

# Ray Gelato Giants



Ray Gelato has been described as a cross between Louis Prima, Dean Martin, and Sam Butera, with a touch of Robert De Niro. His powerful, energetic combination of hot vocals and roaring tenor sax makes everyone goes wild! The Ray Gelato Giants have been described as "an absolutely world class unit"! Ray's distinctive vocal style is exemplified in the Cole Porter standard 'Just One of Those Things' while his world class sax playing is brought right to the fore with his soul wrenching version of Frank Sinatra's 'Angel Eyes'. Made famous by Sammy Davis Jr, 'Birth of the Blues', has become a must see live classic and is performed brilliantly by Ray's awesome 7 piece 'Giants Orchestra'.

## Highlights

- 2007 Ronnie Scotts Awards 'Band of the Year'
- 2007 Ronnie Scotts Awards 'Best male Vocalist' nominee
- 2005 'BBC Radio 2 Jazz Artist of the Year' nominee
- 2006 'BBC Best in Jazz' nominee
- UK National TV performances on BBC 1 'Strictly Dance Fever' and ITV 'This Morning'
- BBC Proms in the Park performance
- BBC 1 VE Day, Trafalgar Square performance with 35 piece orchestra
- Performed at Paul McCartney's wedding
- Performed twice for the Queen
- Opened for Robbie Williams the 'Swing When your Winning' Albert Hall show
- Yearly December 3 week residency at Ronnie Scotts (2007 6th year)
- International festivals include Umbria Jazz, Nice Jazz Festival, Lugano Jazz Festival and other festivals in Spain, Austria, France, Italy and Canada
- July 2007 'Mambo Gelato' on soundtrack to the new Hollywood movie 'No Reservations' starring Catherine Zeta Jones.

## Quotes

**"On the big stages of the summer's outdoor festival circuit, the boundless energy of Ray Gelato makes the band one of the most popular in Europe" Alyn Shipton, The Times**

**"...to underestimate Ray and his albums is a mistake.....he possesses genuine artistry..." Jack Massarik, The Evening Standard**

**"What goes down especially well with his audience is the fine instrumental playing in the likes of the lovely 'Angel Eyes'" The Stage**

**"...he invests his playing with buckets of emotion..." David Cheal, Daily Telegraph**

**"A stage act of real pizzazz" Jack Massarik, The Evening Standard**

**"A well made and brilliantly sung 15 track album" Music Week Magazine**

**"Beneath all the showmanship there's excellent musicianship to match" Jack Massarik, The Evening Standard**

**"Nobody else dares treat British jazz audiences with such blatant showmanship. Indeed no other band has any kind of floorshow worthy of the same name." Jack Massarik, Evening Standard**

**"There was a titanic tenor sax battle between Gelato and Alex Garnett, a singalong vocal, instrumental breaks, and off-beat clapping for the audience, and that was just in the first number!!" Alyn Shipton, The Times**

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