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## **Edinburgh band launches new songs and a new lineup**

- **5-piece pop/rock band The Firrenes (it rhymes with ‘beans’) unveil a new lineup.**
- **Fiona Dabjen, a graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, joins the band on alto saxophone and vocals.**
- **Concert on Saturday 23 November 2019 in the Voodoo Rooms, Edinburgh.**
- **Concert features brand new songs plus old favourites from the 2018 debut album *Door Too Wide***
- **Band formed in 2016 in Edinburgh by singer/guitarist Jules Reed, a.k.a Scottish composer Julian Wagstaff.**

Edinburgh band The Firrenes (it rhymes with ‘beans’) have announced the launch of a new permanent lineup. The new team will make its debut at a special concert in the Voodoo Rooms, West Register Street, Edinburgh on **Saturday 23 November 2019**. Doors open at 7.30pm and the band are on at 8pm, playing two fifty-minute sets.

The Firrenes were formed in 2016 by Edinburgh singer-songwriter Jules Reed, who is perhaps better known as the classical and opera composer Julian Wagstaff. Julian’s opera *The Turing Test* was a sell-out hit on the 2007 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and his follow-up opera *Breathe Freely* was released in 2015 on the prestigious Linn Records label.

The band’s lineup features Jules on lead guitar and vocals, Walt Cumming on bass guitar and vocals, Tony Greenwood on drums and John Richard on keyboard. Walt is a seasoned player originally from Lanarkshire; Tony played professionally as a studio drummer in London for many years, while John is a classically trained pianist, originally from Germany and formerly based in Vienna.

The Firrenes are delighted to announce that alto saxophone player and vocalist Fiona Dabjen, a recent graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, has joined the band as a full-time member. Fiona makes her first appearance as a ‘fully-fledged Firrene’ at Saturday’s Edinburgh concert.

The Firrenes launched their first album *Door Too Wide* in November 2018. Since then the band has enjoyed extensive radio airplay in Scotland, England, Wales, Canada, Germany, the USA, Australia and in many other countries around the world. The Firrenes have met with an enthusiastic reception at live appearances around the UK and in Germany, and look forward to many more in 2020

### **Notes to Editors:**

**Royalty-free visuals and text in electronic form at [www.julianwagstaff.com/firrenes-resources](http://www.julianwagstaff.com/firrenes-resources). Website at [www.TheFirrenes.com](http://www.TheFirrenes.com). Search ‘The Firrenes’ on all on-line platforms. Call Jules on 0131 208 5373 or email [firrenes@thefirrenes.com](mailto:firrenes@thefirrenes.com) for more info.**

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