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Dan returns for independence day!

Think Jazz, it's Friday!

Outline

Now under new management the Villa Hotel is returning to what it does best, award winning jazz nights and BBQ's with Saxophone star Dan Forshaw. Dan who promoted and hosted the fantastically successful Villa jazz nights over a period of 4 years is returning to the venue where he made his name and wants to re-establish the Villa as the best jazz venue in Lancashire.

Body

Dan now lives and works in Belfast following his marriage last summer and spent the previous three years studying in London and also a spell in New York under the watchful eye of jazz legend Branford Marsalis. Brought up in Fleetwood, Dan has recorded six CD's under his own name and has drawn widespread critical acclaim. He divides his time now between gigs across Europe, teaching and a post as *artiste in residence* at Belfast's May Street church.

Dan said 'I am really excited to be returning to the Villa. On my last trip home to play at the Southport jazz festival in May, many of the local musicians I met were bemoaning the loss of the Villa and the chance to play high quality live jazz on the Fylde. If we can capture some of the magic that we used to have at the Villa I am sure that many more local jazz musicians can come through and more importantly jazz fans in the area will be able to listen to the best live jazz, in the best possible surroundings.'

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Further information for editors

Dan Forshaw has been described by the critics as '*cool clever and creative*' (Music Web international), '*one of the leading young lights of the British jazz scene*' (Southport International Jazz festival) and '*a possible contender for on of the all time greats of English jazz*' (Merseyside Reporter).

1. For pictures of Dan that can be used in association with this article please visit www.danforshaw.com/mediapage.htm
2. A full biography of Dan can be found at www.danforshaw.com