



Award Winning Scottish Band Announce Tour With Top US Jazz Musician



Dynamic blend of youth and experience on the road as Square One join forces with Andy Middleton

Award-winning Scottish quartet **Square One** are delighted to announce a short Scottish tour in March 2018 (including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling, Greenock, New Galloway and Mull) with very special guest, American saxophonist **Andy Middleton**, for an unmissable evening of dynamic modern jazz.

Andy Middleton - an ace saxophonist, generously skilled arranger and a socially dedicated artist
Time Out (New York)

Andy Middleton is one of the very top-tier saxophonists living in Europe today. Imaginative and adventurous virtuosity spans an incredibly wide breadth of expression - from fierce power to tender warmth, lyrical yet rhythmically driving, masterful and inspired. His compositions, harmonically modern and melodic yet clearly rooted in the jazz tradition, provide the perfect setting. This unique voice as a player, arranger and composer has led jazz icons such as Ralph Towner, Kenny Wheeler and David Holland to collaborate with him. He has also performed and recorded with a long list of artists including Billy Hart, Maria Schneider, Richie Beirach, Renee Rosnes, Randy Brecker, Bob Mintzer, Bill Evans, Lionel Hampton, Bob Mintzer, Joey Calderazzo, John Abercrombie, Steve Rodby, Scott Colley and Adam Nussbaum.

Born in Harrisburg, PA, Andy received his masters degree in composition at the University of Miami. After nearly 20 years in the New York jazz scene, he relocated to Vienna, Austria in 2006, where he is Professor of Jazz Composition, Jazz Theory and Jazz Saxophone at the University for Music and Art of the City of Vienna.

Comprising some of Scotland's finest emerging jazz musicians, **Square One** are known for their heavy-hitting melodic compositions and energised live performances. Whilst their music blends folk-inspired lyricism with a gritty rock edge, it is an intelligent musical rapport that makes this powerhouse of Scottish jazz talent more than the sum of all these parts. The proud recipients of the Peter Whittingham Jazz Award, administered by Help Musicians UK for emerging jazz artists, they released their debut album *In Motion* (October 2016) to acclaim by critics and listeners alike. They have toured throughout the UK, and Europe, where fans of great jazz have already warmed to four rising Scottish stars.

A soulful and empathetic band with an irresistible charisma...they dominated the room from beat one
Julian Joseph (BBC Radio 3)

Square One - Joe Williamson (guitar), Peter Johnstone (piano), David Bowden (double bass), Stephen Henderson (drums) - excel at articulate interplay and tremendous improvisational daring. This promises to be an exciting, colourful and engaging evening of top quality music, much of it specially composed for the tour, which is supported by Creative Scotland. Square One are also planning to record a new studio album with Middleton, while he's in the UK.

Square One's Joe Williamson says: "*It's really exciting to be collaborating with Andy - he's an incredibly creative musician with a really unique voice as a saxophonist and composer. We're really looking forward to bringing this new music to Scottish audiences.*"

For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, MP3s, press tickets etc, please contact Morag Neil on 0771 288 0965 (email info@scarybiscuits.com)

Online links

Square One: Website www.squareonequartet.com Youtube <https://youtu.be/hMRwdSWNF30>
Andy Middleton: Website www.andymiddleton.com Youtube <https://youtu.be/ZUnMr3e3XIA>

DATES

Thurs 8 March	The Hug And Pint, Glasgow
Fri 9 March	Catstrand, New Galloway
Sat 10 March	Beacon Arts Centre, Greenock
Sun 11 March	Tolbooth, Stirling
Tues 13 March	An Tobar, Tobermory, Mull
Wed 14 March	The Jazz Bar, Edinburgh



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