, BRAND NEW FRIEND,  
JEALOUS OF THE BIRDS & MORE

**SAT 28 OCT** | 8PM | £15.50  
**JAKE CARTER**

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for more shows and info.  
**NEW LOOK WEBSITE COMING SOON!!**





## PLEASUREDOME ROCKTOBER

SAT 7 OCT | 8.30PM | £10

If you were there then you know that the music was better in the 80s. Frankie went to Hollywood, ABC gave us the Look of Love and Prince showered us in his Purple Rain. The movies still stand up (We're ignoring that Top Gun remake - we ain't getting on that plane, fool) and the fashion never went away.

Join Maurice Jay, his band and the utterly up for it PLEASUREDOME regulars for what always proves to be an utterly unmissable sell out show, always one of the Music Halls hottest nights. Dressing up isn't compulsory, though it should be!



## ARCANE ROOTS

MON 9 OCT | 7.30PM | £13.50

If you've seen Biffy Clyro, Muse or Enter Shikari any time over the past year or so, you're likely to have seen ARCANER ROOTS in tow. The support band du jour for the epic post-hardcore crowd have released their follow up album to Blood and Chemistry and are on the road, hungry to prove themselves.

With new single Matter doing the business on Radio 1 and on the streaming, ARCANER ROOTS are poised to make the big leap to the stadiums and festival headline slots, which is why this rare Irish tour is a perfect opportunity to catch them while you can still stand on dry land, within 50 yards of the stage.



## THE EXCITEMENTS

WED 11 OCT | 8PM | £14

Think of a hot new original soul act and where you would think they might come from? Philly, with it's classic horns and brass? Detroit, home of the Motown Sound?

Barcelona? What? Barcelona? Home of Dali and Gaudi, as well as many a lost weekend, the capital of Catalonia boasts an extremely healthy soul scene, with THE EXCITEMENTS at the fore. This is no novelty act, or mere covers band. This is hard, sweaty and original. With one foot rooted in the benchmarks of the 60s and another firmly on the accelerator, THE EXCITEMENTS manage to combine a love for the past with an eye for the now.



## MACK FLEETWOOD

SAT 14 OCT | 8.30PM | £11

The reformed Fleetwood Mac have become one of the biggest draws of the past ten years, with gigantic tours that wouldn't have looked out of place in their heyday criss-crossing the globe. MACK FLEETWOOD are a direct line to the classic 70's line-up that spawned record collection staple Rumours, and don't disappoint.

With over two hours worth of material encompassing the hits, the fan favourites and even some stuff of Tusk, MACK FLEETWOOD play the music with the sensitivity of seasoned musicians who've been brought up with the band. So go your own way...as long as it leads to The Empire!



## THE SLACKERS

SUN 15 OCT | 7.30PM | £18

Like punk, America embraced ska a little later than the rest of us, but when it did, it was with a verve and energy which had not been seen since the glory days of two-tone and The Specials. THE SLACKERS are more than a dodgy revival band, influenced as much by the blue-collar American songbook as the Upsetters and The Wailers.

Since the release of 1996's *Better Late than Never*, THE SLACKERS have not only proven themselves on wax, but in pits and sawdust strewn venues the globe over. With a formidable live reputation and a back catalogue to boot, this is an unmissable night for fans of The Specials, Rancid or The Mighty Mighty Bosstones.



## THE DEARS

MON 16 OCT | 8PM | £16

How does Canada stay so cool? (and we're not talking latitude). Broken Social Scene, Arcade Fire, gravy chips as a national dish? Yes please.

THE DEARS are a husband and wife team hailing from the ever-hip Montreal, and play dark, sweeping indie-rock that recalls Bernard Butler's work with David McAlmond or the back catalogue of a certain Stephen Patrick Morrissey.

Punchy, honest and with a live show described as '...seeing the face of God.', THE DEARS are an essential draw for the old school indie-kid.





## THE SWINGTIME STARLETS

THU 19 OCT | 7.30PM | EARLY BIRD £10/£12

Transport yourself back to an altogether more glamorous time as The Empire goes back to the forties. But the good side of the forties. None of the unpleasantness. Ahem, anyway... THE SWINGTIME STARLETS are an all-professional close harmony trio, who will instantly transport you back to the days of ration books and victory rolls, complete with authentic outfits and sass to match.

While the emphasis is on the greats of wartime swing, there's still plenty of love for the jazz classics and standards. Whether it's the upbeat toe-tappers, sentimental slowies or smouldering torch songs, THE SWINGTIME STARLETS will blow you away.



