

BARRY GREEN

"The pianist can effortlessly sustain a graceful Bill Evans-like lyrical swing, but also massages the ideas of the others. His contemporary references give him a broad sweep, and he has much to do with this set's freedom from bop-standard rigidities...The pianist wraps a light tracery around Speake against ringing cymbal and thumping keynotes on Jitterbug Waltz, and then plays a pungent solo..."

John Fordham, The Guardian, Friday, June 27th 2008

'Green's piano provided some real interaction with the vocals, sometimes prodding, sometimes holding back, and often inserting deft little phrases that decorated the lyrics with taste and sensitivity.'

Alyn Shipton, The Times

"That Green possesses such wide ranging interests will surprise no-one who has caught him with the various band leaders to whose groups he contributes his sparkling but cogent piano work"

Chris Parker, Vortex

"...the trio tracks show off Green's virtuosity. His work can be both intricate and assertive, and is constantly inventive. A CD which generously repays repeated listening"

Pete Martin, Jazz UK

"...the one who really shone was pianist Barry Green. Watching his imagination unfurl, was an engaging experience and turned out to be the keenest musical pleasure of the evening" – Ivan Hewett, Daily Telegraph

Barry studied classical and jazz piano at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, graduating in 2002. Whilst still studying, he began playing professionally in a varied range of musical styles.

Barry plays regularly in jazz venues all over the UK, including Ronnie Scotts, Pizza Express Dean Street, the 606 Club and The Vortex. In 2007 he played in Germany, Ireland, Spain and France.

Some musicians with whom he has performed and recorded with include: Dave Friesen, Martin Speake, Bobby Wellins, Mick Hutton, Spike Wells, Anita Wardell, Tina May, Jean Toussaint, Tom Rainey, Christine Tobin, Anders Christiansson, Richie Cole, Jeff Williams, Bob Martin, Chris Laurence, Stan Sulzmann, Julian Argeulles, Trudy Kerr, Bill McHenry, The BBC Big Band, Gene Calderazzo, Marc Lockheart, Dave Cliff, Phil Robson, Tommy Whittle and Allison Neale.

He is a member of Ingrid Laubrock's quintet, which toured Germany and Ireland in 2007. He is also a member of Laubrock's two-piano nonet (featuring Tom Rainey and Liam Noble). The nonet performed at Cheltenham Jazz festival in 2007 and performed at the

Berlin Jazz Festival later that year. Barry is also part of bassist Larry Bartley's trio (with Winston Clifford). This trio formed the core part of an Octet that performed and was recorded at 2006's Cheltenham Jazz festival. Both these bands have CD's in the pipeline.

Barry has had a wide range of teaching experience. He teaches at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, as well as The Royal Academy of Music and Goldsmiths college. He has also taught on many Jazz Summer schools, including a course for singers in France run by Anita Wardell and Tristan Maillot. In December 2007 Barry taught on an international course in Valencia run by drummer Steve Keogh. This included a performance by his quartet featuring Keogh, Jeremy Brown and Julian Arguelles.

His first CD, *Introducing Barry Green*, a series of duos, reflects the varied styles that Barry enjoys playing, as well as documenting his relationships with the musicians that have been formed over the past few years. This is released on Clark Tracey's record label, and has received a number of favourable reviews.

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Barry has recorded a trio album with the American Jazz musicians Ben Street and Jeff Williams who between them have played with (amongst many others) Stan Getz, Dave Liebman, Danilo Perez and Brad Mehldau. The Cd will be released in May 2008. Other recent highlights have included a tour of Ireland headlining at the Cork Jazz Festival with Irish singer Honor Heffernan; and a tour with the New York based tenor sax player Bill McHenry.

Upcoming projects for 2008 include a record with bass legend, Dave Green (no relation) exploring the songs of Alec Wilder and Ornette Coleman. This project has been recorded and awaits release. Dave Green is also featured in the co-operative "Generations Jazz quartet". This features Barry and Dave with Martin Speake and Jeff Williams (almost four generations). This is soon to be released on Speake's website. Barry appears on a forthcoming CD by Malcolm Smiths "Vox City five."

Barry is featured on the just – released Us3 album.

Barry has a quartet that performs his original music with Mark Hanslip, Oli Hayhurst and Tim Giles. They have performed at numerous clubs in London and hope to record in 2008.

Barry has just launched his website, www.moletone.com, where you can see upcoming gigs as well as publicity material. His record label, moletone records, first release is his New York Trio Cd, "The Music of Chance".