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Jim Mullen Reunion Quartet

The above band has received a Jazz Services National Touring Support Scheme grant for their new tour.

Line-up:

Jim Mullen – guitar
Gareth Williams – piano
Mick Hutton – bass
Gary Husband – drums

A reunion of one of the most powerful bands to ever appear on the British jazz scene, who recorded five albums over their six-year existence from 1996, and whose members have worked with a huge array of musicians, not just in the jazz world but across a wide spectrum of musical styles. Jim Mullen has written and arranged a brand new repertoire for their Jazz Services supported tour and the band will also perform some tunes featured on past recordings.

Jim Mullen moved from Glasgow to London in 1969, going on to work and record with Pete Brown, Brian Auger, Vinegar Joe and Kokomo. In 1975 he met sax player Dick Morrissey, beginning a 15-year association as the Morrissey Mullen band, producing seven albums. After the demise of Morrissey Mullen, he performed and recorded three albums with jazz vocalist Claire Martin and formed a series of quartets. As a sideman he is in demand by visiting US stars such as Gene Harris, Mose Allison, Jimmy Smith, Weldon Irvine, Percy Sledge, Teddy Edwards, Plas Johnson, Jimmy Witherspoon and Terry Callier. He has won many British music awards, including Best Guitarist twice in the British Telecom jazz awards and Best Guitarist in the British Jazz Awards in 2000.

Gareth Williams has been receiving increasing critical and public acclaim as one of the most intensely creative and exciting performers on the UK scene. He has for many years worked as pianist/MD for internationally acclaimed jazz singer Claire Martin and has also been involved in arranging her music, writing original compositions for her band, singing and playing guitar. He has worked with many international jazz greats, including Art Farmer, George Coleman, Bud Shank, James Moody and Dave Liebman, plus top British musicians such as Jim Mullen, Martin Taylor, Martin Drew, Tommy Smith, Tim Garland, Clark Tracey, Gwyneth Herbert and Iain Ballamy.

Mick Hutton turned professional as a jazz double-bassist in 1981. In addition to leading his own bands he has played on over sixty albums and performed in many countries worldwide. Amongst the artists he has played with are Django Bates, Kenny Wheeler, Jack Bruce, Bill Bruford, Humphrey Lyttelton, Nigel Kennedy, Acker Bilk, Bob Berg, Pharoah Sanders, Tommy Smith, Courtney Pine, John Scofield, Annie Ross, Mose Allison and Bobo Stenson

Gary Husband's projects have included live and recorded work with John McLaughlin, Jack Bruce, Robin Trower, the Allan Holdsworth Trio with Jimmy Johnson, Mike Stern, Hamburg's NDR Big Band and Frankfurt's HR Big Band. He has also worked with artists such as Billy Cobham, Colin Towns, Jeff Beck, Gongzilla, Gary Moore, Level 42 and Mark King, Steve Topping, Maria Schneider, Jim Mullen, Randy Brecker, Andy Summers, Alan Skidmore, Chris Squire, Aydin Esen, Peter Erskine and Al Jarreau amongst many others.

http://www.jimmullenjazz.co.uk/

Reviews:

"one of the great jazz guitarists working today" – Jazzwise

"...the restrained passion with which Mullen and group play is touching" – Evening Standard

Date	Time	Venue	Town	Box office
5/2/2012		Royal Clifton Hotel	Southport	01704 541790
6/2/2012		606 Club	London	020 7352 5953
7/2/2012		Green Man	Rackheath	01603 614169 (jazz info)
8/2/2012		St James Social Club	Swansea	01792 380615 (Swansea Jazzland)
9/2/2012		Bonington Theatre	Nottingham	0115 967 0114
10/2/2012		Wakefield Sports Club	Wakefield	01977 680542 (Wakefield Jazz)
11/2/2012		Drill Hall	Lincoln	01522 873894
12/2/2012		Campus West - Hawthorne Studio	Welwyn Garden City	01707 357117
16/2/2012		Seven Artspace	Leeds	0113 2626777
17/2/2012		Millenium Hall	Sheffield	www.wegottickets.com
18/2/2012		Hive Media & Arts Centre	Shrewsbury	01743 234970

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Notes to the editor:

Jazz Services

Jazz Services provides a voice and support for UK Jazz; promoting its growth, accessibility and development in the UK and abroad. Services include advice, advocacy, communications, education, information, marketing, publishing, research and touring. Jazz Services is recognised as a committed campaigner providing a valued voice for jazz in the UK. Jazz Services publishes Jazz UK, a listings magazine with a print run of 30,000 that is distributed by subscription and free through venues, colleges, libraries and shops.

Jazz Services works closely with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra (NYJO), which is an autonomous body that receives its Arts Council England funding through Jazz Services. NYJO also receives funds from private donors, Youth Music and the Musicians' Benevolent Fund. Every year NYJO organizes over 100 open workshops for jazz musicians up to the age of 25 and more than 40 concerts.

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