

JAMES MORTON'S PORKCHOP

'Don't You Worry 'Bout That'

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"An Alto Sax Firebrand" The Guardian

Don't you Worry 'bout That is the debut album from Bristol saxophonist **James Morton** and his band **Porkchop**.

Released on **Fresh Ground Records** in May the band will be touring across the UK and Europe throughout the summer including shows in his home town at **The Croft, Bristol**, **Pizza Express Jazz Club, London** and the **Coutance Jazz Festival**.

With the talented young saxophonist leading the band, **Porkchop** features the impressive **Dan "Pinstripe" Moore** on Hammond organ, **Ian Mathews**, drums and **Deny Illet**, guitar. Informed by funk, soul-jazz, and gospel, *Don't You Worry 'Bout That* is a full on groove-ridden affair with more than a nod to the sax / Hammond combos of the 1960s. This is dance-floor jazz, a complete contrast to the frenetic, high volume bands that have been dominating the UK jazz scene for the past few years. Morton is a core member of **Pee Wee Ellis'** '**Still Black Still Proud**', which more than equips him to hark back to an era of dance grooves and heavy riffs. Apart from Eddie Harris' *Cold Duck Time* and Arthur Herzog Jr. and Billy Holiday's *God Bless the Child*, all the tracks are **Porkchop** originals.

James swapped his violin for an alto saxophone when he was 9 years old and played his first gig when he was 12, and by 22 he had completed his Masters Degree in Jazz at the Guildhall School of Music. His talents appear on **Pendulum's platinum selling Drum'n'Bass album Hold your Colour** and he has performed with some of the foremost artists in the world including Raphael Saadiq (European tour 2009), Fred Wesley, Beth Rowley, Clare Teal, Jean Toussaint, Keith Tippett, Wynton Marsalis, Billy Cobham, Jason Rebello, Orphy Robinson, Jazz Jamaica, Snowboy and Tomorrow's Warriors to name a few.

See James Morton's Porkchop live:

5 May Dempsey's, Cardiff

8 May The Croft, Bristol

10 May Pizza Express Jazz Club, Soho

28 May The Subtone, Cheltenham

30 May Yeovil Jazz Club

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