

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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STAY WARM, STAY COOL!!

Tues 5 February £12/£8

Fiorenza Pellegrini



TOMMASO STARACE QUARTET Celebrating Michel Petrucciani

TOMMASO STARACE (sx), FRANK HARRISON (pn), AL SWAINGER (bass), CHRIS NICKOLLS (dm)

Saxophonist Tommaso Starace and his quartet perform a concert dedicated to the great French pianist Michel Petrucciani. Petrucciani was very much respected by the American jazz community and around the world for his extraordinary technique, elegance of execution, and his charismatic energy conveyed through his many memorable compositions. In the concert, the quartet will perform some of the most popular tunes from his extensive repertoire – Petrucciani led his band over many years, producing a total of thirty-two albums. The Quartet has recently performed a sold out concert at the Blue Note in Milan. They have visited many clubs and festivals across the UK including Pizza Express Dean Street, Royal National Theatre, Italian Cultural Institute, Brecon Jazz Festival, Oxford Jazz Festival, Lichfield Jazz Festival, Biella Jazz Festival, Open Brianza Jazz Festival, and many others. Tommaso has collaborated with many great jazz musicians including Dave Liebman, Norma Winstone, Kenny Wheeler, Liam Noble, Laurence Cottle, Tino Tracanna, Paolo Fresu, and award winning Oscar composer Dario Marianelli. '...Tommaso all my congratulations for your very beautiful colours which retrace Michel's steps.' *Louis Petrucciani*

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TRICHOTOMY

SEAN FORAN (pn), JOHN PARKER (dm), PAT MARCHISELLA (db)

Trichotomy are one of Australia's most inventive contemporary music ensembles. Much more than a traditional jazz trio, this group expands the capacities of the classic piano/bass/drums combination with the fresh attitude they bring to their music. Truly captivating, they skillfully blend dense, exciting improvisations and delicate

atmospherics, conjuring up sounds of modern jazz, ambient music, avant-garde rock, and contemporary classical music. 'Delightfully detailed ensembles, full of wit and vigour ... they bamboozle with tricky time-signatures and intricate themes.' *Mojo Magazine*. 'This is a genuine trio, with three equally important parts, and they never put a foot or finger wrong.' *BBC Music Magazine*. 'Startling contrasts in dynamics, unusual time signatures and great rhythmic flexibility are swept along in the flow of invention of exciting performances... a stunningly together group.' *Irish Times*

Tues 19 February £10/£6



Roz Harding presents WAVE

A collection of compositions ... emotionally charged and dynamic ... exploring the peaks and depths of our experiences. Expect groove and freedom from soft and lyrical to explosive sounds. Brought to life in jazz trio form by **Roz Harding**, alto sax: 'inspirational' & 'immense', *Jazzwise*.

'original and imaginative', *MW*: 'A player who can tell a story that captivates and brings us back for more', *GB*. **Mike Outram** guitar: 'World class', *The Guardian*. 'There is no musician with such complete control of the sounds coming out of a guitar. Mike Outram plays the sweetest wailing rock guitar in Britain. It's a sound of great beauty', *Seb Scotney, London Jazz*. **Jim Bashford**, drums: 'A vibrant and energetic player.' Based in Birmingham, Jim is the bedrock of many Birmingham jazz ensembles alongside working on the faculty at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

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LARRY JOHNS & FRIENDS with MATT JOHNS QUARTET

MATT JOHNS (pn), ALEX BLACK (db), MARTIN BOWIE (gt), TOM JACKSON (dm). PLUS: Allison Sutton (sx), Bex Short (sx),

Duncan Sim (sx), Joel Dowling (sx), Nick Turner (sx), Jane Marks (tp/flg)
A club favourite, Larry returns with a load of buddies to treat us to some big band sounds, some cool tunes and, most importantly, to have a damn good time of it! 'Proof,' he says, 'that you don't have to come from "up England" to play good music!'

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TIM THORNTON QUARTET

DAVE O'HIGGINS (sx), GRANT WINDSOR (pn), CHRIS DRAPER (dm)

Double bassist Tim Thornton is one of the fastest rising stars of the UK jazz scene performing across the country and internationally with musicians such as Stan Sulzmann, Jim Mullen, Guy Barker and Sir Willard White as well as

being a regular member of the Ronnie Scott's Allstars led by James Pearson. If you were there, you'll certainly remember him from John Turville's outstanding trio gig last October! He leads his own quartet tonight as part of an extensive UK tour to launch his debut album 'New Kid'. The band will play music from the album featuring fiery originals, swinging standards and exciting arrangements. 'The most natural young double-bassist in years.' *The Evening Standard*

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RENATO D'AIELLO QUARTET

RENATO D'AIELLO (sx), NICOLA MORESCU (db), ENZO ZIRELLI (dm), ROSS STANLEY (pn)

One of the strongest and most original saxophone sounds, Renato's playing has won great admiration from audiences and the press. 'A restless attacking player who uses not only the full, extended, range of the instrument but also a much wider dynamic variety than many other saxophonists, linked with a technique that allows him to play at scorching speed and accuracy.' *Paul Medley, The Oxford*

Times. 'Renato is a superlative saxophonist with a passionate and poetic soul. He has all the virtues – a beautiful sense of time and pacing and a technique which effortlessly projects his brilliantly flowing ideas.' *Ian Carr*. 'One of the most attractive and affecting tenor sounds in contemporary jazz. Recommended.' *Chris Parker*.

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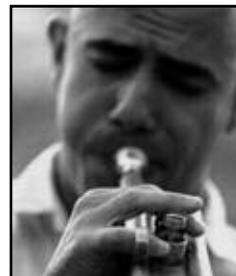
FRANK HARRISON TRIO

FRANK HARRISON (pn), DAVIDE PETROCCA (db) STEPHEN KEOGH (dm)

Frank Harrison is often heard playing in Gilad Atzmon's Orient House Ensemble, but here the

English, Berklee-trained pianist is leading his own trio with two players very active on the continent. It's a trio that never fails to receive unfettered praise in the press, both for their albums and live performances. 'Cranium-shattering levels of intensity.' *The Guardian*. 'Lucid, intelligent, spacious and beautifully controlled.' *Jazzwise*. 'As delicate and expressive as anything else I've heard ... Simply beautiful.' *Northern Echo*. 'Poise, elegance and dynamic control.' *vortexjazz*.

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RAY BUTCHER BAND

RAY BUTCHER (tp/fl), STEVE TROMANS (pn) SMUDGE (bass), MILES LEVIN (dm)

The Ray Butcher Band has performed at the 606 Club and made several appearances on national TV – such as on channel 4's comedies 'The Morgana Show' and the follow up series 'Very Important People'. A busy musician, Ray recently performed a trumpet solo on the Grammy award winning US artist Chris

Tomlin's new release, (out Jan 2013) with his collaboration on the tune 'God's Great Dance Floor' (Martin Smith). He also runs Birmingham's premier jazz club, The Yardbird Jazz Club.

Bar snacks and light meals available

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