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Farino brings top quality jazz

SINGER Julia Farino brought top quality jazz back to Bognor Regis with a first class performance.

Farino and her quartet attracted a capacity crowd to the intimate recital hall at the Regis School of Music and the audience were delighted with the outcome.

Last Saturday's concert followed a series of popular jazz concerts which were being promoted at the Alexandra Theatre by The Woods music shop in the town centre.

But the theatre's closure last March caused a break in the occasions. However, Farino chose to come to the town through The Woods' links with independent label jazz CD suppliers as she seeks to establish a reputation outside London.

The result of her decision was a concert which had many in the audience asking for more such events. Reviewer Megan Westcott explained: "Farino launched into a confident rendition of Something's Got To Give and followed with numbers such as This Can't Be Love and Nothing Like You to give the musicians a chance to shine.

"David Moses on the double bass, Phil Mead on the piano and drummer Chris Karan made the most of the opportunity.

"Farino shone in the upbeat numbers with a youthful energy and extraordinary vocal ability. She surpassed that, however, when it came to the ballads such as All Too Soon which showed off her smooth voice and outstanding articulation to perfection."

Megan added that the second half continued the theme with a selection of ballads and more upbeat songs which contained a sprinkling of humour. All this reinforced Farino's ever-capable vocal range, beautiful smooth tone, unrelenting energy and sense of fun.