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Recommended Gigs

Wednesday March 23rd

[Sector 7 EP launch](#)

606 Club 7 30pm

Wednesday March 23rd

[Claire Martin/ Richard Rodney Bennett](#)

Wigmore Hall, 10pm

Thursday March 24th

Avishai Cohen

Union Chapel N1, 8pm

Friday March 25th

Mike Stern Band

Union Chapel, N1, 8pm

Friday March 25th

Joe Lovano Us 5

Ronnie Scott's

Saturday March 26th

National Jazz Archive Event

Alan Barnes/ Digby Fairweather

Loughton Methodist Church, 1 30pm

Saturday March 26th

[Ian Shaw and Liane Carroll](#)

Kings Place 8pm

Saturday March 26th

Stan Tracey Quintet

Bulls Head, 8 30pm

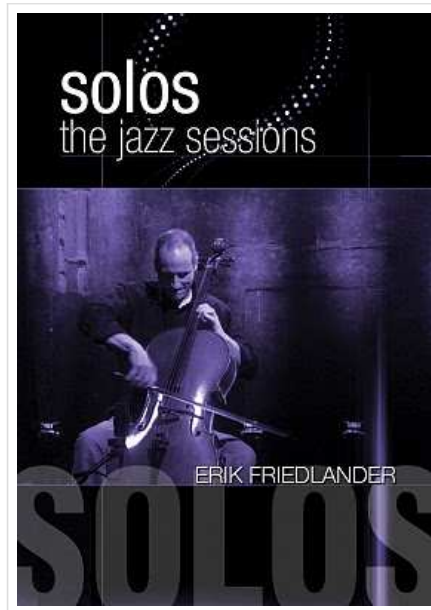
Sunday March 27th

Kate Williams Septet

Pizza Express

Monday March 28th-Tuesday 29th

DVD Reviews: Matthew Shipp and Eric Frielander



DVD Review: Solos – The Jazz Sessions. Erik Friedlander and Matthew Shipp

(MVD 5075D [Shipp] MVD 5076D [Friedlander], Review by Tom Gray)

For an art form with such an obviously visual component, jazz can sometimes transfer awkwardly to the small screen. Whether it is because of sloppy production, stilted camera angles, or naff title screens, I rarely revisit a jazz DVD more than once. However, watching 'Solos: The Jazz Sessions' has proved to be a rather more engaging experience.

Originally filmed for Canadian TV in 39 parts (we can only dream of a British equivalent nowadays), this series of DVDs features solo performances from a superior roster of artists including Bill Frisell, Mark Turner and the late Andrew Hill. I watched two DVDs showcasing a couple of the most innovative American improvising musicians around today: cellist **Erik Friedlander** and pianist **Matthew Shipp**.

Both of these artists have a very physical approach towards their instruments, from Shipp's wiry-armed, feline prodding in the bass register to Friedlander's highly percussive slapping, strumming and scrapings. This aspect of their playing is captured well through a mix of panning shots and fixed camera angles, including some striking close-ups. As intrusive as this might sound, it doesn't faze either artist, both of whom seem perfectly at ease in the elegantly lit surroundings of the Berkeley Church in Toronto.

With a great quality sound recording and some pithy artist interviews to boot, this

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Ron Carter, Mulgrew Miller, Russell Malone
Ronnie Scott's

series sets a high benchmark in how to make jazz DVDs. Recommended.

MVD Entertainment Group

Wednesday March 30th
Jacqui Hicks Album Launch
606 Club

On Monday, February 21, 2011
Labels: Matthew Shipp

Wednesday March 30th
Tim Whitehead
Hideaway Streatham

Friday April 1st-Saturday April 2nd
Charles McPherson
Pizza Express Dean Street

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Saturday April 2nd
Mike Westbrook
(Serpent Hit World Premiere)
Kings Place 8pm

Rodrigo L. said...

Shipp is a great musician, very cool.
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Sunday April 3rd
Pizza Express Jazz Orch
(Hans Koller/ Francois Theberge
Pizza Express

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Monday April 4th- Tuesday 5th
Storms/Nocturnes CD Launch
Ronnie Scotts

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Tuesday 5th April
Alexander Hawkins Ensemble
Cafe Oto

Wednesday April 6th- Thursday 7th
McCoy Tyner
Ronnie Scotts

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Kenny Lynch with Laurie Holloway
Pizza Express

Friday April 8th
Esperanza Spalding- SOLD OUT, see
11th July
Barbican 8pm

Saturday April 9th
Kit Downes CD Launch
Kings Place 8pm

Sunday April 10th
Annabel Williams/ Simon Carter
Boaters Kingston, free

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Monday April 11th
Peter King Book Launch
606 Club

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Wednesday April 13th
Anita Wardell/ Chris Biscoe/ Pete Hurt
Orange Tree, Richmond, 8pm

Thursday April 14th
Shabaka Hutchings Sons of Kemit
(Double Drum Quartet)
Charlie Wrights

Thursday April 14th
Discovery Launch with Jools Holland
Boisdale Canary Wharf

Thursday April 14th-Sunday 17th
Two Steinway Pianos Festival
Pizza Express

Friday April 15th
Duncan Lamont 80th Birthday
(Norma Winstone/ Kenny Wheeler)
Leicester Square Theatre 7 30pm

Saturday April 16th

Twitter widget showing tweets about jazz and performance tips.

These make me laugh

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Cleo Laine - Shakespeare
(part of Art of Song Festival)
Leicester Square Theatre

Sunday April 17th
Celebrating Strayhorn
Ronnie Scott's 1pm

Monday April 18th
[Mumbai Jazz with Larry Coryell](#)
Purcell Room

Monday April 18th- Tuesday 19th
Kurt Rosenwinkel
Ronnie Scott's

Tuesday April 19th
The Fran Landesman Songbook
(Ian Shaw, Gwyneth Herbert.)
Leicester Square Theatre

Tuesday April 19th
Tony Levin Memorial- Charity Concert
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Tuesday April 19th- Thursday 21st
[MusicConnex Conference](#)
Kings Place

Wednesday April 20th- Saturday 23rd
Kyle Eastwood
Ronnie Scott's

Sunday April 24th
Gareth Lockrane Big Band
606 Club 1pm

Saturday April 30th
Dave Holland Overtone Quartet
Ronnie Scott's

Wednesday April 27th
Gwilym Simcock Trio
606 Club

Wednesday April 27th-May 2nd
Cheltenham Jazz Festival

Sunday May 8th- Monday 9th
Fapy Lafertin/ Lollo Meier
Quecumbar, Batterssea

Saturday May 21st- Sunday May 22nd
Charlie Haden- The London Concerts
Barbican Hall, 8pm

Thursday April 28th- Friday 29th
Fred Frith
(with Evan Parker 29th)
Cafe Oto

Saturday April 30th
Dave Holland Overtone Quartet
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June 27th-July 3rd
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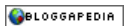
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Wayne Shorter Quartet - (support
Phronesis)
Barbican 7 30pm



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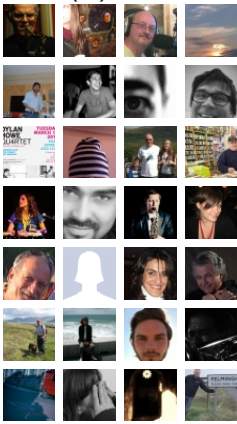
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