

JENNY EVANS “BE WHAT YOU WANT TO“

Jenny Evans (voc), John Paiva (git., voc), Otto Staniloi (saxes, bass clar), Stephan Eppinger (acc bass, voc), Matthias Bublath (wurlitzer, accordion), Manfred Mildenberger (drums)

When the English jazz vocalist Jenny Evans, anew, started to listen to tunes by British rock and pop and pop musicians of the 1960s and 70s she was surprised how jazzy the musicians played: Alexis Korner and John Mayall had already brought jazz elements to the British blues scene. *Cream's* drummer Ginger Baker and guitar player Eric Clapton, as well as *Jethro Tull's* flautist Ian Anderson followed suit. *Groups* like *The Rolling Stones* and *The Animals* were already established stars. After all, jazz and swing was pop music before it was over-shadowed by beat and rock and roll.

In her project “Be What You Want To” Jenny Evans gives her personal rendition of songs from this innovative era. Pop standards by *The Beatles*, *The Rolling Stones*, *The Animals*, *The Kinks* and *Jethro Tull* and also by Sting and *The Eurythmics* inspired Jenny and gave her the opportunity to interpret them in her own jazz style. Her clear yet warm-toned voice show another side of these pop gems. Indian influences coined by the Beatles and her own family (Jenny's mother was born in India) opens the door to other streams of music and Oriental tones come to the fore. Also originals that were written for this project “Star Song” and the title song “Be What You Want To” do not hang behind the pop standard repertoire.

Once again Jenny Evans shows how she discovers every song and makes it her own. Her choice of musicians also creates a circle in the 40 years of her jazz career. She had already played with Gold Record winner John Paiva on guitar and vocals and the reeds player Otto Staniloi (Spider Murphy) in the 1980s. Multi-instrumentalist Stephan Eppinger has often played drums for Jenny (see her “Girl Talk” CD) and on this project can be heard on bass and background vocals. It's a first for the jazz musicians Matthias Bublitz (wurlitzer and accordeon) and drummer Manfred Mildenberger to be a part of Jenny Evans's new project “Be What You Want To”.