

IRIS & FRIENDS

Iris	Vocals
Bas Toscani	Cornet
Nick van den Bos	Piano
Rob Veenhuizen	Bass
Pim Toscani	Drums

Iris with her warm voice, has for years been a popular guest at jazz clubs, festivals, concerts and (company) parties. She has built up a varied program from dixieland to the most beautiful standards of the American Songbook.

The program of Iris & Friends guarantees an up to date interpretation of the mainstream idiom. The friends of Iris consider accompanying her in a dynamic way a challenge. But every member of the band gets plenty opportunity as a soloist. The concerts offer a very varied program of vocal and instrumental songs, whereby the show element is certainly not forgotten.

Not only Iris but also the Friends have earned their reputation in jazz and have played together for quite some time.

Cornetplayer Bas Toscani has been active in the national and international jazz circuit for many years. His military service he spent as first trumpeter in the Royal Military Orchestra. He has e.g. many different styles perfectly under control. His musical travels find him regularly busy with his mobile Dixieland formation The Thundering Dixiehearts, but he is also at home in be-bop in a.o. the Alexander Beets / Bas Toscani Quintet. Together with his drumming brother Pim he has set up The Swinging Brothers and is also active in the internationally well known Pim Toscani's Dixieland All Stars.

Oleg Plotnikov, from Russia, is a man of many talents: pianist arranger, teacher, composer and director. He is a.o. well known as the leader of the Uralsky All Stars. By his excellent education in music and enormous experience he controls all styles in jazz music and pleases the public with his boogie woogie and stride piano playing.

Bassplayer Frans Tunderman is known for his enormous drive and beautiful solo's. He further excels in experience. A.o. he has accompanied Greetje Kauffeld, The Deep River Quartet and the Jubilee Tour of John Engels. He further plays often with pianist Cor Bakker.

Pim Toscani started his career with different dixieland bands. Freelance he formed part of formations like with Ray Kaart and Ruud Brink. He stood in for Huub Janssen in The Dutch Swing College Band, The New Orleans Syncopators and the famous German Allotria Jazz Band. He is the leader of the internationally known Swing Fire Quartet and Pim Toscani's Dixieland All Stars. He is known for his dynamic driving drum style and his spectacular solo's.

Iris & Friends feel at home on the concert stage as well as at – reception – parties (where the sound can e.g. be adjusted to a whisper-soft level). Furthermore they offer an experienced and enthusiastic presentation.

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