

The Sligo Champion

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Swiss songstress for Bar Eile

Hot on the heels of frequent "visitor", Sligo guitarist Mike Nielsen to Bar Eile, comes young Swiss jazz singer Veronika Stalder on Sunday 25 September.

Veronika is visiting Sligo for a week and catching up with some friends, including "the two Eddies", McFarlane and Lee who recently met Veronika once again at the Global Music Foundation seminar in Certaldo, Italy. All three were at the week of workshops and concerts in the heart of Tuscany, along with fellow Sligo Jazz Project founder Jim Meehan who managed to persuade velvet-voiced Veronika to make a return visit to Sligo.

Veronika spent some time in the Sligo area a couple of years back during which time she dropped in briefly on an impromptu session with local jazz outfit Ellamental at the Garavogue and was invited up to sing. Veronika, such a natural talent, captivated all present with her effortless soulful vocals and left everyone gasping for more.

"We are delighted to get a return visit from Veronika" said Ellamental bassist Eddie Lee. "The last time round she sang just a few songs impromptu, now we have her for a whole performance and Sligo music lovers are in for a real treat".

Veronika Stalder was born in Basel in 1982, and studied classical violin from the age of six. She sang with her college big band and now sings and records with bands big and small, in Basel and now further afield in the beautiful Swiss city of Lucerne where she studies Jazz singing at Jazz School Luzern. With a vast repertoire of Latin Jazz and Blues songs at her disposal, a very promising future is in store for this young woman. Don't miss her performance in bar eile in the Garavogue Bar at 4pm Sunday 25th September. The concert also features special guest Ken McDonald (Dublin) on drums and percussion.