



Fusion Orchestra 2 is the second incarnation of critically acclaimed 1970s progressive rock band Fusion Orchestra, whose EMI album *Skeleton In Armour* is still much sought after in its original vinyl form. Co-formed by original Fusion Orchestra guitarist and founder member Colin Dawson, and keyboard player Ben Bell, the music of Fusion Orchestra 2 incorporates elements of rock, jazz and various other styles. The band brings to life the original Fusion Orchestra music as well as offering new songs in the band's style but with the fresh influences of the talented new line-up.

# Fusion Orchestra 2

News

## NEW LINE-UP TO MAKE LONDON DEBUT

**THE BAND** has a new line-up with **Elsie Lovelock** replacing Jo Hollands as lead vocalist, while the drum stool has been filled by **Seex Dyer**, who has replaced Mark Eckersley.

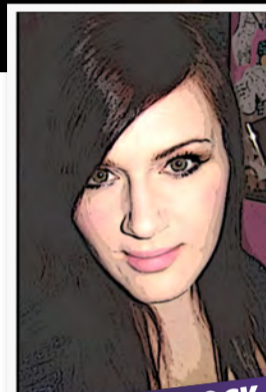
Self-taught vocalist Elsie has loved singing all her life. She has been involved in many shows, both singing and just acting, having studied drama since the age of 15. One of her biggest musical accomplishments to date was as a chorus member and understudy in the 2010 original opera *Knight Crew* under the guidance of Gareth Malone, performed at Glyndebourne and televised on BBC. Elsie was featured in TV and on radio interviews and in *YOU* magazine.

FO2 guitarist and co-founder Col Dawson says: "Elsie stood out as a remarkable vocalist who can sing opera but has a natural talent for rock. Her voice has a fantastic range, tremendous power and incredible rocky edge. We are very happy to have her in the band. Original Fusion Orchestra vocalist Jill Saward will always be a difficult act to follow but Elsie is well up to the task."

Drummer Seex Dyer traces his musical roots to the childhood dinner table where he watched his father play along to beloved big band swing numbers using knife, fork, cup and plate. A decade or so later the arrival of Neil Peart and Bill Bruford on Seex's turntable sealed his choice of instrument.

His influences have drawn on contemporaries such as Simply Red, Big Country and The Police plus a healthy dose of Yes, Barclay James Harvest and Rush, giving him a platform to experiment and improvise across a variety of musical styles. He also began to study jazz about eight years ago and has added stints in jazz combos and big band to a repertoire that has taken in soul, rock, pop and folk performances.

The new line-up can be seen for the first time in London on Saturday 28 April at **The Borderline**, Orange Yard, Manette Street, off Charing Cross Road W1D 4JB.



ELSIE LOVELOCK



COL DAWSON



BEN BELL



SHEMECK FRACZEK



SEEX DYER

### FUSION ORCHESTRA 2 SIGNS UP FOR JACKDAW FESTIVAL

The band has joined the line-up for The Jackdaw Festival in Colchester, Essex, on 18 August next year, in aid of homeless people. More details later.



### SKELETON IN ARMOUR – DIGITAL RE-RELEASE

Available from iTunes, Amazon and other online music retailers

