



# Jazz Concert ECLECTICA!



UNIONE TICINESE  
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SEZIONE AUTONOMA DELLA PRO TICINO



with Lizzie Ball, Bernard Gregor-Smith, Nicolas Meier and Pete Oxley

Thursday 19.05.2011 at 7 pm  
at the Swiss Embassy, 16-18 Montagu Place, London W1H 2BQ

Eclectica! short history began in 2007 when the group met in an Oxford café to discuss the possibility of putting together a new-sounding quartet, informed and inspired by the musicians' diverse musical backgrounds. Of the two string players, Bernard, had spent 40 years playing with the world renowned Lindsay Quartet while Lizzie's experience included classical music, working with the group Classico Latino specialising in Colombian music, and working at high level in the pop world. The two guitarists' backgrounds were more steeped in jazz. Pete, though initially trained in classical music, went on to develop a career as a jazz guitarist and composer, recently feted for his work with the world jazz group Curious Paradise. The original 4<sup>th</sup> member, Luis D'Agostino, also a jazz guitarist, readily brought his Argentinean roots to the melting pot. A highly charged conversation ensued which resulted, two hours later, in the group's name, a proposed repertoire, and the booking of their debut concert. In 2008, Luis returned to his native Argentina and Eclectica! welcomed to the group the extraordinary Swiss guitarist Nicolas Meier. Nic's own music incorporates a meld of Eastern European flavours, particularly Turkish, but also flamenco, jazz and, in another guise, wild metal guitar styling with his group Seven7.

Giving credence to the group's name, Eclectica! might typically perform in one concert tangos from Argentina, sambas from Brazil, standards from North America, and works by Joni Mitchell, Stevie Wonder and Rimsky-Korsakov.

In the short time since its formation, Eclectica! has sold out at amongst others, Ronnie Scotts, The Wigmore Hall, Dartington Arts, Oxford Jazz Festival, Holywell Music Room, Buxton Opera Festival and has performed live on BBC Radio 3 (in Tune) and BBC Radio Oxford.

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Entrance fees: for members of the New Helvetic Society/Unione Ticinese £5.00, for non-members £10.00 per person. This includes refreshments. Cheques should be made payable to **The New Helvetic Society**.

As booking is essential, please return this slip with your cheque by **Monday 16.05.2011** to New Helvetic Society, c/o Swiss Embassy, 16-18 Montagu Place, London W1H 2BQ

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