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Dylan Howe Quartet

National Touring

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

Dylan Howe - drums

Brandon Allen - tenor saxophone

Ross Stanley - piano

Tim Thornton - double bass

With a new studio album to be released in summer 2011, drummer Dylan Howe is united with his favourite improvisers in Allen, Stanley and Thornton and returns to the Coltrane influenced quartet sound that first drew him into jazz. This new and organic improvising ensemble marks Howe's progression from his popular quintet of 2005-7, his Larry Young-inspired Unity 4 group (featuring Mike Outram, Tony Kofi and Stanley on Hammond), his re-imagining of David Bowie's Low and Heroes albums (The Subterraneans), and his recent piano/drums duo (with Will Butterworth) playing adaptations of Stravinsky.

The choice of music on this tour is an amalgam of Howe's recent projects, encompassing original compositions, Bowie's Berlin trilogy albums, Larry Young, Stravinsky and John Coltrane, and clearly influenced by drummers Elvin Jones, Roy Haynes, Bill Stewart and Ed Blackwell.

Dylan Howe is an acclaimed drummer, bandleader, composer and arranger, whose versatility and swing has led him to work in many genres and formats for the past 20 years. Mostly self taught from an early age, he is best known for his work with Ian Dury and the Blockheads, his father Steve Howe's groups, extensive session work, and for leading own jazz projects since 2002. He recently released a new piano/drums duo album of Stravinsky's The Rite Of Spring Part 1 (on his Motorik Recordings label) and his recent CD's as a leader have been awarded Jazz CD of the week in the Observer and London Evening Standard. Howe has performed and recorded with such notables as Nick Cave, Damon Albarn, Portishead, Ray Davies, David Gilmour, Paul McCartney, Mick Jones, Robert Wyatt, Gabrielle, Stan Sulzmann, Pete King, Gilad Atzmon, Guy Barker, Byron Wallen, Jim Mullen, Robert Glasper and Courtney Pine.

Brandon Allen was born in Perth, Western Australia and studied at the Western Australian Conservatorium of Music before relocating to London in the early '00's.
With his full tone and Coltrane influenced approach he has found many admirers, working with a diverse range of artists from Eric Clapton, Mica Paris, The Blockheads and Paloma Faith to Jools Holland, Guy Barker, the BBC Big Band, Stan Tracey, Pete King and Wynton Marsalis.

Ross Stanley studied at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London and has since racked up an impressive CV with credits including Jamie Cullum, Liane Carroll, Jim Mullen, Guy Barker, Seamus Blake and the Steve Howe Trio. Stanley was recently nominated for Best Instrumentalist in the 2010 London Jazz Awards and the Worshipful Company Of Musicians Jazz Medal for Young Musicians 2010 and is planning his first album of original compositions to be released in 2012.

Tim Thornton grew up in London and studied at Birmingham Conservatoire. His credits include Gareth Lockrane,

Alex Garnett, Tom Cawley, Liam Noble, Kit Downes, Guy Barker, Sir Willard White & NYJO.

http://www.dylanhowe.com

Tour dates are:

DATE	TIME	VENUE	TOWN	BOX OFFICE	WEB
02/02/2011	8.30pm	Cask Inn & Sigma	Scarborough	01723 500570	
03/02/2011	8.00pm	Bonington Theatre	Nottingham	0115 967 0114	http://www.jazzsteps.co.uk
04/02/2011	8.30pm	Wakefield Sports Club	Wakefield	01977 680542 (Wakefield Jazz)	http://www.wakefieldjazz.org.uk
06/02/2011	8.00pm	Campus West - Hawthorne Studio	Welwyn Garden City	01707 357117	
08/02/2011	8.00pm	Studio 2	Liverpool	0151 7073727	
09/02/2011	8.00pm	Haslingden Cricket Club	Haslingden	0161 7960275 (jazz info)	
10/02/2011	8.30pm	Stamford Sports & Social Club	Grimsby	01472 873730 (Grimsby Jazz)	
11/02/2011	8.00pm	Cinnamon Club	Altrincham	0161 926 8992	http://www.thecinnamonclub.net
15/02/2011	9.30pm	Jam House	Birmingham	0121 2003030	http://www.birminghamjazz.co.uk
17/02/2011	8.30pm	Trades Club	Hebden Bridge	01422 845265	
18/02/2011	8.30pm	Millennium Hall	Sheffield	0114 2738678 (Sheffield Jazz)	http://www.sheffieldjazz.org.uk
19/02/2011	8.00pm	Victoria Hall	Settle	01729 825718	
20/02/2011	8.00pm	The Chapel - No. 1 Shakespeare Street	Stratford-upon-Avon	01789 264787	http://www.stratfordjazz.org.uk
22/02/2011	8.00pm	Dempseys	Cardiff	029 2049 6802 (Jazz at Dempsey's)	http://www.riverbankjazz.co.uk
23/02/2011	8.00pm	St James Social Club	Swansea	01792 380615 (Swansea Jazzland)	http://www.swanseajazzland.co.uk
24/02/2011	8.00pm	Carlton Theatre	Teignmouth	01626 215666 (Teignmouth Jazz Festival)	http://www.teignmouthjazz.org
25/02/2011	8.00pm	Plough Arts Centre	Torrington	01805 624624	
27/02/2011	8.00pm	Future Inn Cabot Circus Hotel	Bristol	07515 051695 (jazz info)	
02/03/2011	9.30pm	Electric Palace Cinema	Bridport	01308 426336	
03/03/2011	8.30pm	Blue Boar	Poole	01202 682247	
04/03/2011	8.00pm	Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa	Leavenheath	01787 211865 (Fleece Jazz)	http://www.jazzatthefleece.org.uk
15/03/2011	8.45pm	Pizza Express Jazz Club	London	08456 027017	
18/03/2011	8.30pm	R.A.F. Association Club	Chatham	07544 312743 (jazz info)	
19/03/2011	8.30pm	Calstock Hall	Calstock	o1726 879500 (jazz info)	
31/03/2011	8.30pm	Wheatsheaf	Oxford	01865 243276	

Reviews:

“The best neo-bop group in the country” - Evening Standard

“A looseness reminiscent of Miles' 1960s ensemble, (Howe) knows exactly how the dynamics and drama of this idiom are supposed to work, and he proves himself to be a sophisticated composer of slow tone-poetry.” - the Guardian

“Searing modal hard bop from drummer Howe, playing scorching originals and drawing on the spirit of classic 60’s Blue Note” - The Times

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