



Tues 7 July

£9/£6

RENATO D'AIELLO QUINTET *Italiano*

RENATO D'AIELLO (sx), GUIDO DI LEONE (gt), BRUNO MONTRONE (pn), DARIO DI LECCE (db), FABIO DELLE FOGGIE (dm)
'Relaxed, unhurried but imbued with intense warmth tinged with poignancy, D'Aiello's tenor sound prioritises the expression of sentiment rather than the demonstration of instrumental facility ... one of the most attractive and affecting tenor sounds in contemporary jazz. Recommended' *Chris Parker*



Tues 14 July

£9/£6

PEDAL MANIA

JOHN PAUL GARD (Hammond), ALEX HUTCHINS (gt) GEFEN JONES (dm) 'A mix of Jimmy Smith and Jaco Pastorius, with a dash of Spike Jones, resting on top of the finest choice of funky grooves.'



Tues 21 July

£9/£6

PAVLOV'S DOG

DHEVDHAS NAIR (pn), ROZ HARDING (sx), MARCUS VERGETTE (db), GARY EVANS (dm)

This dynamic and inventive quartet from the South West fuses four characterful international musicians who bring their different musical backgrounds together to create a unique ensemble sound.



Tues 28 July

£10/£6

EDGAR MACÍAS QUINTET

EDGAR MACIAS (pn), CHRIS BOWDEN (sx), BILL COLEMAN (db), MILES LEVIN (dm), FELIX GIBBONS (perc)

A five-piece band that combines different jazz styles and rhythms from funk to South American. Edgar is a fantastic Venezuelan pianist and a great exponent of Latin jazz. 'A delight ... alternating between percussive rhythm parts and unfettered improvising.' *Ian Mann*. 'Latin-based but firmly in modern jazz territory, with any one of the five liable to reel off dazzling solos, it's a truly great band that you'd be daft to miss.' *Stratford Jazz*



Tues 4 August

£9/£6

ED JONES with JONATHAN GEE

MARCUS VERGETTE (db), PIP HARBON (dm)

'Ed Jones is an improviser to his fingertips, a player of forceful imagination and one of the UK's most distinctive saxophonists. Capable of an ethereal lyricism as well as thunderous hard bop'. *John Fordham, The Guardian*. Jonathan Gee 'can swing hard with drive, he can be reflective like Bill Evans, and his originals are strong.' *The Guardian*. 'Precise, lucid and original, and at times breathtakingly lyrical.' *Visions of Britain*



Tues 11 August

£9/£6

RORY SIMMONS with VIV RODD TRIO

DAMIAN RODD (dm), ROSS WILLIAMS (db)

One of the most dynamic musicians on the UK jazz scene; part of the vanguard of new talent making waves through the genre. As part of the LOOP collective, he has earned a reputation as an exciting and inventive performer and composer. As a leader of three projects, his energy and drive is evident, setting him apart as one of the most creative trumpet players of his generation. 'Beautiful trumpet and flugel horn playing' *Scottish Herald*. 'Harmonically audacious phrasing and suave sound'. *Jazzwise*.



Tues 18 August

£9/£6

CHRISTIAN BREWER with VIV RODD TRIO

PIP HARBON (dm), PETE KUBRYK TOWNSEND (db)

Christian is one of the most lyrical and soulful alto players to have emerged from the UK in recent years. Loved for his melodic playing and pure tone, he has risen to prominence on the British jazz scene and both he and his band are in great demand. 'One of the most exciting alto players I've heard in a long time.' *Tony Hall, Jazzwise*.

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BRANDON ALLEN with CRAIG MILVERTON TRIO

AL SWAINGER (db), NICK MELLWOOD (dm)

Australian born Brandon Allen has played with such luminaries as Ray Gelato, Guy Barker, Stan Tracey, Pete King, Dave O'Higgins, Gerard Presencer, Bobby Wellins, Jim Mullen and Don Weller. 'Arguably the most exciting tenor player in Britain today. His phrasing is unashamedly emotional, soaked in the blues tradition.' *Tony Hall, Jazzwise*. Craig Milverton is one of Britain's top jazz pianists and has backed many of the top jazz names including Scott Hamilton, Pete King, Jean Toussaint and Stacey Kent.



Tues 1 September

£9/£6

MICHAEL JANISCH QUINTET

JASON PALMER (tp), CLARENCE PENN (dm), JIM HART (vibes), PAUL BOOTH (sx)

American bassist Michael Janisch is a veteran of the Boston Jazz scene, he has also performed at Blue Note, Carnegie Hall and Hollywood Bowl. In the UK, he has performed alongside jazz greats such as Tommy Smith, Jason Rebello, Tony Kofi, Gerard Precenser and Christine Tobin, Gwilym Simcock, Jim Hart, and Soweto Kinch. In 2007 he was awarded Young Jazz Musician of the Year Award by the Worshipful Company of Musicians. 'One of the UK's most exciting new improvisers with percussive, Mingus-like power'. *The Guardian*



Tues 8 September

£9/£6

ALEX GARNETT with CRAIG MILVERTON TRIO

AL SWAINGER (db), NICK MELLWOOD (dm)

Alex has taken the jazz world by storm since emerging from the bands of Ray Gelato, Buddy Guy, Dave Cliff, Alan Barnes, Jim Mullen, Dick Morrissey, Jools Holland, Van Morrison, Albert King and others. A fine altoist and tenor player, Alex's blistering playing has featured over fifty times at Ronnie Scott's and has been exciting audiences all over Europe for the last few years.



Tues 15 September

£10/£6

PARTISANS

PHIL ROBSON (gt), JULIAN SIEGEL (sx & bclsr), THADDEUS KELLY (db), GENE CALDERAZZO (dm)

Partisans have been thrilling audiences for over a decade with their energetic performances of tightly knit themes and groove-based sound, bridging the gap between New York swing, European improv and UK jam band. Co-led by Julian Siegel (2007 Best Instrumentalist BBC Jazz Awards) and acclaimed guitarist Phil Robson, Partisans are one of the first of the new wave of UK bands to mix gritty be-bop and hard bop, early electric Miles, rock riffs, grooves and ballads of sustained delicacy. 'One of the most exciting all star experimental groups in Jazz today'. *Jazz Line Up*. 'Jazz that makes you blink in its glare'. *John Fordham*



Tues 22 September

£10/£6

EMPIRICAL

NATHANIEL FACEY (sx), LEWIS WRIGHT (vb), TOM FARMER (db), SHANEY FORBES (dm)

Touring their new album, the offerings continue the band's tradition of lavish, epic and mesmerizing composition, and add further proof, if it was needed, as to why the Empirical boys are considered this country's leading young guns. Having astonished audiences both nationally and internationally (the only non-American act featured at last year's Newport Jazz Festival) for the past two years - and with a leaner and meaner line-up - this is one gig you miss at your peril!



Tues 29 September

£9/£6

JOSEPHINE DAVIES QUINTET

JOSEPHINE DAVIES (sx), ROSS STANLEY (pn), DAVE WHITFORD (db), NICHOLAS SMALLEY (dm), ROBBIE ROBSON (tp)

Josephine has performed and recorded with the London Jazz Orchestra, Ronnie Scott's Vanguard Band, Jamie Cullum, Georgie Fame, Sax Appeal, Vortex Foundation Band, Will Young, Laurence Cottle Big Band, Gareth Lockrane's GrooveYard, Matt Wates sextet as well as a two year stint in the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. 'A lyrical voice infused with a gritty, relentless dynamism ... The future of the saxophone is in good hands'. *Frank Griffith*

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