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### Sam Coombes Quartet

*National Touring*

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

Sam Coombes - alto saxophone

David Patrick - piano

Mario Caribe - bass

Doug Hough - drums

Outlines is English alto saxophonist Sam Coombes's third album under his own name and marks his full return to the British music scene after a seven-year period during which he was based in Paris. His Jazz Services supported tour will coincide with the official release of the album. Coombes's previous album *Static Shock* (2005), published on the prestigious independent French label Elabeth, received critical acclaim on both sides of the channel. *Static Shock* was recorded with a joint-led quartet which Coombes directed with pianist Rob Chapman, a group which toured and recorded on the continent as well as in Britain over a four-year period (2003-7). Unlike his previous albums, *Outlines* was recorded with two rhythm sections, one British and one French, and as such is representative of Coombes's continuing dual involvement in the jazz scenes of both countries. The album is made up largely of original compositions by Coombes in the contemporary mainstream and postbop style, and demonstrates clear artistic evolution both in the range of compositional approaches employed and in the stylistic breadth and originality of Coombes' saxophone performances.

David Patrick returned to live in Edinburgh in 2000 and has since performed with the best Scottish and nationally recognised musicians including Dave O'Higgins, Ben Castle, Bobby Wellins, Alan Barnes, Alec Dankworth, Martin Drew and Claire Martin. He is also the musical director and pianist in acclaimed singer Todd Gordon's group, with which he has toured internationally extensive

#### Tour dates are:

DATE	TIME	VENUE	TOWN	BOX OFFICE	WEB
12/04/2011	8.30pm	Royal British Legion	Llay	01745 812260 (jazz info)	
13/04/2011	8.30pm	Lescar Hotel	Sheffield	0114 2367570 (jazz info)	
14/04/2011	9.00pm	Matt & Phred's Jazz Club	Manchester	0161 831 7002	
15/04/2011	5.30pm	Symphony Hall Foyer	Birmingham	0121 7803333	<a href="http://www.birminghamjazz.co.uk">http://www.birminghamjazz.co.uk</a>
21/04/2011	8.30pm	Bulls Head	London	020 8876 5241	<a href="http://www.thebullshead.com">http://www.thebullshead.com</a>
24/04/2011	1.00pm	Seven Artspace	Leeds	0113 2626777	

**Reviews:**

"On stage, the band confirms the impression given in their recordings: dazzling virtuosity, mastery and an elaborate group sound." - JazzHot

"[Coombes] often demonstrates a certain daringness in his solos, especially on alto, where sparks really fly." – Jazzman

"The richness of the background musical knowledge of these young musicians with irreproachable technique is evident. They have managed to incorporate such a variety of feels and tempos, and such a feeling of urgency, that their music deserves careful attention." - Jazz Magazine



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