PRESS RELEASE

Stella Bass Quartet Performs at Longford Jazz Club

The newly formed Longford Jazz Club is delighted to announce its second concert on Thursday 25th September at the Canal Studio, Backstage Theatre Longford.

The Stella Bass Quartet is one of the most exciting jazz groups in the country at the moment. Stella has a broad musical repertoire and the singers that influenced the development of her own mellow style are Elaine Paige, Patti LuPone and Barbra Streisand, although Ella Fitzgerald was, and is today, still a huge influence. Add to that mix, Celine Dion, Alison Moyet, Ann Wilson, Pat Benatar and Linda Ronstadt.

Stella's latest album "Too Darn Hot" has received a huge reception within the industry: "*TOO DARN HOT*", is a stylishly-produced album in the jazz genre with an eclectic play list ranging from jazz standards of Jerome Kern, plus Cole Porter's title track to contemporary takes on songs by Amy Winehouse & Robert Palmer." Blue Note.

Her live residencies in Dublin are attracting greater crowds each week, the live Stella Bass Quartet experience has been variously described as:

"The Sunday Jazz Brunch is a weekly gathering at Dublin's Cafe en Seine, where Stella Bass and her quartet work through a selection of easy listening standards - precisely what you might need after a heavy Saturday night. Bass is a talented young singer, and her voice would be enough to lift the edge from the meanest hangover." - Irish Independent

"What's Hot - Stella Bass...Sunday jazz and swing classics played live in Cafe en Seine on the day of rest." - Irish Times

"Stella Bass is a classically-trained singer and musician whose repertoire is incredibly versatile." - Evening Herald

According to County Arts Officer Fergus Kennedy;"Stella has a wonderfully rich and mellow quality which lends itself perfectly to singing the classics from the 'Great American Song-book'". If you like your jazz mellow and you are a fan of the great jazz standards you will love this experience in the atmospheric setting of the Canal Studio. Backstage Theatre on Thursday September 25th.

"Given the large attendance at our first concert with the DIT Big Band in March we are confident of a large audience for this event" said Longford Jazz Club Chairman Adrian Duncan.

Tickets for the Stella Bass Quartet at the Canal Studio, Backstage Theatre on Thursday 25th September at 8.00pm may be booked by contacting 043 33 47888 or may be booked on-line through <u>www.backstage.ie</u>.