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Tommy Evans Orchestra

National Touring

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

Tommy Evans - conductor
Kari Nergaard-Bleivik - vocals
Ruby Wood - vocals
Anna Stott - vocals
Matt Roberts - trumpet/flugelhorn
Bobby Beddoe - trumpet/flugelhorn
Russ Henderson - saxophone
Rob Mitchell - saxophone
Simon Taylor - saxophone
Nick Tyson - guitar
Jami Sheriff - piano
Dave Kane - bass
Kristoffer Wright - drums/percussion

Tommy Evans lives and works in and around Leeds and is a member of several bands inclusing IDST, winners of Jazz Services' Promoter's Choice award in 2008, and contemporary jazz outfit, The Lion Trio. Other projects include writing for the Phoenix Dance Company, Sonic Stories, The T-Unit, Sleaze Orchestra and Gentleman's Dub Club, a nine piece dub/reggae band. Tommy is also a hardworking promoter, co-running The Spin Off jazz club, widely recognised as the best venue for jazz and improvised music in Leeds.

Tommy's new project, The Tommy Evans Orchestra, sets out to tell the story of a life. It is a suite of pieces dedicated to his eccentric but much admired uncle - a marine who became an active pacifist, a priest who prays at the mosque, an interfaith preacher of acceptance and tolerance. Tommy mixes jazz, Indian and folk with shifting time signatures and odd harmonics yet the result is fresh and accessible: tuneful, soulful yet spiked with hypnotic grooves. His 12-piece orchestra assembles some of the finest musicians in the north of England and includes three female vocalists on the front line.

www.myspace.com/tommyajevans

Tour dates are:

DATE	TIME	VENUE	TOWN	BOX OFFICE	WEB
09/10/2010	12.30pm	Marsden Mechanics	Huddersfield	01484 843701	http://www. marsdenjazzfestival.com
15/10/2010	8.30pm	Wakefield Sports	Wakefield	01977 680542	http://www.wakefieldjazz.

		Club		(Wakefield Jazz)	org.uk
22/10/2010	8.30pm	St Stephens Church	Bristol	0117 9277977	
23/10/2010	8.00pm	Pegasus Theatre	Oxford	01865 722851	
29/10/2010	8.00pm	Hull Truck Theatre	Kingston Upon Hull	01482 323638	http://www.jnight.org
29/10/2010	8.00pm	Hull Truck Theatre	Kingston Upon Hull	01482 323638	http://www.hulljazzfestival.co.uk
11/11/2010	7.30pm	Stamford Sports & Social Club	Grimsby	01472 873730 (Grimsby Jazz)	
25/11/2010	8.00pm	Seven Artspace	Leeds	0113 2626777	
14/12/2010	8.00pm	Cluny	Newcastle Upon Tyne	0191 2304474	

Reviews:

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