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Dorian Ford Trio

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

Line-up:

Dorian Ford – piano
Mick Hutton – bass
Tom Skinner - drums

Over the past few years the Dorian Ford Trio has been making a significant contribution to the London jazz scene, working in a range of venues and with a broad jazz repertoire. In addition they have created several unique concert series at The Space and at Map Café where they performed piano trio music ranging from country-gospel and be-bop to Bill Evans and original material, to capacity audiences, helping to establish Map as a viable, ongoing jazz venue. Dorian Ford has performed in trio format with a long list of well known musicians on the London scene. The present trio, Mick Hutton and Tom Skinner, came about via Dorian's long personal and musical association with drummer Tom Skinner. Whilst on a recording session together, Tom mentioned Mick Hutton's interest in playing the music of Bill Evans. Tom and Mick's association goes back to the Martin Speake band which on occasion would also invite Paul Motian, drummer with Bill's Evans' 60's trio, to play. The current format have played Boisdale Canary Wharf for JazzFM, and Ronnie Scott's as part of the Everybody Digs Piano Trios festival amongst other London venues.

www.dorianford.co.uk

Chick Corea Jazz Masters award winner Dorian Ford is a Berklee and WAC alumnus. Performing at major London and UK venues and being broadcast on JazzFM, BBC Radio. He was the featured pianist in Stephen Frears' film Mrs Henderson Presents. Dorian is a mainstay of Carol Grimes' band, directing and composing for her quintet and most recently arranging and composing for Carol's 8 piece band which featured at the Margate Festival and will be performing again at the Vortex in March. Work with amongst many others: Tom Arthurs, Jeff Beck, Jim Black, Igor Butman, Ian Carr, Renato D'Aiello, Alex Garnett, Gary Husband, Courtney Pine, Seb Rochford, Tim Whitehead, Steve Williamson, Christian Brewer, Damon Brown and many more.

Professional since 1981, Mick Hutton has performed over 6,000 gigs worldwide, recorded over 40 jazz albums and 200 radio broadcasts and worked in film, television and West End shows. Artists played with include Nigel Kennedy, John Surman, K. Wheeler, Humphrey Lyttleton and Bill Bruford. Other musicians that he has worked with include Joe Henderson, Andy Sheppard and Pharoah Sanders. He is one of the finest bassists in Europe and has been a stalwart of many great British bands and has recently been recording for ECM Records.

Tom Skinner started playing drums at the age of 9 and was gigging by the time he was 13. He was a member of Gary Crosby's Tomorrow's Warriors, along with Soweto Kinch, Andrew McCormack, Dave Okumu and Tom Herbert, for 4 years, doing gigs and workshops up and down the country as well as their incredibly popular residency at the Jazz Café in London. He has toured and recorded with an impressive array of top names - from Denys Baptiste, Jean Toussaint and Stanley Turrentine to Zimbabwean master mbira player Chartwell Dutiro, UK Hip-Hop outfit Task Force, Branford Marsalis and many more. He co-leads the co-op band Jade Fox with Dave Okumu and Tom Herbert and is currently working on a solo project. He is also a member of the F-IRE collective and Raw Dog production team.

Reviews:

"an incandescent piano trio" - John Fordham, The Guardian

"Dorian Ford is some kind of genius. An assured and intelligent improviser, his interpretation of Gershwin's 'Embraceable You' managed to invoke both the spirit of Charlie Parker and the slow movement of Bach's Italian Concerto. A really musical performance." - Hugh Wood, (British Composer, mentor to Peter Pettinger, Bill Evan's biographer)

"It is gratifying to see a pianist of Dorian's calibre present the heart and soul of Bill's music so eloquently and so authentically." - Paul Pace, Ronnie Scott's

"…the weight of Ford's piano playing [is] very attractive and Evans-like… he comes across as faithful to Evans' style without being entirely slavish…. The proof is in the pudding and Ford has come up with the goods here." - Selwyn Harris, Jazzwise

Date	Time	Venue	Town	Box office
27-04-2012	8.30pm	Bigton Community Hall, ZE2 9JA	Bigton - Shetland	01595 745555
28-04-2012	8.30pm	Shetlands Islands Council, Town Hall, Upper Hillhead, ZE1 0HB	Lerwick - Shetland	01595 994001
10-05-2012	9.00pm	Matt & Phred's Jazz Club, 64 Tibb Street, Northern Quarter, M4 1LW	Manchester	0161 8317002
11-05-2012	12.00pm	Grand, 18 York Street, BB7 2DL	Clitheroe	01200 421599
16-05-2012	8.30pm	Mill Hill Golf Club, 100 Barnet Way, Mill Hill, NW7 3AL	London	020 8659 6723 (Mill Hill Jazz Club)
21-05-2012	8.30pm	Soul Cellar, 78 West Marlands Road, SO14 7FW	Southampton	02380 710648
01-06-2012	6.00pm	Symphony Hall, Broad Street, B1 2EA	Birmingham	0121 7803333
07-06-2012	8.00pm	Map Studio Cafe, 46 Grafton Road, Kentish Town, NW5 3DU	London	020 7916 0544
10-06-2012	12.30pm	Angel Hotel, 37 High Street, LE16 7AF	Market Harborough	01858 462702

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Notes to the editor:

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