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WEDNESDAY 4

Linley Hamilton Quintet (tour)

Wednesday 4th, Black Box, Belfast; Thursday 5th, Anderson's, Sligo;

Friday 6th, Tea Rooms, Carrick-on-Suir; Saturday 7th, Arthurs, Dublin

Belfast trumpeter Linley Hamilton realised a long-held ambition last year when he toured and recorded with his dream band, featuring two legendary US musicians, drummer Adam Nussbaum and bassist Mark Egan, alongside regular collaborators, saxophonist Derek O'Connor and pianist Cian Boylan. With the recording, *For the Record*, due for release at the Brilliant Corners festival this week (see Saturday 29th), Hamilton, presenter of Jazz World on BBC Radio Ulster, has reassembled the quintet for a short Irish tour. The leader is an accomplished post-bop trumpeter with a burnished tone and a keen sense of drama, and with the mercurial O'Connor – best known as the resident horn in the Late Late Show band – also in the mix, and a solid gold rhythm section driven by one of the most respected US drummers of the past 50 years, this is a top drawer quintet with a polished set of Hamilton originals and perhaps a few surprises up their sleeves.