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Gabrielle Ducomble Band

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

Line-up:

Gabrielle Ducomble - vocals
Nicolas Meier - guitar
Dan Teper – accordion/piano
Nick Kacal – double bass
Saleem Ramen - drums

Rising star Gabrielle is rapidly putting her sophisticated Gallic stamp on the London jazz scene. Technically gifted and artistically at home in styles ranging from contemporary Jazz and Latin standards to French popular songs, she has performed in many leading London nightspots in addition to touring and television appearances. Gabrielle announces a spring tour to support her debut jazz album “J’ai Deux Amours” released on MGP Records. The album features Gabrielle’s own arrangements of American and French jazz standards with the collaboration some of Europe’s finest musicians including Chris Garrick and Nicolas Meier.

www.gabrielleducomble.com

Gabrielle Ducomble became a household name in France when in 2003 she reached the final of French "Pop Idol". Signed to BMG Sony France, the resulting album went double gold. During a period in the media spotlight, Gabrielle found time to write music and record with Belgian jazz and pop legends Mimi Verderame and Jean-Louis Daulne. Her performance was awarded a prize by the Concours des Auteurs Compositeurs & Interprètes, other tunes were chosen by a leading Belgian cultural organisation for CD release. In the same year, Gabrielle had the privilege to work with the pop star Lara Fabian on her international tour “Un Regard Neuf”. Later on she moved to London and graduated in 2009 with a postgraduate qualification in Jazz from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Her debut jazz album “J’ai Deux Amours” released on MGP Records features Gabrielle’s own arrangements of American and French jazz standards with the collaboration some of Europe’s finest musicians including Chris Garrick and Nicolas Meier.

London based Swiss guitarist Nicolas Meier is one of the rising stars of a vibrant British jazz scene, his trademark sound, as heard on his Naim albums, a mixture of Metheny-esque jazz and spicy Turkish and world music rhythms. The Meier Group have toured extensively in Europe, sharing the bill with the likes of Elvin Jones, Brad Mehldau, Trilok Gurtu and Bill Evans. In 2006 Meier and his band won the prestigious Grand Prize Of The Jury and 1st Prize Jazz Guitar at Jazz a Juan Revelations. He is becoming increasingly well known in his adopted country as well where his Meier group features brilliant Israeli world-bebop saxophonist Gilad Atzmon, bassist Tom Mason and drummer Asaf Sirkis where last year’s tour in support of his second album Yüz (the first, Orient was released in 2006) saw Meier and co play to packed houses across the country.

Dan Teper studied music at Berklee, USA where he specialised in film scoring, jazz piano and folk accordion. A multi-instrumentalist, he has been writing music for film and television full time since 2000. His credits comprise numerous films, documentaries, docu-dramas, reality TV series and cinematic shorts including the BAFTA nominated "Nits" in 2004 and the multi-award winning US feature "In Memory of My Father" in 2005. He has written music for shows for all the

major UK television networks. His KPM albums "CheeseCore" (2001), Imagination (2007) and CheeseCore Deluxe (2008) have enjoyed phenomenal worldwide success and have been used in hundreds of shows from Coast (BBC) to Only Fools & Horses (BBC) to Bo! Selecta (C4) to Oprah Winfrey (US).

As a musician he has toured extensively across Europe and beyond and has performed for the Royal Family on more than one occasion as well as for Gordon Brown and The Cheeky Girls.

Nick Kacal is the double bassist in Guerillasound. He is also the engineer for the recordings, and wrote most of the tracks. After graduating from Salford University in 1990 with a degree in Electro-Acoustics, Nick Kacal worked as a free-lance double-bassist, playing with a large and eclectic assortment of artists. He has played with too many obscure jazz musicians to list; his interest in other kinds of music has been assuaged by playing and recording with acts like [Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks](#), [Ado Matheson](#), [TD Lind](#), [The Loose Cannons](#), [Zoey Schwartz](#) and [John Etheridge](#). He has played and toured in France, Germany, Cape Verde and all over the UK, including Ronnie Scott's in London and festivals such as Womad, Brecon Jazz and the Edinburgh Festival.

Saleem Raman is a drummer, multi-instrumentalist and composer. He has recorded many sessions for artists and TV commercials and performed at prestigious venues and festivals across the world. Saleem has worked with some of the UK's finest players in the jazz field such as Martin Taylor, Femi Temowo, Jim Mullen, Robert Mitchell, Finn Peters, Jason Yarde and Benet McLean amongst many others. He's also played with pop stars Lily Allen, Suggs and Duncan James, rock icon David Gilmour (Pink Floyd), R&B boogie soul legend Leroy Burgess and broken-beat guru Kaidi Tatham to name a few, reflecting his genuine passion and love for all types of music. His versatile self-styled approach reveals the many different sides of his musicality.

Reviews:

"Welcoming first release...promising and show confidence in tackling a wide range of material on well produced album "J'ai Deux Amours" (MGP) draws on Jacques Brel and Astor Piazzolla alongside jazz standards." - Jazz UK Magazine

"Ducombe's voice has charm... with a slight vulnerability that adds emotional depth to the more romantic or melancholy songs...and her willingness to go beyond the standard vocal repertoire is to be applauded." - Bruce Lindsay - All About Jazz

Date	Time	Venue	Town	Box office
13-04-2012	8.45pm	Panteg House, Greenhill Road, Griffithstown, NP4 5BE	Pontypool	01495 756117
14-04-2012		Grand Pavilion, The Esplanade, CF36 3YW	Porthcawl	01656 786996
17-04-2012		Ye Olde Smack, 7 High Street, SS9 2EN	Leigh-on-Sea	01702 476765
23-04-2012		The Beaver Inn, Irsha Street, EX39 1RY	Appledore	01237 474822
24-04-2012		Western Hotel, Royal Square, TR26 2ND	St Ives	01736 798061 (St Ives Jazz Club)
26-04-2012		Oystercatchers Cafe, 12A Northumberland Place, TQ14 8DD	Teignmouth	01626 774652
10-05-2012		Blue Boar, 29 Market Close, BH15 1NE	Poole	01202 682247
29-05-2012		Pheasantry, 152 Kings Road, SW3 4UT	London	020 7351 5031
09-06-2012		Lichfield Rugby Club, Tamworth Road, WS14 9JE	Lichfield	01543 262223 (Lichfield Arts)
12-06-2012		Green Man, Wroxham Road, Rackheath, NR13 6NQ	Norwich	01603 614169 (jazz info)
29-06-2012		Stoke by Nayland Hotel - Golf & Spa, Keepers Lane, CO6 4PZ	Leavenheath	01787 211865 (Fleece Jazz)

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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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