

JAZZ AT THE UCC

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APPEARING AT THE UCC ON WEDNESDAY 16th MAY. GABRIEL RUSSELL AND ROD MASON

Gabrielle Russell is a vocalist from Haworth, the daughter of Linda and Bruce Russell, she recently began performing locally after moving back to the area last year. She has previously sung with 'Contour' a Norwich based Jazz Quintet. She is a film maker by trade and for her day job she currently teaches at the Northern Film School in Leeds.

Rod 'Room Darkener' Mason is a Midland lad who moved North to study the Saxophone at the now Huddersfield University. He started playing the saxophone aged 12 during his 2nd year at secondary school. Whilst at school he became involved with the local Big Band and discovered the joys of swing and jazz. He played in many local youth jazz orchestras as well as playing with the M.U. Big Band. Rod formed his first Quartet with Jez Franks on Guitar, Dave Walsh on Drums and Ben Crossland on Bass. They released 2 albums which received excellent reviews in the press called 'Who turned the lights out' and 'Return of the Room darkener' (featured on the Humphrey Littleton show on Monday nights).

The band expanded to a five piece for numerous gigs in the North with the addition of Steve Lodder on Piano / Keyboards. Through his work with Steve Lodder he became the dep. Sax player for the Zappatistas and has played with them around the UK..He later changed the line up of his band to feature Richard Wetherall/ Piano, Keyboards - Richard Hammond /Bass - Dave Walsh /Drums. They have forged a reputation for playing Music which covers the full array of emotions. They have played many festivals and have been asked to appear here and abroad. They have recorded 2 albums so far 'Underlying Current' and '4 Tall Stories'

Admission is free, as usual, and drinks are reasonably priced with a different guest beer every week. There is ample car parking space which is overseen by CCTV.

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of blues and jazz at probably the most comfortable jazz venue in the Leeds Bradford area

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