

Zoe Rahman

Kindred Spirits Tour 2012

Mercury-nominated pianist to tour UK in support of new album, Kindred Spirits.

Mercury-nominated jazz pianist and composer Zoe Rahman will be touring the UK to mark the release of her fifth album "Kindred Spirits" set for release on January 23rd on her own Manushi label. The music is a powerful and fresh portrait of her combined English, Irish and Bengali heritage and features her brother Idris on clarinet alongside her regular jazz trio partners Gene Calderazzo and Davide Mantovani. As well as touring internationally with her own band Zoe has toured extensively with Courtney Pine (special guest on Zoe's album), Jerry Dammers' Spatial AKA Orchestra and "Way to Blue: the songs of Nick Drake" among many other projects and her own music reflects the diversity of her musical interests and influences.

In Zoe's own words: "We recorded this album after touring Ireland in 2011, a year that happened to coincide with the 150th birth anniversary of Bengali writer, musician, artist and Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. These two events account, in part, for my choice of music. Mostly though, it's a collection of my own compositions from the past couple of years and tunes that I love playing."

Zoe Rahman – piano; **Idris Rahman** – clarinet & bass clarinet **Gene Calderazzo** – drums
Davide Mantovani – double bass (NB **Alec Dankworth** replaces Mantovani on January dates)

- 19 Jan **Dorking** Watermill Jazz 07415 815 784. £11 mems/£14 non-mems 8.30pm
- 20 Jan **Wakefield** Wakefield Jazz 01977 680542. £12 (concs available) Doors 7pm,
- 27 Jan **Chichester** Minerva Theatre 01243 781312. £18, 7.45pm.
- 28 Jan **Much Wenlock** The Edge Arts Centre 01952 728911. £12/10 concs. 8pm.
- 2 Feb **Leeds** Seven Arts 0113 2626777. £15/12 concs. Doors 8pm, music 8.30-11pm
- 3 Feb **Sheffield**, Sheffield Jazz, Millennium Hall
- 4 Feb **Liverpool** The Capstone Theatre 0151 7093789. £12.50. 7.30pm.
- 6 Feb **London** Pizza Express 0845 6 027 017. £15, 8.30pm
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- 3 Mar **Bradford on Avon** Wiltshire Music Centre 01225 860100. 8pm. £16 (concs available)
- 6 Mar **St. Ives**, St Ives Jazz, Western Hotel 01736 796082. 8pm, £12/£6 members.
- 7 Mar **Barnstaple** The Queen's Theatre 01271 324242. 8pm. £10.
- 10 Mar **Hampshire** Forest Arts Theatre 01425 612393
- 15 Mar **Warwick** Arts Centre details tbc
- 25 Mar **Gateshead** The Sage 0191 443 4661

"Zoe brings a new slant to jazz composition and improvisation that never fails to grab my attention. This, coupled with an excellent piano technique, makes her an artiste of outstanding talent." **Stan Tracey**

"Pianist Rahman and her fine quartet began with a set of life-affirming music that was never less than entertaining and intellectually stimulating.....a fusion of Bengali and Irish musical influences that was truly remarkable"

Peter Collins, Western Mail (live review from Brecon Jazz 2011)

"Zoe joyfully celebrates her influences with originality, personality and a certain contemporary verve." **Julian Joseph**

"effervescent pianist Zoe Rahman, and her clarinettist brother Idris Rahman, were hugely entertaining, with a mix of good originals and standards " **Bob Weir, Jazz Journal (Live Review from Brecon Jazz 2011)**