



Joe STILGOE

Joe Stilgoe is an internationally acclaimed singer, pianist and songwriter.

"Musical virtuosity with a swashbuckling stage presence" The Guardian

He has released 9 albums, five of which have topped the UK Jazz chart. His latest album THEATRE features The Metropole Orkest and was released in May this year to huge praise with a launch show at The Barbican featuring The BBC Concert Orchestra. The album, produced by the legendary Steve Power and arranged by Tom Richards has been recognised as a landmark in Joe's recording career.

Growing up as the youngest of 5 children he was surrounded by music, with two parents in the business - songwriter and TV personality Richard Stilgoe and opera-singing Annabel Hunt.

He is a true modern-day entertainer, known globally as a performer of wit, style and a level of musicianship which has seen him recognised as one of the best singer-pianists in the world. Always searching for a new way of bringing not only his own songs but those he loves from the past to a new audience, he is an enticing mix of his heroes Danny Kaye, Nat King Cole and Dudley Moore. He is known for writing songs that sound like they've been around of years and for adapting classics and making them sound like they've just been written.

The album Stilgoe In The Shed, which topped the UK Jazz Chart, came about after Joe started broadcasting on Youtube from his shed at the start of the pandemic in 2020. The resulting show 'Stilgoe In The Shed' picked up over 250,000 viewers around the world, and led to this unique album, praised in the UK press and featured on both BBC and ITV news.

He has hosted annual shows featuring illustrious names from the worlds of theatre, comedy and jazz at Crazy Coqs - Joe Stilgoe and Friends, and his Christmas specials at the Lyric Hammersmith are now an institution at the theatre. He made his Royal Albert Hall debut as a special guest with Guy Barker's Big Band in 2017 and was the featured guest artist for their legendary Christmas shows in 2019. He has created award-winning shows for the London Jazz Festival including A Tribute To Gene Kelly at LSO St Lukes, Songs On Film at Cadogan Hall (plus three sold out Edinburgh Festival seasons and UK tour), and in 2019 Joe Stilgoe & His Big Band at St Johns Smith Square. He has performed with orchestras and bands including The John Wilson Orchestra, RPO, BBC Concert Orchestra, BBC Big Band, RTE, Lahti Symphony, RLPO and many more.

A hugely sought-after performer for society parties, corporate events and charity fundraisers, he was asked to perform for The Queen and Duke Of Edinburgh's 70th wedding anniversary at Windsor, and has given private performances for Prince Charles at St James Palace, the Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor, the Duchess of Cornwall at The Ritz in London and Prince Edward at Frogmore House, among many others. He has recently begun an association with The Science Museum, where last year he was the first jazz musician to be invited to give a talk on the science of music with Dr Philip Ball as part of their LATES season. He is also an ambassador for The Old Vic, Children & The Arts, The Orpheus Centre and Chestnut Tree House.

He works extensively on radio, having hosted and starred many times in BBC Radio 2's Friday Night is Music Night, while also being a regular presence on the station (Joe Stilgoe – Christmas At The Movies, Jingle Bell Joe, One Night Stand at Ronnie Scotts), and being a regular guest and presenter on JazzFM, Radio 3 and 4.

On stage: High Society at The Old Vic, Guys And Dolls at The Albert Hall, Olivier Awards at Royal Opera House.

As composer and lyricist: The Jungle Book (UK tour), The Midnight Gang (Chichester Festival Theatre), ZOG (UK tour), ZOG & The Flying Doctors (Rose Theatre, UK tour), A Greener Garden (Chichester), The Baddies (Lyceum, Edinburgh, UK tour)

On TV, he has appeared most notably hosting BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year, and least notably in Bargain Hunt.

Discography

I Like This One – 2008
We Look To The Stars - 2012
Songs on Film Live – 2014
New Songs For Old Souls - 2015
Songs on Film The Sequel – 2016
The Heat Is On! – 2019
Joe Stilgoe's Christmas Album - 2019
Stilgoe In The Shed - 2020
Theatre - 2022
A Couple Of Swells - 2024

Appears on:

Our Kind of Music – Sir Michael Parkinson – 2017
A Swinging Big Band Christmas – Silva Screen - 2017
Claire Martin – Time and Place – 2014

WHAT THE PRESS SAYS

"He writes the songs, sings them, plays them and creates the arrangements –all with a panache that leaves the rest of us bug-eyed..." The Observer

"A very British Harry Connick Jr" The Sunday Times

"Dapper, handsome and quick witted...and gifted with dazzling digits " The Times

"A jazz pianist and songwriter of considerable talent and no less charm" The Guardian

"Sheer joy" The Scotsman

"Musical virtuoso" The Independent

"More talent than you can shake a walking stick at." David Finkle, Back Stage, New Yorks

"He is every bit the musical marvel that his last name might suggest. You'd do well to remember it since, I trust, you'll be hearing a lot more from Joe Stilgoe in the future."

Lynn DiMenna – Cabaret Scenes, New York

WHAT REAL PEOPLE SAY

"A truly remarkable singer songwriter, not to mention outstanding piano player... I thank you for creating that most exciting of moments when, as a lover of good music, you know you have seen and heard something remarkable."

Sir Michael Parkinson

"Not since Oscar Peterson's halcyon days have I heard a jazz piano player who could be compared to such a great artist in both technique and inspiration."

Sir John Dankworth

"A fascinating sequence of songs, all brilliantly done. A very fine album" **John Wilson** (conductor)

"Gorgeous playing, amazing voice, great tunes. Sigh." **Tim Minchin**

"Magnificently talented. It's a riotous listen" **Jamie Cullum**

"Stonking new record by Joe Stilgoe, by turns romantic, thrilling and joyous" **Jay Rayner**

"If ever a young man was destined for great things, it's Joe Stilgoe." **Don Black**

Guy Barker - "For Heaven's sake! He's amazing!" **Guy Barker**

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