

# RAY *Gelato*★



The 'Godfather Of Swing' Ray Gelato takes the legendary showmanship that has seen him considered by many to be one of the last in a long line of classic jazz entertainers to the TV kitchen and shows you how to make a selection of the delicious recipes which have inspired him during his extensive travels as a musician in his brand new show 'Cookin' with Ray' out on youtube now: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHIBjIQfv9g>

In addition to regular headline slots at Ronnie Scott's Legendary Jazz club, Ray has also performed throughout the UK, Europe, USA, Canada and Brazil at prestigious venues, festivals and events such as The Blue Note (NYC), Edinburgh Festival, VE Day celebrations in Trafalgar Square, Proms In The Park, Montreal Jazz Festival, Sir Paul McCartney's wedding, The Ritz London for HM The Queen and opened for Robbie Williams at The Royal Albert Hall. Recently Ray headlined the 1940's Torch Club at the inaugural Vintage At Goodwood Festival held in August 2010.

His multiple award nominations include BBC Radio 2 Jazz Awards, Jazz Artist Of The Year, Best Of Jazz, BBC Radio 2 'Heart Of Jazz' Award. In 2007 Ray won Ronnie Scott's Jazz Award for 'Best UK Small Band'.

Gelato has performed live with his band on TV shows such as Strictly Dance Fever, ITV's This Morning, TOTP2, The Terry & Gaby Show and BBC News. Ray's songs have made many TV and movie appearances including Enigma, Scandal, Inventing The Abbotts, The Perfect Man, Levi's Dockers commercial, No Reservations and most recently his version of 'If You Were The Only Girl In The World' was featured in the US TV series 'Hung'.

Ray's first musical influences stemmed from his father, a US airman, living in London. Ray's dad had a huge collection of records by artists such as Sammy Davis, Dean Martin and Bill Haley. Later Ray discovered the sounds of Louis Jordan and Louis Prima, who would become huge influences on his music. On taking up tenor sax as a teenager, Ray was introduced to such sax greats as, Coleman Hawkins, Lester Young, Illinois Jacquet, Ben Webster etc.

Ray is playing a 13 date residency at Ronnie Scott's Jazz club this December with shows from Monday 13th - Saturday 18th, Monday 20th-Thursday 23rd and Wednesday 29th-Friday 31st December. Tickets are £25-41.50 (December 31st call for details) available from <http://www.ronniescotts.co.uk/>.

Ray's live repertoire includes a mixture of classic swingin' standards from 'the greats' mixed with original self-penned songs which have become audience favourites such as 'A Pizza You' and 'Mambo Gelato'. The Times newspaper got it spot on when they wrote, "Gelato evokes an era when musicians understood that the point of jazz was not to keep the public at a polite distance"

The first episode featuring Ray's irresistible Jambalaya is on youtube now:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHIBjIQfv9g>

A collection of Ray's recipes "Cookin' with Ray" is out now and available from his website and includes a 7 track CD of his music to cook by.

- Ray Gelato is available for interview
- Limited guest list available for the Ronnie Scott's shows for review purposes
- High res photography is available
- Review copies of 'Cooking With Ray' and CDs are available
- To find out more about Ray Gelato log on to: <http://www.raygelato.com/>

For more information contact:  
Julia Hannan at Peculiar Management & PR  
Mob Tel: 07939 580560  
email: [Julia@peculiarmanagement.com](mailto:Julia@peculiarmanagement.com)  
or [Hannah@peculiarmanagement.com](mailto:Hannah@peculiarmanagement.com)