

Tom Meineck

Demo Review

This issue's Demo was sent in by Tom Meineck. A sixth former at Tolworth Girls School and a very talented musician.

Tom plays the saxophone, piano, flute, guitar, he writes his own songs and is soon to be a resident DJ.

Is it me or does he remind you of a young Jamie Cullum? He's even played at the Royal Albert hall and toured Europe with the Kingston Youth Big Band Group.

And as a DJ Tom has done many parties and school socials. The demo was a piece called 'Slammin'' which demonstrated Tom's amazing Saxophone skills. But after six years of playing and achieving grade 8 those skills would be amazing now wouldn't they?

This demo wasn't like the ones we've had in the past; there was no singing just brilliant music that speaks for itself. 'Slammin'' is a piece you would expect to hear in the Camden jazz café on a Saturday night. The song was in a word, sublime. It's perfect to get

you in the 'Saturday night' mood. The music had a feel that would put a smile across your face and lift up anyone's spirits

to the point where you're humming and singing words made up on the spot. It brings the creative side out

from you. It's bringing back Jazz to the borough of Kingston, and the wait is long over due.

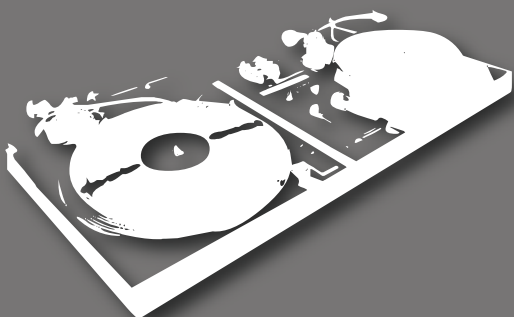
The track was very soulful and wonderfully diverse in the way that it could play in the background without you taking any notice alternatively you could sit and listen to it and be completely absorbed in the music not taking any notice of your surroundings. It puts in different moods that are all positive. When I first listened I thought that this was really professionally done everything seemed to fit and it was nicely arranged so Tom was supported by the backing band but not drowned out.

In other events around Kingston Tom's playing ceases to amaze me he brings charisma to the stage or (as a DJ) life to a party. Tom has a talent beyond his years that he wants to share by going to university to further his career in music. Tom

he brings charisma to the stage

Meineck wants to create a blend of Jazz and dance music as a DJ bringing the elements

of two different sides of music together. If you want Tom to DJ your party you can visit his myspace at www.myspace.com/livewiredjs1 or email him at livewiredjs@hotmail.co.uk



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