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BBC Award winning vocalist Ian Shaw's brand new album "Somewhere Towards Love" is released on Splash Point Records.

Having recorded ten albums over the years in group, big band and orchestral format, this intimate collection of ballads sees Shaw in the studio, alone at the piano. From the poignant title track, composed by Shaw, to Nick Cave's "Into My Arms", through Eubie Blake, Noel Coward and Michel Legrand and two new Fran Landesman lyrics, this new recording echoes the great jazz vocalists like Mark Murphy, Carmen McRae and Nat Cole as well as the more contemporary singer pianists such as Billy Joel and Randy Newman. The album was recorded and produced by Neal Richardson, producer of Liane Carroll's latest 5 releases.

Shaw will be touring this new material, as well as performing songs from his highly acclaimed "Lifejacket" album of 2007, throughout the autumn into 2010, taking in the London Jazz Festival, Ronnie Scott's, New York and Canada.

"Best Jazz Vocalist" at the BBC Jazz Awards in 2007 and 2004, Ian Shaw has already amassed a number of highly acclaimed albums and is a popular performer both in the UK and the US. An incredibly colourful character, he has been cited, along with Mark Murphy and Kurt Elling, as one of the world's finest male jazz vocalists.

His acclaimed 2006 album "Drawn to All Things - the songs of Joni Mitchell" saw him "Praised far and wide as the single greatest male jazz vocalist Britain has to offer" by Jazz Times.

Shaw's career in performance began unusually for a jazz musician on the Alternative Cabaret Circuit, alongside such performers as Julian Clary, Rory Bremner and Jo Brand. Shaw was spotted by Dave Illic, jazz critic for "City Limits" and was described as "the voice of the decade".

Ian will be performing songs from the album at the following solo concerts:

- ALBUM LAUNCH: Sun 11th October, 606 Club, Chelsea, www.606club.co.uk 020 7352 5953
- Sat 24th October, The Vortex Jazz Café, Dalston, London N16, www.vortexjazz.co.uk 020 7690 6661
- Fri 6th November, Hull Truck Theatre, 01482 323638
- Tues 17th November, LONDON JAZZ FESTIVAL, Pizza Express, Dean St, www.pizzaexpresslive.co.uk 020 7439 8722

Log onto www.ianshaw.biz or www.splashpointrecords.com for further details.

Available in the shops and to download from 12th October 2009. (Physical distributor – Proper)
For white labels, preview interviews and artwork please contact us for more details.

In accordance with Splash Point Records' green policy the album packaging is plastic-free and made of recycled board.

**Splash Point Records releases Ian Shaw's new CD *Somewhere Towards Love* on 12th October 2009,
with a launch gig at 606 Jazz Club on 11th October.**