

PRESS PACK - April 2018

GLG | Greg Lloyd Group

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Original Instrumental Improvised Fusion Jazz

The Greg Lloyd Group (GLG) perform original instrumental improvised fusion jazz, mixing together the genres of World, Jazz, Hip Hop, Blues, Rock and Funk in a quartet format of Piano, Bass, Drums and Percussion. GLG are inspired by artists like Avishai Cohen, Esbjorn Svensson Trio (EST), Tord Gustavsen, Pat Metheny Group and Brad Mehldau. Greg's original compositions weave in melodies influenced by his experience in Algeria working on the film 'El Gusto', an award-winning film about the lost 'Chaabi' music of Northern Africa where Greg worked with Damon Albarn (Blur/Gorillaz) as co-producer of the album 'Abel Hadi Halo & the El Gusto Orchestra of Algiers', released on the Honest Jon's record label.

GLG are now booking for jazz festivals and are seeking representation abroad - Booking Agent | Manager | Record Label.

The band have just finished recording their eagerly awaited second album - 'Fifth Floor Up' - comprising 12 new tracks, due for release in June 2018. The CD attached to this letter has three tracks from the recording session earlier this month. Please note these tracks are yet to be mixed and mastered but they will give you a 'taste' of the new music and show off the diversity this band bring to the world of improvised music.

GLG MUSICIANS:

Greg Lloyd, Piano/Rhodes (Australia/Ireland)

Kevin Brady, Drums (Ireland)

Dave Redmond, Upright/Electric bass (Ireland)

Eddie Mc Ginn, Percussion (Ireland)

LONG WAY HOME - DEBUT CD

The debut CD from the GLG - 'Long Way Home' - has received rave reviews and repeated radio play in Ireland, Japan and Australia. All the influences along Greg's journey blend together in this album to form an instrumental cocktail of original material drawing on Algerian North African Chaabi, Cuban Rhythms, Funk, Blues and Jazz. The CD is distributed by Disk Union Japan and

one of the tracks was chosen for the Japanese compilation - Jazz Bar 2013 - compiled by the renowned Yasukuni Terashima.

WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING:

"Imaginative changes... impressive quality..." - John Shand, Sydney Morning Herald.

"There is a rare quality about the music" - Takashi Yamamoto, Japan Disk Union.

"...a ruminative, mellow texture reminiscent of the Tord Gustavsen Trio" - Paddy Kehoe, RTE Ten.

"...one of the outstanding Irish Jazz LPs of recent years" - Ed Power, Irish Independent.

"...piano solos are imaginative and richly varied" - Grainne Farren, Irish Independent.

"An astonishing jazz pianist" - Tom Cahill, Totally Dublin.

WHO IS GREG LLOYD?

Greg is a pianist/composer/producer/arranger/educator from Sydney Australia. Dublin has been Greg's base for the last 15 years interspersed with a few years living in Paris. During this time Greg has collaborated with numerous musicians in Ireland and abroad.

Greg had the wonderful opportunity of spending a year in Algiers arranging, orchestrating and rehearsing music for the film and tour of 'El Gusto', including writing original compositions included in the film. 'El Gusto' is an Algerian 'Buena Vista Social Club' which has achieved worldwide acclaim. The film tells the story of the Algerian Jewish and Muslim Chaabi musicians before and after the war of independence in 1964, culminating with live performances at the Berlin Jazz Festival, the Barbican (UK) and Bercy (Paris). Greg also rehearsed the orchestra in preparation for the recording of 'Abel Hadi Halo & the El Gusto Orchestra of Algiers', an album which he co-produced with Damon Albarn (Blur/Gorillaz), released on the 'Honest Jon's' label. Greg is proud to have played a part in reuniting the musicians of the El Gusto Orchestra and in the rediscovery of 'Chaabi' music, which had been underground since the war. For more information on 'El Gusto': <http://www.el-gusto.fr/en/>

In 2015 Greg toured throughout Australia and played over 50 performances.

WHERE ARE GLG BASED?

GLG are currently based in Dublin, Ireland and personally Greg is based between Sydney, Paris and Ireland. The group are willing to travel to perform.

GLG FUTURE PLANS

GLG are currently mixing and mastering their second album, 'Fifth Floor Up', due for release in June 2018. They want to bring their music to as many festivals as possible to reach bigger audiences. The band are looking for international representation in the form of a booking agent/manager/record label to assist in bringing their music to the next level.

CONTACT GREG LLOYD:

Greg is attending the Jazzahead Conference on Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st April 2018 as a professional participant and would be very happy to meet up for a chat about any opportunities for the GLG.

Please do get in touch if you feel you can help GLG and organize a time with Greg:

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In the meantime please come and visit our website at: www.greglloydmusic.com to listen to the new and old music, watch videos and read full reviews about GLG.

We look forward to meeting you.