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Those who are aware of her work won't hesitate in naming **JANETTE MASON** as one of the UK's leading keyboard players. She's toured and shared the stage with the likes of Seal, k.d. lang, and Oasis and also composed music for TV ( *Sex And The City* ) and film ( *Ruby Blue* , starring Bob Hoskins, and *The Calling* ). As a producer, she's worked with jazz singers, Gwyneth Herbert and Lea DeLaria. She's also released three albums under her own name - 'Din & Tonic' (2005), 'Alien Left Hand' (2009), and 'D'Ranged' (2014) - and just issued her fourth, **'Red Alert'** via Dot Time records.

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'Red Alert' is arguably the flame-haired pianist's most impressive offering yet. Essentially, it's a trio album (with Tom Mason on bass, and Jack Pollitt on drums) but Mason, who juggles acoustic piano with electronic keyboards, offers a rich array of textures, colours, and sounds with her expansive and sometimes filmic arrangements.

'Pent Up,' a kinetic slice of tense, straight ahead jazz driven by a funky undertow, lives up to its title while 'Skating On Thin Ice,' one of the 10-track album's best cuts, has more of a jazz fusion feel. There's tension, too, in the edgy title cut. Different again is SiSi, which begins as a reflective ballad before changing up the gears and morphing into a quirky groove peppered with serious jazz improv. More introspective is 'The Yearning,' a gentle ballad, where Mason highlights her sensitivity as a pianist. But it's her unique and energetic approach to rhythm which gives Mason's music its singular character. On 'Red Alert,' it's best exemplified by the sprightly, Latin-tinged closer, 'I See Seven,' which rides a jaunty 7/4 meter.

*Janette will be touring in support of the album and you can see her in the UK at:*

Elgar Room, London May 31

Broomhill Art Hotel, Barnstaple June 20

St. Lawrence Chapel, Ashburton June 24

St. Ives Jazz Club, St Ives June 26

For more info go to:

[www.janettemason.com](http://www.janettemason.com)

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