

# Courtney Pine and his Band

Multi award winning musician and broadcaster Courtney Pine continues to take the jazz genre to new audiences with his no-boundaries crossover appeal. The upcoming tour will support his *splendid new album 'Europa'* (February 2011 - Destin-e Records/Proper Note)



## Line-up

Courtney Pine - clarinet and saxophones

Zoe Rahman - piano

Darren Taylor - bass

Robert Fordjour - drums

Omar Puente - violin

Cameron Pierre - guitar

Backline: The band will need a grand piano - midsize or baby can work but it must be a good quality acoustic concert piano.

On Stage: 6

Travel Party: 9

## Website

[www.courtneypine.co.uk](http://www.courtneypine.co.uk)

## Biography

Inspiration from Gregorian chants, the warmth of Mediterranean music and the evocative melodies of the far north - in his new album 'Europa' Courtney Pine traces a series of stepping stones that lead to the sounds of today's European generations. The follow-up to his award winning and critically acclaimed 'Transition in Tradition' set, this is the latest chapter in the fascinating evolution of one of this country's most original musicians and for which he has assembled a heavyweight musical line-up that includes the amazing Zoe Rahman on Piano and Cuban violin star Omar Puente. No one better embodies the dramatic transformation in the British Jazz scene over the past twenty years than Courtney Pine. The saxophonist heads a new generation of exciting and innovative musicians who have chosen to turn their talents to the demanding requirements of jazz music, in all its shapes and forms. Born 18 March 1964 in London Courtney Pine is primarily known for his saxophone playing. However the multi-instrumentalist who studied the clarinet at school also excels in playing the flute and keyboards. His recent music has attempted to integrate modern British music like drum and bass and UK garage with contemporary jazz styles. He runs his own band and integrates many contemporary musicians in his performances. He also presents 'Jazz Crusade' on BBC Radio 2, the seventh series being broadcast during spring 2007. Pine was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2000 and Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2009 New Year Honours for services to jazz music. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Westminster in 2004.

## Discography

1986 Journey to the Urge Within - Antilles

1987 Destiny's Song + the Image of Pursuance - Antilles

1989 The Vision's Tale - Antilles  
1990 Within the Realms of Our Dream - Antilles  
1992 To the Eyes of Creation - Fourth & Broad  
1992 Closer to Home - Antilles  
1995 Eyes of Creation - Island  
1995 Modern Day Jazz Stories - Polygram  
1997 Underground - Polygram  
1998 Another Story - Talkin' Loud  
2000 Back in the Day - Universal Jazz  
2004 Devotion - Telarc  
2005 Resistance - V2  
2008 Afropeans - Destin-E  
2009 Transition in Tradition - Destin-E  
2011 Europa - Destin-E

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