

About Matthew Halsall

**25 year old trumpeter, composer, arranger, DJ, producer and band leader.**

Halsall picked up the trumpet at just 6 years old after being taken to a jazz gig by his parents. From the age of 14 Matt has toured the world playing in France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Holland, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Australia and America.

His debut album 'Sending My Love' was released in October 2008 on the newly formed independent jazz label Gondwana Records. The album received rave reviews and heavy airplay from the likes of Gilles Peterson (BBC Radio 1), Stuart Maconie (BBC 6 Music), Tom Robinson (BBC 6 Music) and Mike Chadwick (Jazz FM).

In September 2008 he was asked to perform a special live session at the legendary BBC Maida Vale Studios for Stuart Maconie's Freakzone show on BBC 6 Music to coincide with the release.

Following on from this Matt began work on his first co-production project with saxophonist/composer and arranger Nat Birchall. The album titled 'Akhenaten' was released on Gondwana Records on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 and features four beautiful tracks composed by Nat Birchall.

After this Matt flew out to Genoa to spend a week working with world-class producer, songwriter, DJ, multi-instrumentalist, orchestral composer, and cultural pioneer Nitin Sawhney.

He is currently finishing off his second album for Gondwana Records 'Colour Yes' which is due for release in October 2009.