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# reviews

Reviewer: Keith Ames  
& Tom Short

A look at some of the new albums, EPs and downloads released by MU members for 2018, together with links for more information on the featured artists.



With *Red Alert*, Janette Mason continues to develop an enviable career and reputation.

JANETTE MASON

**J**anette Mason has forged an enviable path as a musician, composer, musical director, arranger and producer. From high-profile gigs and recording sessions in the 1990s with Seal, Oasis, kd Lang and Robert Wyatt to her current role as MD for south London venue, the Hideaway.

A highly-respected player in the UK jazz world, Janette has also toured the globe, playing The Atlanta and Rochester Jazz Festivals, as well as starring at Carnegie and the Albert Hall. Her skill as a writer and composer has graced many TV shows, including *Sex And The City*, and *The Drew Carey Show*, plus her playing featured in films *Ruby Blue* and *The Calling*, as well as the Greta Schiller documentary, *Paris*

*Was A Woman*. Her debut album, *Din and Tonic*, was shortlisted by Guardian Jazz Critic John Fordham for Jazz Album of the Year, while *Alien Left Hand*, featuring Julian Siegel, Tom Arthurs and Lea DeLaria, received a nomination in the Parliamentary Jazz Awards. Her latest release, boasting eight originals and two arrangements of traditional tunes, is destined to add to her reputation as one of our leading jazz lights.



## » JANETTE MASON Red Alert

This excellent album sets out to carve a new landscape for contemporary jazz. Her exquisite piano playing and cinematic touch with synthesisers combine superbly with the tight grooves of Jack Pollitt and Tom Mason.

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