## PEARL JEM

SAT 21 OCT | 8.30PM | £13.50

Who would have thought, back in the heady days of the 90s that Pearl Jam would be the true survivors of the Grunge scene? With one foot firmly rooted in the classic American songbook and another in the sound of Seattle, they continue to enthrall fans the globe over.

PEARL JEM, formed by fans, for fans, have been on the circuit for over 10 years, preaching the gospel of Vedder and Co. to a legion of the faithful. It's a crowd that demands 100% authenticity, which PEARL JEM deliver in spades.

# DRINK OFFERS

## OF THE MONTH



### BOURBON

JIM BEAM HONEY



SINGLE & MIXER

£4.75

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.50

SUN - THU



### BOURBON

JIM BEAM APPLE



SINGLE & MIXER

£4.75

DOUBLE & MIXER

£6.50

SUN - THU



### BEER

THE FOXES ROCK  
INDIA PALE LAGER

£3.95



### BEER

ADNAMS GHOST SHIP

£3.95



### GIN

*Malfy* with  
Fentimans Mixer

£6.95



### GIN

*Jawbox* with  
Fentimans Mixer

£7.50



IN ASSOC. WITH AIKEN PROMOTIONS



## JARROD DICKENSON

SUN 22 OCT | 7PM | £14.50

Born in Texas and based in Brooklyn, JARROD DICKENSON has been exposed to almost everything the Great American Songbook has to offer. With his unique perspective and indomitable touring ethic, Jarrod's debut album saw him tour the world, perform at Glastonbury and gain near universal acclaim.

With sophomore album *Ready the Horses* due to drop this autumn, Jarrod is embarking on an intimate European tour. Live on the road is in his blood, so come down and see why Huey Morgan compared him to a young Gram Parsons.





## A PLASTIC ROSE

BRAND NEW FRIEND | JEALOUS OF THE BIRDS  
SCENERY | SEARCH PARTY | HELLO CASANOVA

THU 26 OCT | 6.30PM | £10/£12 AT DOOR

We're not the only ones to be celebrating a big birthday. The class folks down at Spectrum are an impressive five years young this month and are celebrating with a cracking line-up.

It's a big coup getting the mighty A PLASTIC ROSE back on the stage, but Spectrum have managed it. With hands in the air anthems and the approval of Huw Stevens and Kerrang!, it's a welcome return to the live arena.

Full support bill includes the up and coming BRAND NEW FRIEND, JEALOUS OF THE BIRDS, who played a blinder supporting Rews over the summer, SCENERY, SEARCH PARTY and HELLO CASANOVA, with more to be confirmed!



# FOOTBALL AT THE EMPIRE

## MATCH BURGER & FRIES £5

ADD BACON & CHEESE £2

ADD PINT £3

## BEER BUCKET £10

4 X COORS LIGHT /  
SAN MIGUEL (330ML)



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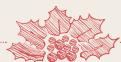


## JAKE CARTER

SAT 28 OCT | 8PM | £15.50

Noel and Liam. Malcolm and Angus. The Outthere Brothers. Musical history is littered with the talented siblings who bounce off each other. That's why when you think JAKE CARTER looks a bit familiar, think country superstar Nathan. Now you see?

He's definitely his own man though. A mere pup at 18, he's already cut his teeth on the Country and Irish circuit as a one-man show. Now with his first album written, he's taken to the road with a full band for the first time. Come and see how far the apple falls from the tree.



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## COMING UP...

EMPTY LUNGS  
& LOST LOVE 09 NOV

SPRINGBREAK 11 NOV

PADDY CASEY 17 NOV

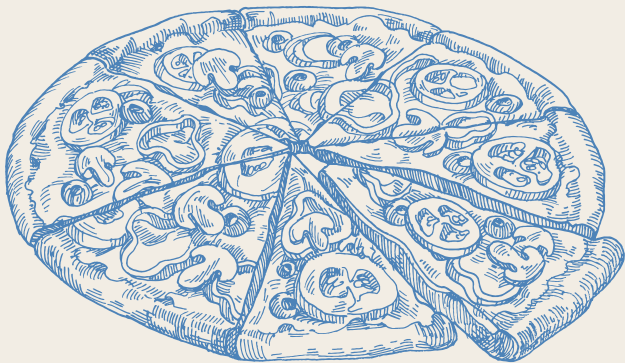
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# £3 PIZZA



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