



GWILYM SIMCOCK BIG BAND

"a jaw-droppingly exciting pianist" James Griffiths, The Guardian

"Gwilym Simcock frequently dazzling" The Guardian

"He looks like being a piano star of the future".
The Independent

"don't miss him while you can still see him in venues without ushers".
Jamie Cullum, Guardian



Gwilym Simcock is not just one of the most exciting players on the jazz scene, he is also one of the most creative writers. His strengths as a composer of large ensemble music were evident even as an undergraduate when at the Royal Academy of Music he formed his own big band. Logistics and tight budgets have meant that opportunities to air this format have been few and far between, but in July 2006 Gwilym performed the world premiere of a new work specially commissioned for the Lichfield Festival – **The Lichfield Suite** - which was heard again at Cheltenham Jazz Festival on 5th May 2007 and broadcast on BBC radio 3 on 1st June 2007.

Gwilym's enormous talents are recognised by the musical company he keeps with the very best players eager to work with him. His contemporary style, combining strong melodies, rich harmonic textures and complex rhythms make for uplifting compositions that put him in a class alongside the very best jazz composers. He has the ability to create music that makes you feel good about the world and yet which touches deep emotions.

In addition to **Gwilym Simcock** on piano the big band line-up features the cream of British jazz players:

Saxophones

Ivo Neame, Mark Lockheart, Julian Siegel, Stan Sulzmann

Trumpets

Noel Langley, Robbie Robson, Neil Yates

French Horns

Richard Bissell, Paul Robinson

Trombones

Tim Smart, Richard Henry

Guitar

John Parricelli

Bass

Laurence Cottle

Drums

Martin France

Percussion

Ben Bryant

Conductor

Jules Buckley



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