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SONGBIRD RETURNS TO THE VILLA

Sarah brings *Jazz in Poetry* to from London, to Wrea Green

Outline

The Villa has been the launching pad for many a young jazz musicians career. Sarah Hughes is no exception. The talented 25 year old has been receiving rave reviews since moving to the capital over three years ago. Sarah last appeared at the Villa in July 2005 and has since gone on to perform at London jazz hot spots such as *Ronnie Scott's*, *Pizza express Dean St*, and *Pizza in the Park* (Hyde Park's own jazz club.)

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Sarah will be bringing her new project to Wrea Green entitled, *Jazz in Poetry*. This is the project in which Sarah has been featuring as part of her London performances, and brings together work by Kurt Eling, John Coltrane and Sting amongst many others.

Sarah first sang at the Villa back in 2004 and recorded a live album with Dan Forshaw Quartet alongside Gary Potter, Ray Wilkes and Jason Walsh. On returning to the Villa Sarah said, "I'm delighted to be once more performing for jazz fans on the Fylde coast. Every time I have sung in the area people have been so welcoming and appreciative of the work that we do."

Sarah comes from a musical family, (her father plays the Church Organ and her 3 sisters all play musical instruments!), she started on Piano aged 6 and Flute a year later. Sarah, as many young musicians do, played with many local ensembles including the Hertfordshire Youth Jazz Ensemble and aged 17 started to sing in the styles of her heroes Lorraine Craig and Patty Austin. Sarah is no stranger to Blackpool, having sung for President Bill Clinton during his visit to the resort in 2002 and as a student in Lancaster she sang at many events across the North West as a member of DFQ.

The event starts at 8pm and jazz aficionados are advised to arrive early, as this is an event not to miss!

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Further information for editors

1. Sarah Hughes currently promotes the Jazz at the Marquee club on the Thames each Sunday from 7pm. The events are held on board the permanently moored HMS president.
2. Live jazz at the Villa Wrea Green is held the first Friday of each month and have been restarted by new manager Stewart Macintosh and promoter Dan Forshaw.