Iris & Friends

‘A Tribute to Rosemary Clooney’

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

Iris & Friends are launching a brand new tour project titled ‘Tribute to Rosemary Clooney’, in addition to their extensive and very varied repertoire.

Rosemary Clooney (1928 – 2022) was not only the beautiful actress best known for her role in the film White Christmas with Bing Crosby, but was also a legendary jazz singer, known for her warm voice and performances from the 1950s to 2000. She made an album with Bing Crosby, among others, and sang duets with Frank Sinatra and Marlene Dietrich. After years of absence, she released a number of successful jazz albums in 1980. In February 2002, she received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Grammy Awards, and in the same year, she was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

She performed three times at the North Sea Jazz Festival. In 1981, she was accompanied by The Concord All Stars Band, featuring Scott Hamilton and Warren Vache, among others. Her last major concert took place on November 16, 2001, in Honolulu. She is famous for hits such as Will You Still Be Mine, Hey There, But Beautiful, It Don’t Mean A Thing, Strike Up The Band and You Turned The Tables On Me.

Just like Iris, Rosemary had a very varied repertoire. She could swing like no other, but also sang beautiful, emotional ballads. Iris sees her own singing style reflected in the subtle variations on the melody. Many songs that Rosemary sang are already part of the repertoire of Iris & Friends. An example is When October Goes, a beautiful ballad that Rosemary used to sing with Scott Hamilton, among others, and which Iris & Friends also performed in their four concerts with Scott.

Below you will find the link to our YouTube DVD Mix, so that you can get an idea of our music, including the aforementioned song When October goes:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U714slEOWrM

In this project, we present a very varied program, featuring energetic swing pieces and atmospheric ballads, in which every band member can shine as a soloist. You can find information about the band members on the website below. I sincerely hope that we have made you enthusiastic about our project ‘Tribute to Rosemary Clooney’. You can now also book us for this tribute.

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