

El Rincón music, events and performances

Thurs November 20th - ODESA STEPS (tickets £6)

Enigmatic Bristol-based duo Odesa Steps return to El Rincon with their delightful mix of folk, country and Americana, bringing original songs of "love, death and apocalypse". Based around the guitar and harmony vocals, percussion, and harmonica of John Slattery & Alice Ouvry, this time they'll be joined by guests Jonny Westrup on drums and Will Meager on fiddle.

Friday November 21st - NOCHE DE COMEDIA (tickets £5)

That's right! We host a regular almost monthly comedy evening, with featured comedians and stand up acts from Bristol and afar.

Thursday November 27th - FLAMENCO LOCO (tickets £12)

A super special one-off show! Our regular Flamenco estrellas will be joined by Kostka Garcia and percussionist Carlos Roneral

Wednesday Dec 3rd - Werewolves of Millers Hollow (Free event) starts 7pm, doors open 6pm

A party card game of social deduction where players secretly assume the roles of werewolves or villagers in a hamlet haunted by werewolves. If you liked the Traitors then you'll love this, I do, that's why we play it here. So you're more than welcome to come down join, try it and get murdered!

Thurs December 4th - KIT HAWES (tickets £12)

Wow!! Here's a spectacular first. Kit is a guitarist and singer hailing from the Southwest of England. You might have encountered him through his work with Sheelanagig and his duo with Aaron Catlow, but he's also collaborated with the likes of Grammy-nominated Yola, Seth Lakeman, Jools Holland, and Roni Size! His contributions to several critically acclaimed albums have cemented his place as one of the finest musicians on the UK folk scene.

Known for combining outstanding musicianship with deeply emotive performances, Kit brings a unique energy and authenticity to the stage. His live shows are a rich tapestry of traditional music from the British Isles—particularly the heritage of his native South West of England—interwoven with his own compelling compositions. Don't miss this.

Monday December 8th - FANTASY ORCHESTRA RECORDER ENSEMBLE (tickets £6)

Jan/Jon/JOW is a fabulously unusual composite beast: a seamless weave of uncategorisable acoustic music and lyrical, vivid & poignant words. The latter come from two contrasting poetic voices: Herefordshire-born/Bristol-based Jan Edwards, and Bath-based writer Jon Hamp, both of whom are launching new publications at this event. Music comes from JOW, the cello & trumpet duo of James Gow and Pete Judge, whose music skitters between jazz, folk and classical chamber music to enthralling effect.

Thurs December 11th - CIRENNE & WISP (tickets £10)

Double-bill of insanely talented young Bristol-based bands, both making their El Rincón debut. Cirenne is the brilliantly-unusual trumpet & violin duo of Celeste Cantor-Stephens & Caelia Lunniss (from Spindle Ensemble etc), playing earthy, spacey, experimental, Klezmer-tinged music, and playing it extremely well indeed. They'll be featuring material from their new EP. Wisp is an even newer project, a folk-jazz trio in which Celeste is joined by Alex Heane (guitar) & Charlotte West (mandolin). What a great line-up. New music at its best.

Saturday December 13th - EYEBROW (tickets £12)

Oooh. Here's an early Xmas present, and a Saturday 'especial' to boot. Cult ambient-jazz-minimalist duo Eyebrow squeeze a tiny drumkit, a trumpet, and a plank-load of effects pedals onto the famous fun-size yellow stage by El Rincon's front window, and proceed to unfurl music of strangely cinematic beauty. And this is their only 2025 performance anywhere in the world!! Expect a retrospective set from their 7 album releases, plus brand new material

from their just-recorded 8th! "Bristol's answer to Nordic Noir, the spare precision of drumkit paired with haunting FX-mutated trumpet echoing back from a cliff-bound fjord has an ageless simplicity that belies how subtle and clever the music is" (Bristol 24/7).

Wednesday December 17th - UNDER THE RED GUITAR (tickets £4.50)

Poetry, amigos, and cosy vibes!

Join us for intimate spoken word nights with featured poets in this thriving Bristol venue conjured out of words, music, y duende in the tapas-scented air by Bob Walton and amigos

Come early to enjoy El Rincón's delicious goodies and wares.

Pre bookable open mic: Poetry in all languages welcome. For a one poem open mic slot book your ticket for the event, then email: undertheredguitar@hotmail.com.

Doors open 6.30 for a prompt 7.30 start

Thurs December 18th - KAT COLES TRIO (tickets £10)

The perfect pre-Xmas musical hug: the brilliant Kat Coles (vocals), guitarist Neil Smith (This Is The Kit, Slate Trio, etc), and saxophonist Jake McMurchie (Get The Blessing, Michelson Morley, The Jazz Defenders, etc) - three of Bristol's finest musicians - have a rapport and melodic intimacy forged through a decade and a half of playing together in this most sparse of combos. Expect old, forgotten jazz classics and bossas delivered with gentleness, sensitivity, and humour. They played the 2024 pre-Xmas slot here and filled the place with seasonal warmth. Unmissable, and pure class.

Friday December 19th - FLAMENCO FESTIVE SPECIAL (tickets £15)

Flamenco Night - Hats, balls and castanets

A super special festive Flamenco show! Our regular Flamenco estrellas with a few special guests for sure.

Sangria, tapas, sherry y mas served from 6pm with drinks; the show kicks off around 7-7:30pm (Spanish time!).

⚠ These nights always sell out — space is tight, so expect a cosy crowd, shared tables, and maybe a perch at the bar

Visit www.elrinconbar.com to book tickets to all events

Please note that these Early Bird ticket prices have a limited allocation.