

## PizzaExpress To Launch Brand New Record Label

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PizzaExpress is to launch its own record label in conjunction with its live music arm PizzaExpress Live. PX Records will release albums from new and established stars of the jazz and soul scene alongside a selection of music from PizzaExpress Live's extensive archive of live recordings.

Since its inception in Soho in the late '70s, PizzaExpress Live has built a reputation as one of the UK's leading destinations for live music, presenting over 50,000 concerts from an array of global stars including the likes of **Tony Bennett, Amy Winehouse, Diana Krall, Van Morrison, Bill Wyman, Benny Carter, Brian May, George Shearing, Charlie Watts, Mose Allison, Anita O'Day** and **Melody Gardot**. Also responsible for hosting the first UK concerts from a long line of musicians who have gone on to become international star acts – including **Jamie Cullum, Norah Jones** and **Gregory Porter** to name a few – PizzaExpress Live has become a celebrated London institution synonymous with the very best jazz and soul music.

The next chapter in the iconic organisation's story is the launch of PX Records and the release of a selection of live albums recorded across its venues - PizzaExpress Live in Holborn, the historic PizzaExpress Jazz Club in Soho, and The Pheasantry in Chelsea – which will feature performances from a broad mix of established artists and the very best emerging talent from across the worlds of jazz, soul, blues and beyond.

The first run of releases will feature albums from master US saxophonist and mainstay of the international jazz scene **Scott Hamilton**, incendiary UK soul outfit **Mamas Gun**, genre-blurring multi-instrumentalist and producer **edbl**, and one of the most hotly-tipped new bands on the UK scene **Native Dancer**. In addition, the label will release a series of legacy recordings sourced from PizzaExpress Live's extensive archive dating back over 45 years and featuring previously unreleased performances from some of the legendary acts to have graced its stage.

### Ross Dines, PX Records:

"The PX Records vision is to celebrate the prestigious PizzaExpress Live legacy and to share some of the incredible performances that we get to experience across our venues on a daily basis. When listening back to recordings, we're always struck by both the quality of the audio and by how perfectly they captured the energy and excitement of the show itself. A PizzaExpress record label has long been a dream of the team here and we're delighted that it's finally coming to fruition."

The label's first two albums - *Scott Hamilton Quartet At PizzaExpress Live - In London* and *Mamas Gun At PizzaExpress Live - In London* - will be released on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 and available digitally, on CD and on vinyl.



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## NOTES TO EDITORS:

### About PizzaExpress Live

- PizzaExpress Live is a collection of three venues – including the historic PizzaExpress Jazz Club in Soho, The Pheasantry in Chelsea, PizzaExpress Live Holborn.
- Live music has always been an important part of PizzaExpress. Founder Peter Boizot was a jazz lover and constantly sought ways to integrate music into his restaurants, whether at PizzaExpress branches from the late 1960's, at his other ventures like Pizza on the Park or at Kettner's from the 1970's. The flagship venue at 10 Dean Street, London has hosted internationally acclaimed music since its first ticketed shows in May 1976. Across our venues we have welcomed legendary names such as Amy Winehouse, Brian May, Gregory Porter, e.s.t., Van Morrison, The Dullers, Tony Bennett, Morcheeba, John Scofield, Chrissie Hynde, Brad Mehldau, Norah Jones and many more...
- PizzaExpress Live specialises in intimate gigs and live entertainment, hosting over 1000 shows a year across all music genres
- The brand's original content series, Behind the Base, in support of the brand's charity, Nordoff Robbins, sees the country's most exciting artists and up-and-coming musicians enter the kitchen. Each artist learns how to make their favourite pizza, whilst talking about their journey through music, before performing a track with huge emotional meaning for them on the live stage.
- 25p from every Padana sale goes to Nordoff Robbins, in all PizzaExpress and PizzaExpress Live venues.

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