

## **Matt Anderson Quintet - 'Songs of the Ridings'**

Kari Bleivik – vocals

Matt Anderson – tenor saxophone, compositions and arrangements

Jamil Sheriff – piano

John Marley – double-bass

Sam Gardner – drums

Composed and arranged by Jazz Yorkshire 'Futures' saxophonist Matt Anderson, this new commission from Creative North Yorkshire celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Yorkshire through original compositions and adaptations of traditional material, all inspired by the songs and literature of the area. With a vocal/saxophone-led jazz quintet including well-known artists Kari Bleivik (Røyst, Tommy Evans Orchestra) and Jamil Sheriff (David Liebman, Jamil Sheriff Octet and Big Band), this meeting of the folk and jazz traditions promises a relevant and accessible set of music.

*"[Matt's] playing and writing are both sophisticated and fluent."*

Chris de Saram, Wakefield Jazz.

*"Play[s] with a maturity surprising in one so young."*

Mike Gordon, Scarborough Jazz

*"Relaxed and elegant, but with wholehearted conviction."*

The Leeds Guide

*"Contemporary, original, yet still based on those vital ingredients - harmony, melody and rhythm all knit sympathetically together."*

Lance Liddle, bebop spoken here

