



Mike O'Mara – Press kit

"Mike O'Mara has got the blues, but they're blues of the very best kind" Irish Post

Mike O'Mara is an exciting pianist/vocalist, who brings his own unique interpretation to Jazz. His emerging talent as an innovational interpreter of the Jazz genre is increasingly seen as a unique and energetic force to be heard. Mike has recently returned to the UK from living in New York, giving UK and European audiences a chance to listen to his unique style.

Mike is well renowned for his Quartet, The Gipsy Jazz Project and his own solo work. These three elements demonstrate Mikes talent as an arranger, collaborator and composer. Mike acknowledges his debt to several great jazz artists notably: Keith Jarrett, Chet Baker, Dizzy Gillespie and Louis Armstrong.

But it's from his audience Mike draws much of his inspiration - Using his timeless vocal style, and his heavily influenced Jazz & Blues roots to give the audience what they want.

One thing's for sure, when Mike O'Mara plays - You listen...

To contact Mike

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Biography

Mike O'Mara's musical credentials are impeccable: classical training in piano and violin and a Masters degree in Performance and Composition from New York University.

His street cred is equally impressive. As a 12 year old he started jamming and then, in his teenage and university years, he poured his energy into hustling for gigs - a determination which eventually saw him play the famous Blue Note Club in Greenwich Village. For the next two years he played at many of the Residencies on Broadway.

Currently based in London and Brighton, Mike has recently formed two Quartets: The Gypsy Jazz Acoustic Quartet and the Mike O'Mara Quartet. Both have attracted considerable attention and critical praise. The Quartets are vehicles for Mike's arrangements of classics, such as Moondance, and some of his newly composed works like 'The Hustler' and 'Some Kind Of Place', which reflect his musical journey in New York. His instrumental and vocal trademark with the Quartets is to embellish the performances with his considerable talent as a pianist and trumpeter.

During 2006, Mike has performed live all over Europe, with key appearances at the Henley Festival of Music and Arts (for the fifth year running) and the International Cork Jazz Festival.

Set lists for:

The Quartet:	The Gipsy Project
Almost like being in love	Let's fall in love
Moondance	Love for sale
So what	Paris nights
My funny valentine	Blues for Steph & Django
Stella by starlight	Autumn leaves
Fly me to the moon	Minor swing
Love for sale	Lady be good
Mack the knife	How high the moon
St Louis blues	Dark eyes
	J'attendrai
	La vie en rose
	Lullaby in birdland
	Lovers for a day

Basic stage requirements

Requirements:

Piano (can bring Electronic keyboard)

PA

one monitor

three Microphone (SM58)

Music & Photos

Go to the website (<http://www.mikeomara.biz>), where you will find his EPK with a selection of current music for you to listen to & photos available to download (for press purposes).

Current gigs and bookings

CORK INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

VENUE: THE ROUNDY 1,CASTLE STREET CORK. Ireland

FRIDAY 27TH OCT 7PM TILL 11.OOPM

SAT 28TH 7PM TILL LATE

CORK INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 29TH TWO SHOWS.1.OOPM TILL 4.OOPM &7.OOPM TILL 11.00PM

NOV.SAT 4TH.

GYPSY JAZZ QUARTET. FEAT.LAURA JANE MASON VOCALS.

VENUE: PRIVATE Function CRAWLEY.

FRENCH TRADITIONAL & JAZZ SONGS.FEATURING MIKE ON VIOLIN/TRUMPET/ACCORDIAN.

SUNDAY 5TH NOV.

GYPSY JAZZ QUARTET.SAME AS ABOVE.

VENUE: THE WAGGON & HORSES BRIGHTON.(OPPOSITE CARLOLUCCI`S)

WED.15TH NOV.

MIKE OMARA QUARTET.

VENUE: HALIFAX OPENING.OLD BROAD ST. LONDON

8.OOAM TILL 7.OOPM

THURSDAY 23 NOV.

VENUE: HALIFAX.EALING.

THURS 28 NOV.

VENUE: HALIFAX.EALING

THURSDAY 30TH NOV.

THE MIKE O`MARA QUARTET PIANO/VOCALS

VENUE: PRIVATE FUNCTION.THE GERKIN BUILDING LONDON.

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER.

MIKE O`MARA QUARTET.

CLASSICAL/JAZZ/IRISH FOLK

VENUE: *PRIVATE FUNCTION*.SWALLOWS OAST.SUSSEX.

SAT.2ND DEC.

VENUE: *PRIVATE FUNCTION*.EASTBOURNE.

SAT DEC.16TH.

GYPSY JAZZ QUARTET.

FEATURING LAURA JANE MASON VOCALS.& MIKE OMARA VIOLIN/TRUMPET/
ACCORDIAN.JAZZ & FRENCH TRADITIONAL.

VENUE:THE WAGGON & HORSES BRIGHTON.OPPOSITE CARLOLUCCI`S.

BOXING DAY

VENUE:THE ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL.ASHDOWN FOREST.

9PM TILL 1.00PM

NEW YEARS EVE.

VENUE:THE ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL.ASHDOWN FOREST.

7.00PM TILL 9.30PM.

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