



Tues 4 October
MARTIN SPEAKE (sx)

A saxophonist with an unusual turn of phrase, a persuasively gentle sound and jazz allegiances that don't follow the usual Coltranesque paths but veer instead toward the fifties Cool School, Martin Speake is not just a distinctive improviser but a striking composer too.

with **RALPH FREEMAN TRIO** £7/£5



Tues 11 October
POLAR BEAR

SEB ROCHFORD (dm),

MARK LOCKHEART (sx), PETE WARHAM (sx), TOM HERBERT (bg)

'Polar bear bear now deliver some of the most compelling two-sax contrapuntal jazz since the classic interminglings of the 1950s Cool School ... the changing patterns of Rochford's understated percussion, Tom Herbert's dark bass presence and the dance of the two horns gives Polar Bear an increasingly special character ... a band with a significant future.' *John Fordham The Guardian*

£7/£5



Tues 18 October
RALPH FREEMAN QUARTET FEATURING MARC HADLEY (sx)

Excelling on tenor, Marc was the baritone voice of latin dance circuit success 'Viramundo', for eight years, toured with a Jon Taylor big band project, played at the Montreux Festival and since 1997 has recorded two albums as a featured soloist, and another as composer.

£6/£4



Tues 25 October
KEN CHURCH (vibes) & RALPH FREEMAN TRIO

Before moving to the South West, Ken played with – among others – Alan Skidmore, Bryan Spring; Don Rendell, Graham Bond, Dick Heckstall-Smith. Strongly influenced by Milt Jackson, for him, 'The power of swing is THE thing!'

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Tues 1 November
KATYA GORRIE QUARTET

with **MIKE GORMAN (Hammond), DENNY ILETT (gt) & ANDY TWEEN (dm)**

A vocalist of the sultry variety. She can sing low and sexy or with passion and drive, singing a tender ballad or a song of regret and loss, she has the technical and emotional range to do it all.

'Jazz Vocals with Juice!' *Sean Ormond, Vivante Magazine*

'Katya is a sexy, sharp-witted, dynamic entertainer.' *The Vancouver Sun*

£7/£5



Tues 8 November
DEIRDRE CARTWRIGHT QUARTET

DEIRDRE CARTWRIGHT (gt), ALISON RAYNER (db/bg), CAROLA GREY (dm), SARAH P (vo)

An imaginative and consummate guitarist and composer, Deirdre

Cartwright combines influences from classical piano to Hendrix, from Weather Report to Kate Bush and fronts one of the most exciting live bands currently touring the UK.

'She is a most remarkable musician. Having an apparently effortless command of the instrument, the ability to dip in and out of just about any style, and manages to knit the disparate bits together into a coherent whole.' *Dave Gelly, The Observer.*

'Intensely hip, groovy, accessible and atmospheric.' *Musician magazine.*

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Tues 15 November
OXLEY & D'AGOSTINO QUARTET

with **PETE KUBRYK-TOWNSEND (db) & PIP HARBON (dm)**

Two of the finest jazz guitarists you'll ever have the pleasure to hear renew their acquaintance with this brilliant rhythm duo.

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Tues 22 November
CHRIS FRANCIS

with **RALPH FREEMAN (pn), TERRY RODD (dm), and MARCUS VERGETTE (db)**

'An innovator, exciting, subversive.' Has played with Dudu Pakwana, Monzezi Feza, Alexis Korner's Blues Incorporated, Barry Guy, Jody Grind and many others.

£6/£4

Tues 29 November

VIV RODD TRIO & GUESTS

'Dazzling keyboard artistry ... an inspiration.' *Jim Mullen.*

Viv's played in New York with some of the greats: Sonny Rollins, Clark Terry, Charles Mingus, Roy Eldridge and countless others. He's backed countless top artists in clubs worldwide as well as many jazz artists visiting the West Country. His guests will include ... well, who knows?

£6/£4



Tues 6 December
KAREN STREET QUARTET (acc)

STAN SULZMANN (sx), MIKE OUTRAM (gt), FRED BAKER (db & gt)
Karen's reputation as a jazz accordionist and composer gathers momentum with 'Accordion Crimes', her second CD of original compositions and arrangements.

'This is one of the most charming and unexpected releases of the season ... an entire vocabulary for the accordion that works beautifully in the jazz context without forfeiting the instrument's awkward individuality.'

Dave Gelly, The Observer

'Street is a superb textural player, an affecting composer and a thoughtful accompanist. Some of the music is folksy, some suggestive of an old Stan Getz jazz-samba, some is Kurt Weillian, but all of it is lyrical.' *John Fordham, The Guardian*

£7/£5



Tues 13 December
KRIS GAYLE

with **VIV RODD TRIO**

We should thank our lucky stars that we've got a voice like this, backed by a band like this, right on our doorstep!

£7/£4

Tues 20 December

CHRISTMAS PARTY GALA NIGHT

with **RALPH FREEMAN & VIV RODD Quartets**

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Tues 27 December
JAMES CANON (sx) & RALPH FREEMAN TRIO

Salient sax, silky singing.

£6/£4

