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## BRITS TO MAKE A SPLASH AT JAZZAHEAD 2012

This year will see five British bands showcasing at Jazzahead in Bremen. This international trade fair which takes place from 19th-22nd April 2012 has become the most important trade and showcasing event in the jazz calendar anywhere in the world.

2012 will see five British bands showcasing at Jazzahead. Individual applications to the European showcase on Saturday 21st April have resulted in three UK bands bring selected – **Kit Downes Group**, **Just East** and **Dennis Rollins Velocity -** the largest number of bands from any single European country.. In addition **Lighthouse** will be performing a showcase on Friday 20th April as one of only two bands specially selected by Siggi Loch, founder of **ACT Music and Vision** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his label. Demand for showcases has been so high that Jazzahead have started a new initiative offering a vocal showcase at the Brasserie in the Maritime Hotel on Friday 20th April where British singer **Sara Colman** will perform with her quintet.

This is clear recognition of the quality of jazz music coming out of the UK and Jazz Services together with the Scottish Jazz Federation will once again be taking a stand at the event to support the endeavours of all British musicians wishing to develop their work in Europe and beyond.

**www.kitdownes.com**
**www.justeastofjazz.co.uk/Home.html**
**www.dennisrollins.com/flashFiles/dennis_Main.html**
**www.triolighthouse.com**
**www.saracolman.com**

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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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