

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 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 (all-synthesizer) 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 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 Tunçboyacıyan**) was so successful that it returned to the UK in March 2005 for a further series of concerts including a sell-out week's residency at Ronnie Scott's Club, London. 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 recent

group project (Gary Husband's Drive) released the album 'Hotwired' in 2009.

Gary continues to devote a substantial portion of his time to other artists' projects, new collaborations, educational programmes and drum clinics. His typically diverse range of associations and credits include projects with artists such as **Allan Holdsworth**, **John McLaughlin**, **Jack Bruce**, **Billy Cobham**, **Mike Stern**, British pop/funk band **Level 42**, **Gary Moore**, **Robin Trower**, fusion / jam band **Gongzilla**, **Christof Lauer Trio** (with **Michel Godard**), Germany's **NDR Big Band**, **HR Big Band** and others. He has also performed with **Jeff Beck**, **Chris Squire**, **Al Jarreau**, **Maria Schneider**, **Geoffrey Keezer & Christian McBride**, **Eddie Van Halen**, **Bob Berg**, **Joe Lovano**, **Aydin Esen**, **Andy Summers**, **Peter Erskine**, **Ron Sexsmith**, **Wayne Krantz**, **Olga Konkova**, **Dennis Chambers**, **Vinnie Colaiuta**, **Simon Phillips**, **Omar Hakim**, **Michael Gibbs**, **Steve Hackett** and drum n' bass protagonists **Lemon 'D'** and **Dillinger**.

He is currently keyboardist & second drummer in John McLaughlin's 4th Dimension, and is in the midst of recording work for his next album project ('Dirty & Beautiful') which features many special guest instrumentalists.

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