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International Jazz-Funk Legends Shakatak to Perform at Jersey Opera House This July

Jersey Opera House is delighted to welcome internationally acclaimed jazz-funk pioneers Shakatak for a special one-night-only performance on Friday 17 July 2026 as part of the launch of the new LIVE AT concert series across the Channel Islands.

Presented by internationally renowned producer and festival director Benjamin Levy, LIVE AT is a new cultural initiative designed to bring world-class live music to Jersey and Guernsey while strengthening cultural connections between the Channel Islands, the UK and France.

With a career spanning more than four decades and over 50 albums released, Shakatak have established themselves as one of Britain's most successful and enduring jazz-funk bands. Known for their distinctive fusion of jazz, soul and funk, the band has built a devoted international following and continues to perform to audiences around the world.

The six-piece band features original members Bill Sharpe, Jill Saward, Roger Odell, George Anderson and Keith Winter, delivering the exceptional musicianship and groove-driven sound that has defined their career. Their most recent album, *Eyes of the World*, released in 2023, demonstrates the band's continuing creativity and global appeal.

Fresh from touring Japan, South Africa and Europe, Shakatak will bring their celebrated live show to the Jersey Opera House, offering local audiences the opportunity to experience one of the UK's most iconic jazz-funk acts in an intimate theatre setting.

Rebecca Stanier, Programme Manager at the Jersey Opera House, said:

"At Jersey Opera House, we are committed to presenting a broad and varied programme of live entertainment, and Shakatak is a fantastic example of that ambition. This performance offers audiences the chance to see one of the UK's most celebrated jazz-funk bands live on our stage."

Benjamin Levy, founder of LIVE AT, said:

"The Channel Islands are uniquely positioned between Britain and France, and LIVE AT is about creating meaningful cultural connections through music. We want to bring world-class artists to the islands while helping develop Jersey and Guernsey as exciting creative destinations."

The Jersey performance marks the opening event of the LIVE AT series, which continues the following day with Live at the Manor at Sausmarez Manor in Guernsey.

Recognised by BUZZ Magazine as "timeless" and described by Ronnie Scott's Magazine as "the soundtrack to our lives", Shakatak remain one of the most influential and celebrated names in British jazz-funk.

Tickets are priced from £32 to £37 and are available now [Shakatak - LIVE AT... The Jersey Opera House](#)

For the first time, customers can travel between Jersey and Guernsey for a live music experience and be back home the very same night. For more information visit

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