

It's a blast for Millicent as exhibition starts up

AN acclaimed jazz musician will be the subject of a special exhibition which started up last week in Smethwick.

Female saxophonist Millicent Stephenson, who has featured on BBC Songs of Praise, is the brainchild behind the Not Just Jazz show which is in its fifth year and takes place in December.

The photographic exhibition entitled 'The Art of Millicent Stephenson', where guests viewed iconic pictures of Millicent's musical journey taken by Mac13soul photographic (Anthony MacFarlane), officially opened at the Brasshouse on Friday July 20 and continues until August 30.

Millicent, who celebrated her 55th birthday on July 11, said: "As far as I know this is the first defining exhibition of an unsigned artiste and I'm so excited about the outstanding work that Anthony has done."

Showman

Not Just Jazz V the Live show is on Friday December 7, and will feature Millicent and her band playing show-stoppers such as Never Enough from the movie The Greatest Showman, well-loved festive classics such as Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas, as well as self-penned songs including I'd Be Blue If I Didn't Have You.

As a protégé of Birmingham's late great tenor saxophonist Andy Hamilton (OBE), Millicent who moved her music from a hobby into a full-time career, has followed in his teaching footsteps by sharing pearls of wisdom on how to make a living through music on her weekly series called 101 Things They Do Not Tell You About Working In The Music Industry, which



Millicent Stephenson pictured in performance, part of the exhibition

airs on Millicent's YouTube channel. Jenn Harrison BEM, who manages the Brasshouse Community Centre said: "It is a fantastic privilege and honour to be working exclusively with Millicent and her team on these two ventures."

"It has been wonderful to be able to

bring such an artist to our centre and show the incredible talent she has and we really look forward to the Christmas Show, we know people are in for a real treat."

More information can be obtained from Millicent's website, <https://millicentstephenson.com/>

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