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12 Points!

Returning to Dublin after last year's hiatus in Norway, the 12 Points! Festival will this week underscore its reputation as Europe's pre-eminent showcase for young jazz artists. Representing Ireland are rhythmic based newcomers RedivideR, led by writer and producer Matt Jacobson. The tone is otherwise firmly internationalist across a bill that includes Portugal's Susana Santos Silva Quintet, Slovenia's Kaja Draksler Acropolis Quintet, Sweden's Isabel Sörling (pictured) and Berlin's Lisbeth Quartett, fronted by saxophonist Charlotte Greeve. Other highlights include Swiss pianist Colin Vallon, performing material from his recently released debut and the Amsterdam improvisation outfit Ambush Party. Traditionally a hot



bed of European jazz, Scandinavia is this year represented by PELbO from Trondheim and Elifantree from Helsinki, groups which, in their

own distinct ways, gnaw at the boundaries of jazz by incorporating exuberant pop hooks in their playing. Performances will take place at Project Arts Centre, though this year a late night 'festival club' will operate a short hop across the Liffey at Foam Café on Strand Street. With the 2012 festival taking place in Porto, the opportunity to sample the best in up-and-coming jazz talent is not to be missed, if

you have even a passing interest in progressive music. *Eamon de Paor*
Until Sat, Project Arts Centre, 39 East Essex Street, Temple Bar D2, 6.30pm, €20 per night, €60 for festival pass. Tel: (01) 881 9613. www.12points.ie