

The New Roxette

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Chats to CLARE FREE



Hi Clare, thank you for taking time out to chat to **The New Roxette**.

Please can you sum up in a few words who is Clare Free?

I am a blues guitarist and singer-songwriter. I play both with a band and solo. I have two albums and one EP out. I've been nominated for a few awards and I tour almost constantly. I'm also a Mum.

Please tell our readers what you/your band have been up to recently?

I had my second album come out on 23rd March and have been touring in the UK and Belgium which has been fun. I have two bands, one here in the UK and one based on the continent which means that I can play wherever pretty easily.

What have you got planned for the rest of the year (e.g. 2012/2013)?

This year I've got a few festivals coming up, here and in Northern Europe. There's a DVD coming out later in the year and I'm touring the UK, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. I also plan a family holiday.

You are performing at The Aylesbury Festival Weekender this summer, how do you feel about being invited to take part in this fantastic free annual event, and what can the audience expect from your set if they've not seen/heard of you before?

It's going to be great! I live in Bicester so this is really a home gig for me. People can expect funky blues with a modern twist.

What has been your most embarrassing live moment so far?

My most embarrassing moment was, without a doubt, doing a solo gig when I had not been playing long. I played in a bar to just one person and, at the end of each song he would 'clap' by patting his hand on the bar. Misreading this as being too lazy to clap properly I said 'there's nothing like the sound of one hand clapping' to which the gentleman replied, truthfully, 'But I only have one hand. I wanted the ground to swallow me up there and then.

Please tell us something EXCLUSIVE, which you don't normally get to talk about in an interview!?

My favourite animal is the turtle! My husband and I rescued about 80 baby turtles on our honeymoon. They had hatched and were trying to get to the sea but were being attracted to the lights of a bar. It was a truly beautiful experience.

Fantastic, thanks again Clare, and you can find out lots more about Clare on her website: clarefree.co.uk