

Juliet Kelly
☆☆Spellbound Stories☆☆

*...restrained instrumentation, intelligent arrangement
and superbly controlled vocals...*

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Photo by Annabelle Narey

Spellbound Stories is Juliet Kelly's newest project and is a set of songs based on some of her favourite novels. The vocalist completed a successful tour around the UK with this new work in the autumn of 2014 with support from Arts Council England. **An album of the project is planned for release in 2015.**

Lilting melodies, quirky harmonies and intoxicating rhythms combine in Juliet's **Spellbound Stories to create an eclectic mix of songs inspired by some of her favourite novels.** The plight of a scorned mistress, accidental time travel and cross-cultural love are just some of the themes explored by the acclaimed vocalist and songwriter. Her stellar band consists of **Nick Ramm - piano** (Cinematic Orchestra, Hello Skinny), **Oli Hayhurst - double bass** (Pharoah Sanders, Jacqui Dankworth) and **Eddie Hick - drums** (Gilad Atzmon, Mark Ronson).

One of those rare singers that tells a genuine story with her music, through her passionate performance and naturally warm voice, it's a beguiling combination that's hard to resist. One of the UK's finest singers in any genre

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Spellbound Stories: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKd1wHdRFfQ

Live at The Forge, London: soundcloud.com/julietkelly/spellbound-stories

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About Juliet & her other projects:

An acclaimed jazz singer and songwriter, Juliet has forged her own unique niche on the jazz scene with her distinctive velvety voice, infectious grooves and Glam Jazz style. **Her sophisticated sound perfectly encapsulates the glamour of the jazz divas of a bygone age - with a modern, sassy twist.**

Becoming a jazz singer seemed an unlikely prospect for Juliet who discovered her natural talent for singing at a local music workshop whilst studying for a degree in economics. She had never sung in public before but it wasn't long before she was completely hooked. Within a year she had auditioned for and been accepted on to the postgraduate jazz course at London's prestigious Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Since then, Juliet has released three critically-acclaimed albums that have garnered excellent reviews from critics in the UK and the US as well as widespread radio airplay. **She has worked with exceptional musicians including award-winners Seb Rochford, Courtney Pine and Tony Kofi and performed with Courtney Pine at the Barbican for the Jazz Britannia concert broadcast on BBC2 television.**

Several tours have taken Juliet and her Glam Jazz style to venues around the UK and she has also performed further afield with sell-out shows in Germany, Italy, Greece, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Belarus and Russia.

Juliet's project entitled Celebrating the Divas of Jazz is a tribute to the jazz singers past and present that have inspired and influenced her. Including songs from Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone and Billie Holiday, this performance not only showcases popular favourites but also introduces lesser-known gems.

Spellbound Stories is Juliet's latest offering and it will be released on a CD in 2015. Definitely an album to look forward to!

*an original talent rare amongst those
who would call themselves jazz singers*

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