

Gold and Bars open-mic night at Lancaster Gate proves to be a success

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The latest iteration of open-mic nights at Lancaster Gate – Gold and Bars – proves to be a success with high quality performances offered alongside a chill, relaxed and intimate atmosphere.

Almost 40 attendees came to the first 'Gold and Bars' open-mic night which follows on from the previous Live Lounge events which have been held at Lancaster Gate over the past nine years.

Friday's event offered an abundance of high-quality performances, featuring covers from popular artists such as Stevie Wonder and Tori Kelly as well as original song offerings. The relaxed atmosphere allowed for positive chemistry between both performers and audience members.



Over the past few years, Live Lounge has evolved through different organisers who introduced different

ideas into the open-mic night. From special guests, varying themes and event frequency, Live Lounge has undergone various changes over the years but fundamentally the event still aims to create a healthy platform for people to share music together.



Carmel Mould, the current 'Gold and Bars' organiser, said: "It will be a more special event because it is not too often, and people can commit to performing in advance."

"It is just more manageable and makes each one a bit more special as they (the events) don't come around so quickly."

"The main thing that I was happy with was that quite a few people volunteered to help out. It is really good to have people who help out every now and then but also those who help continuously."

The 'Gold and Bars' vision: Create a regular community of music appreciators.

The next 'Gold and Bars' event will take place on Friday 15th February 2019, the day after Valentine's Day. Doors open at 6:30PM for a 7PM start.

The open-mic nights are now held bi-monthly in order to allow enough time to prepare high quality entertainment and add to the "special feel".

If anyone is interested in joining the 'Gold and Bars' staff team, or if you just want to help out, please contact Carmel Mould on either Facebook messenger or call/text: 07443840572.

The 'Gold and Bars' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/goldandbars/>

And for those interested in more live musical performances, the South London Spotlight Showcase will take place at the South London Embassy on Saturday 1st December 2018.