

## Kim Cypher

Kim Cypher is creating quite a stir on the jazz scene at present, emerging as one of the UK's most exciting saxophonists, vocalists, composers and producers and firmly securing a reputation for top quality, stylish, accessible jazz and musical entertainment.



Inspired by the funkier side of jazz and having studied alongside US saxophonist Pee Wee Ellis and internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist Andy Sheppard, Kim's style of performance is best described as 'funky saxophonist meets 1940s jazz singer'. Kim performs an eclectic mix of music spanning many genres with a quirky, jazzy twist together with her own original material. Her unique 'funky' style of saxophone playing has been built upon influences by great players such as Gerald Albright, Maceo Parker, Pee Wee Ellis, Andy Sheppard, Dean Fraser, Courtney Pine and Grover Washington. Kim's vocal style has been influenced by the great Billie Holiday together with a wide range of vocalists / performers including Gunhild Carling, Imelda May, Caro Emerald and Liane Carroll.

Kim's debut album 'Make Believe' was released end of 2016, receiving glowing reviews and culminating in a highly successful album tour with sell-out shows across the UK in 2017/18. Her 2nd album 'Love Kim x' (a collection of inspired original music and quirky takes on some well-known classics) was released May 2019 and was listed in the Top 10 jazz albums of 2019 by online jazz magazine



Bebop Spoken Here. The album and tour featured US saxophonist Pee Wee Ellis plus some of the finest jazz musicians in the UK and US.

Kim's tour band is in much demand at top jazz venues across the country and is always a popular choice with audiences. Regular band personnel feature some of the country's most highly regarded and experienced musicians including Chris Cobbson on guitar, Mike Green on bass and Kim's husband Mike Cypher on drums. Some recent exciting musical collaborations have included performing with incredible piano vocalist Liane Carroll, Jazz Giant Ray Gelato, jazz songstress Fiona Ross and incredible US guitarist B.D. Lenz.

Kim has been featured on local and national BBC radio and TV plus international radio stations. All music releases are available on Spotify and iTunes.

In 2019 Kim was featured in the award winning 'Women In Jazz' book by author Sammy Stein and published by 8th House where she is described as ***“one of the UK's most popular players”***.

In 2016 Kim was flown to New York with her jazz quartet for a private jazz performance in Manhattan. In 2017 she was commissioned to perform a private event for the UK Prime Minister Theresa May.

We are very excited to welcome her to Puddleston