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JOE JACKSON'S JUMPIN' JIVE

fter some months of apparent inactivity, Joe Jackson has emerged with a brand new band. The name is JUMPIN' JIVE and Joe wishes it to be stressed that not only are they about as different from his last band as you can get, but they won't even be playing his own songs.

Instead, they've worked up a repertoire of what Joe describes as "Jump Music, Jive music and Swing, drawn almost entirely from the 1940s; Cab Calloway, Louis Jordan and other Hep Cats."

Joe is joined in this new venture by one familiar face, the versatile Graham Maby on bass, but a glance at the rest of the line-up should serve to emphasize that this is not exactly a "rock 'n' roll" band: Dave Bitelli (tenor and baritone saxes, clarinet), Pete Thomas (alto sax), Raul Oliviera (trumpet), Nick Weldon (Piano) and Larry Tolfree (drums).

Joe doesn't intend JUMPIN' JIVE to be a permanent proposition, as he hopes to get back to his own music before the end of the year. A string of British and American dates are planned for June and July, and an album, or at least a single is also likely.

