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Sue McCreeth Band

Autumn Tour 2003

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

Line-up for the tour is:

Sue McCreeth (Vocals); Mike Gorman (Piano); Dave Green/Andy Cleyndert (Bass);Matt Home/Steve Brown (Drums)

McCreeth mixes her original Corea-influenced groove and swing with an incisive take on standards. With echoes of Betty Carter and Flora Purim, and a nu-fusion vibe, she is being recognised as a unique vocal sound. This hauntingly beautiful original music with a strong jazz inflection has broad popular appeal. McCreeth has been building a reputation as a writer and band leader, particularly in London and the South Coast working with some of the UK's most outstanding musicians.

Mike Gorman (Piano)

Mike has established himself as one of the UK's leading jazz pianists. He has worked with prominent UK and US musicians as well as touring with major international acts Incognito and Us3.

Andrew Cleyndert (Bass)

Andrew has established himself as a highly versatile player, working with the cream of UK and visiting musicians including Bobby Wellins, Red Rodney, Bud Shank and Lee Konitz. He has toured with Benny Green and James Williams – with Drumming legend Ed Thigpen.

Dave Green (Bass)

Dave is the Rolls Royce of bass players, the one with whom every musician wishes to work. This explains why he is so busy! His sound, choice of notes and impeccable time reflect his vast experience and versatility: a bassist favoured by Coleman Hawkins and Sonny Rollins alike.

Matt Home (Drums)

Since leaving Leeds College of Music in 1994, Matt has been working with some of the UK's top jazz musicians including Bobby Wellins, Don Weller, Tina May, Spike Robinson and Alan Barnes.

Steve Brown (Drums)

Steve was winner of the 1999 drum category and 2001 Rising Star category of the BT British Jazz Awards. Steve also currently works with Dave Newton, Alan Barnes and Stacey Kent.

Tour dates are:

01/10/2003	Pizza on the Park	London	020 7235 5273
02/10/2003	Pizza on the Park	London	020 7235 5273
09/10/2003	Players Theatre	Northwich	01606 41597
18/10/2003	Holiday Inn	Preston	01772 258858 (Feast of Jazz)
19/10/2003	Stanley Arms	Preston	01772 258858 (Feast of Jazz)
26/10/2003	White Swan	Stratford upon Avon	01789 297002 (Stratford Jazz)
28/10/2003	Scholar's Bar (Bedford Hotel)		
		Scarborough	01723 379818
29/10/2003	Goodfellowship Inn	Hull	01482 492868
01/11/2003	Ancaster Village Hall	Ancaster	01476 566755
06/11/2003	Cabaret, The	Edinburgh	
11/11/2003	606 Club	London	020 7352 5953
15/11/2003	Carlton Theatre	Teignmouth	01626 215666
20/11/2003	Maritime Room (Cliffs Pavilion)		
		Southend on Sea	01702 351135
23/11/2003	Colchester Arts Centre	Colchester	01206 880673
28/11/2003	Talbot Hotel	Tregaron	01974 298719
11/12/03	Venue tbc	Cornwall	017266 68532
12/12/2003	Colliford Lake Café	Bolventor	01840 2144220

'a gently unconventional performer..an excellent trio..a rich mid-register...falsettos and deep purrs, payoffs on barely audible murmurs...calmly inventive...boldly ambitious...confessional whispers...a yearning McCreeth original...a deviously spliced demanding reshuffle...she has imagination and heart, and is certainly keeping the right company.'

John Fordham, The Guardian

'a cool, misty kind of voice and a style which invites rather than insists on attention...with her own 'Only Here' and Chic Corea's '500 miles high' outstanding.'

Dave Gelly, The Observer

'a beautiful piece of work..Ms McCreeth's voice is simultaneously almost ethereal and sensuous and torchy as well. A small gem of creativity..subtle paraphrasing'

Brian Blain, Jazz UK

'Superb, supportive musicians..swings like mad' Geoff Amos, Jazz UK

'My choice for jazz arrival of the year' Dave Gelly, The Observer

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