

# Shireen Francis... Steppin' In

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**"Great Project! Everything comes straight from the heart."** Carmen Lundy

**"Shireen's energy and versatility is well to the fore on this album and makes her a serious contender for jazz's long haul"** Jazzfm

**"This album fulfils all the promise that Shireen Francis has demonstrated as a live performer over the years; taste, humour, pathos, sophistication and sheer vocal beauty. Brava!"** Gill Manly, Jazz vocalist

Born in London of Jamaican and Goan heritage, Shireen learned her craft in Afro-Caribbean music, but in recent years her jazz singing, inspired by artists such as Marlena Shaw, Dianne Reeves and Nancy Wilson, has led her in a different direction. In the opinion of BBC Scotland's Tony Currie she is 'one of the best British vocalists of this generation,' whilst Jazzwise Magazine described her as 'a brilliant vocalist.' Her accompanist, Barry Green, is one of the most praised pianists of his generation, and the rhythm section including Julie Walkington on bass and Tristan Mailliot on drums understand perfectly the undercurrents of gospel and soul music that inform Shireen's exciting and uplifting style. The album also features Dominic Grant on guitar and Michael 'Bammi' Rose (Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra) on tenor sax and flute.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> Shireen Francis steps in with her debut album launch of "Steppin' In"**

## Live dates:

### April

Sat 9	Jazz fm Studio – live performance	1.00pm
Wed 13	606 Club, Chelsea	7.30pm
Mon 18	National Theatre Foyer, Southbank	5.15pm

### May

Wed 25	The Woodman, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks	8.30pm
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### July

Thurs 14th	Pizza Express, Dean Street, London - CD Launch	7.00pm
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### Sept

Wed 14	The Woodman, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks	8.30pm
Wed 21	Spice of Life, Cambridge Circus, London	8.00pm

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