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Award winning Italian singer, songwriter Chiara Izzi has been described by Jazz Times as “*a talent to be heard, admired and anticipated*” after the release of her debut album “*Motifs*”. She started her musical path in Italy by learning to play the piano and performing very early. Thanks to an unstoppable live activity in Italy and abroad (Belgium, Switzerland, France, United States, Finland, Germany) she reached a great versatility that made her capable to acquire a vocal mastery of jazz tradition but also a remarkable skill in contemporary styles. This way Chiara has developed a unique sound that allows her to interpret music gaining the musical content from different genres (jazz, pop, Mediterranean sounds) blending it and exploring it through a strong personality that unifies all the songs in a very brilliant and personal way of singing.

Chiara’s International debut took place at the Montreux Jazz Festival Vocal Competition in 2011, where she was awarded first prize by the living musical legend Quincy Jones. Following this award the vocalist was invited to perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival 2012 opening Paco de Lucía’s concert. Thanks to this award she had also the chance to record her debut album “*Motifs*” released by the New York based label Dot Time Records. The record has been presented in some well-known radio programs in Belgium, Holland, Italy and received notable reviews in the US on Jazz Times, All About Jazz, AXS, Midwest Record, to name of few.

She is currently living in New York and performs regularly around the city, having had already the chance to perform in prominent jazzclubs and venues including Iridium, Apollo Theater, Smalls, Bar Next Door, with some of the finest musicians like Kevin Hays, Bruce Barth, Eliot Zigmund, Warren Wolf, Anthony Wonsey, Pat Bianchi, Yotam Silberstein, among many others. Chiara graduated with honors with a Master’s Degree in Jazz Music in Italy and she has caught the attention of and received remarkable appraisals from Quincy Jones, Bobby Watson, Benny Golson, Kevin Hays, Eliot Zigmund, Joel Frahm, Aaron Goldberg, David Kikosky, Greg Hutchinson, Jonathan Kreisberg, Dado Moroni and many others.

## **PRESS**

*"A talent to be heard, admired and anticipated"* - **Travis Rogers, Jazz Times**  
<http://goo.gl/xpjYYs>

*"Motifs is her debut recording and immediately reveals a study, lightly-accented voice with a well-scrubbed sensual vitality that is fresh and crisp...Izzi joins as a force of nature with prodigious scat chops"*  
- **Michael Bailey, All About Jazz.**  
<http://goo.gl/2MztyY>

*"She’s probably one of the best scatters out there right now, effortlessly melodic, effortlessly daring... jaw-dropping excitement for a new youthful wave of appreciation, and invention"* - **Carol Banks Weber, AXS.** <http://goo.gl/ilxRno>

*"Sister, you are very very talented!"* - **Quincy Jones**

*"Chiara is one of those rising stars that I speak of. She has the talent, passion, devotion, musicianship, and professionalism that is required for success".* - **Bobby Watson**

*"She has developed a distinctly original vocal style and understands the feeling of jazz in a deep way. Her performances never fail to inspire and always elicit the very best out of her sidemen".* - **Joel Frahm**