

Gary Husband

Gary Husband is one of a rare breed of musicians in that his expression is divided equally in his capacity as a drummer and a pianist/keyboardist of international repute. His classical roots, his quest and development in the improvisational, jazz and jazz/fusion areas - not to mention his tenure in the pop, rock, funk and blues circuits - are all evident inside Gary's distinct and far-reaching musical personality. His solo album and DVD output over the last several years has also reinforced his status as a critically acclaimed writer and arranger in the contemporary music world.

He released his first solo album (*Diary Of A Plastic Box*) in 1998 and from 1999 to 2002 he led his Gary Husband New Trio (featuring bassist Mick Hutton and drummer Gene Calderazzo) recording two albums with the group. In the summer of 2003 Gary was awarded a highly coveted place on the Arts Council of England's Contemporary Music Network touring scheme to lead a hand-picked ensemble of world-class U.S. musicians for a concert tour across the UK in March 2004. This project, entitled Gary Husband's Force Majeure, featuring Randy Brecker, Matthew Garrison, Jim Beard, Elliot Mason, Jerry Goodman and Arto Tuncboyaciyan was so successful that it returned to the UK in March 2005 for a further series of concerts. Among his several ambitious solo piano recordings is the highly-acclaimed *A Meeting Of Spirits - Interpretations Of The Music Of John McLaughlin* - an innovative and passionate portrayal of some of the guitarist's most famous music. His later jazz quartet of 2009 (Gary Husband's Drive) released the celebrated album *Hotwired*.

Gary also continues to devote a substantial portion of his time to other artists' projects, educational programs and drum clinics. His typically diverse range of associations and credits - on either of his instruments, or sometimes both - include collaborations with artists such as Allan Holdsworth, John McLaughlin, Jack Bruce, Billy Cobham, Mike Stern, Robin Trower, Christof Lauer Trio, Michel Godard, Germany's NDR and HR Big Bands, Sweden's Norrbotten Big Band and others. He has also performed with Jeff Beck, Al Jarreau, Maria Schneider, Geoffrey Keezer, Christian McBride, Joe Lovano, Aydin Esen, Andy Summers, Jonas Hellborg, Peter Erskine, Wayne Krantz, Olga Konkova, Dennis Chambers, Michael Gibbs, Vinnie Colaiuta, drum n' bass protagonists Lemon D and Dillinja and many others.

He is currently keyboardist & second drummer in John McLaughlin's 4th Dimension group, keyboardist with Billy Cobham's Spectrum 40 band and is celebrating the release of a volume two of his epic album project entitled *Dirty & Beautiful* which features John McLaughlin, Jan Hammer, Jerry Goodman, Steve Hackett, Mike Stern, Alex Machacek, Wayne Krantz, Jimmy Herring, Robin Trower and Allan Holdsworth among the many featured guest performers.

Gary is one of those unique musicians that can play two instruments on a very high level of virtuosity. To have a talent like Gary in the band is like having an extra musician... He constantly amazes me.

- *John McLaughlin*

Supreme inventiveness, absolute creativity and unique and deeply moving piano music!! My favourite new music in a long time. Truly inspiring!!

- *Chick Corea* (on "*A Meeting Of Spirits * Interpretations of the Music of John McLaughlin*")

Gary's pretty much of an improvisational genius to me... and he's always been special to me because the way he plays the drums within my music is about as close as you can get to the way I hear it.

- *Allan Holdsworth*

Gary is such a great drummer, and an equally great pianist!!

- *Dave weckl*

One of the best kept secrets in music.

- *Billy Cobham*