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Tom Richards

Biography

"Smoke and Mirrors"



"...One of the most exciting composers to emerge in recent years..." - Gerard Presencer

Tom Richards is a 26-year-old London based saxophonist/composer. Since graduating with a first class honours degree from the Royal Academy Of Music's Jazz Programme in 2004 as the only 2 time winner of the prestigious Craig Ball Award for Jazz Performance, Tom has been involved in numerous creative and commercial projects, and has just finished an intense 18 month world tour with singer/pianist Jamie Cullum, completing 4 coast to coast US tours, 3 tours of Europe as well as of South America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Asia. He has lately undertaken his second major world tour playing for the twice no.1 triple platinum selling UK based band HARD-Fi.

Recent projects/ensembles Tom has been involved in include a European tour with Matthew Herbert's ground breaking Big Band, the Gwilym Simcock Nonet, Laurence Cottle All-Star Big Band, Jim Hart Sextet, Michael Garrick Big Band and the Geoff Gascoyne Project. Tom can also regularly be seen as tenor player for the Ronnie Scott's All-Stars and co-runs the Vanguard Big Band with Gerard Presencer with a monthly residency at the Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London.

Furthermore, Tom was featured soloist along with Jean Toussant, Julian Siegel and Denyse Baptiste in a recent performance of Andy Shepard's "Saxophone Massive" promoted by Serious Productions. Additional current commercial work includes the latest albums by Katie Melua and Nizlopi as well as live performances with Michael Buble and Georgie Fame.

Tom's arranging credits include many arrangements for Jamie Cullum, as well as orchestrations for national touring musicals. Tom is also a member of the LOOP Collective (London Organization for Original Performance), a collective of young jazz musicians dedicated to developing original and creative music.

Besides being heavily involved in other people's project's, Tom has been heralded as a flourishing compositional force, and his flagship ensemble, the Tom Richards Orchestra have just completed their debut record "Smoke and Mirrors" released on Candid Records shortly.

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