

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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKd1wHdRFfQ)

Live at The Forge, London: [soundcloud.com/julietkelly/spellbound-stories](http://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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