



JAZZ NOTES, a Source of Quotes

The Jazzmandu Reporter engages in informal chats with musicians, meets with Jazzmandu participants, jazz fans and music enthusiasts and collects a few interesting Jazz Notes before and during the festival.



16th October 2011 –A few minutes before they got into a little warming up jam together with Navin Chettri, Jazzmandu organiser and drummer and vocalist of the Cadenza Collective, the Jazzmandu Reporter had a friendly chat with Nick Aggs and Benoy Rai, the guitarist of The Cadenza Collective. Both were quite excited to be back in Kathmandu and looking forward to Jazzmandu 2011 to start in 4 days.

Jazzmandu Reporter: You are not new to Jazzmandu Nick! You joined first back in 2002 and 2003 with Affro Dizzi Act and turned up again in 2006. This is now your 4th time. And you Benoy have been here countless times! What do you like most about Jazzmandu, why do you keep coming back?

Nick Aggs: These guys! (points to Benoy and Navin with a smile). I developed some friendships here over the years. I have to continue connecting with these guys' music and friendship and time. And of course, I love Kathmandu!

Benoy Rai: Like Nick said, friends, and Kathmandu of course, especially after coming from Bombay. Navin and I have been friends from Darjeeling, we had that connection, we've played together since our college days. The vibe is the main thing, which is rare, but you can get it here. This kind of vibe, it's different here.

Jazzmandu Reporter: What do you expect from this 9th Jazzmandu edition?

Benoy Rai: As usual, having fun, lots of fun!

Nick Aggs: Lots of fun, just to see what we can conjure up. I can't wait to perform, and to play with these guys and be surprised. I'm looking forward to the surprises, the magic moments...

As they were eager to get jamming, the Jazzmandu Reporter let them grab their instruments to perform the magic...

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