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Words cannot express the sheer delight they deliver - Walrus play Blues at the Woodlands

International festival for film-makers

An international arts event is back for its third year.

The 51zero festival focuses on moving images and digital art, showcasing established artist and film-makers alongside new talent on the art scene.

This year's theme Decreation, Establishing new co-ordinates focuses on developing an art agenda in Medway, where new artists and students are given a platform to show their work.

The celebration will be hosted by the University of Kent at Rochester Cathedral, the Guildhall Museum and the Royal Dockyard Church.

Audiences are invited to take part and discuss with artists about the reality of staging art in the area.

The festival opened on Friday with an evening of silent short films, animations and heritage moving-image, screened alongside live music performances at Rochester Cathedral.

Events continue at the Cathedral Crypt until Wednesday and the Guildhall Museum presents exhibitions until the following Thursday.

There are also events for children.

To see the full programme visit www.51zero.org.uk



Walrus
Blues at the Woodlands, Gillingham

A packed club witnessed an impressive performance from the outstanding Walrus, comprised of Mike Ross (guitar and vocals), Rosco Levee (guitar and vocals), Dom Ladd (bass) and Rick Kent (drums).
Singer and guitarist Rosco – just back from a trip to Moscow – was warmly welcomed along with the rest of the band – and did they deliver!

From the first note to the last the audience was mesmerised with the action on stage from two great singers and guitarists whose interplay is a joy to watch and listen to, backed up by Rick on drums and Dom on the steady rhythm bass. The music was a mixture of

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all genres, blues, funk, soul, southern slide with numbers such as Stop Breaking Down, Baby I Love You and Goldrush to name just a few and we were treated to Mike's and Rosco's favourite Robert Johnson numbers.

The crowd roared out for more after an absolute sublime performance and more they got, as the encore came, in the form of Matchbox together with a story of how Eric Clapton, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins once sang a version of the song on the Johnny Cash show. Magic, and it ended all too quick. In the space of three

days the band had played two packed clubs and words cannot express the sheer delight they deliver to the appreciative live music audience. They have to be seen to believe the reviews.

On Friday, November 10, it will be Ash Wilson who has stepped in to replace the Mentulls, who unfortunately have cancelled their autumn gigs in search of a singer.

Ash Wilson is another dynamic singer and guitarist whose shows have been described as spellbinding. It promises to be another unmissable gig for all live music lovers.

If you enjoy live music you will enjoy Blues at the Woodlands great bands, great venue and great people.

Richard and Andy Davies

Sublime from first to last note

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TOMORROW (TUESDAY)

- Luke Bailey, The Flippin' Frog, High Street, Rochester. 8.30pm, free.
- Jam night, Billabong Club, Victoria Street, Rochester. 9pm, free.

FRIDAY

- Paint Store, Alex & the Milkshake boys and 107, Cargo Bar, Pier Road, Gillingham. 7.30pm, free.
- David Howard, The Northern Seaman, High Street, Rochester. 8pm, free.

SATURDAY

- Saramona, The Northern Seaman, High Street, Rochester. 8pm, free.
- Len Price 3 and Theatre Royal. The Ship Inn, Court Lodge Road, Gillingham. 9pm, free.



Jackson Live in Concert will be at the Central Theatre, Chatham

Jackson tribute is a thriller

Hailed as the "most accurate and exciting tribute to the King of Pop to have ever toured the UK", Jackson Live in Concert comes to the Central Theatre in Chatham on Friday, November 10. Now in its eighth year of touring, the

show is fronted by top Michael Jackson impersonator Ben, whose performance is said to capture Jackson at the height of his powers, and his band. The show starts at 7.30pm. Call 01634 338338 or www.tickets.medway.gov.uk to book.



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