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Stratford Jazz presents Esther Miller at the White Swan, 16 July 06

Vocalist Esther Miller prepares for her concert at the White Swan, where she was last seen in April 2005.

She returns with her quintet featuring Esther on vocals, Bryan Corbett on trumpet, Gerry Spencer on piano, Zoltan Dekany on bass and Neil Bullock on drums.

Esther has a growing reputation on the UK jazz scene and has recently recorded her third album entitled "Dream Dancing" which was released on the 1st of June at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

One of the tracks on the album, My Funny Valentine, was featured on Humphrey Lyttleton's BBC Radio 2 show on June the 19th

Esther was born and raised in Port Elizabeth, South Africa's east coast motor city, where she sang in church and school choirs and raided the family Nat King Cole albums for early inspiration.

She studied medicine in Cape Town, but gave in to the lure of jazz. In a wonderfully back-handed compliment, her alma mater, the University of Cape Town, reflected: "Giving up medicine in favour of Jazz was clearly a wise move."

In South Africa she has worked with some excellent players, including guitarist Johnny Fourie and saxophonist Winston Mankunku.

But now she's settled in the UK. The hospital patients and jazz club regulars of Cape Town are most definitely the losers.

Esther has honed her technique with classical singing lessons and delved into jazz history to take her inspiration from Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday and Blossom Dearie as well as the jazz/pop of Frank and Nat.

One reviewer had this to say about one of Esther's recent performances - "Welcome back Esther Miller - please! The delectable Esther Miller achieved the rare distinction of being applauded back on stage at the end of her performance, to give more of the same. Accompanied by her regular backing group, this was a performance beyond superlatives." More: www.esthermiller.co.uk

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