



Meet Partisans

Phil Robson – Guitar

Guitarist Phil Robson is a seminal figure in contemporary British music. Along with Partisans he is the leader of his Organ Trio with Ross Stanley and Gene Calderazzo, the Immeasurable Code Quintet feat. Mark Turner, and regular sideman with Christine Tobin (Best Vocalist 2014 Parliamentary Jazz Awards). His other bands have included Six Strings & the Beat, Phil Robson trio (with Billy Hart & James Genus), Phil Robson Quartet featuring David Liebman & Jeff Williams. Phil has worked with many artists as diverse as Kenny Wheeler, Django Bates & Barbra Streisand (Jonathan Ross exclusive 2009, BBC TV. Phil was awarded Jazz Musician of the Year in the UK 2009 Parliamentary Jazz Awards and has recorded four albums under his own name on Babel and Whirlwind Recordings, including a commission for Six Strings & the Beat.

Julian Siegel – Saxophone, Bass clarinet

Julian is one of the premier saxophonists of his generation in the UK and European jazz scenes who has worked with many outstanding musicians, including Bill Frisell, Steve Swallow, Andrew Hill, Hermeto Pascoal, Django Bates, John Taylor, Kenny Wheeler, Laurie Anderson, Colin Towns and the NDR Big Band. In 2007 he was awarded the BBC Jazz Award for Best Instrumentalist. As well as Partisans, his current bands are the Julian Siegel Quartet featuring pianist Liam Noble, Oli Hayhurst and Gene Calderazzo, the band's last album won the 2011 London Jazz Award. He also leads The Julian Siegel Trio with US Improvising stars drummer Joey Baron and bassist Greg Cohen, formed as a result of a major commission from Cheltenham Jazz Festival. He is currently embarking on a major writing project for big band.

Gene Calderazzo – Drums

Gene, a native New Yorker, began his early studies at the Berklee College of Music, Boston, (1979-81) alongside classmates Branford Marsalis, Wallace Roney, Jeff Watts and Marvin 'smitty' Smith. On scholarship he attended Long Island University in Brooklyn, performing with Joe Henderson, Mike Brecker, Lionel Hampton and Reggie Workman. Since 1995 Gene has made the UK his home base, becoming one of the most in-demand drummers on the European scene, touring with Steve Grossman, James Moody, Eddie Henderson, Joey Calderazzo, Bobby Watson, Philip Catherine/Minh Doky, Phil Woods, Martin Taylor/Eddie Gomez and Randy Brecker. In the last two years he has joined Pharoah Sanders on the road, and is regularly out on the road with Zoe Rahman's trio, Julian Siegel Quartet, Phil Robson's Organ Trio, amongst others.

Thaddeus Kelly – Bass

Thad has played on most continents over the past 25 years; after early years playing with performers such as Ian Shaw, Claire Martin, Jackie Dankworth, Thad joined Orquestra Mahatma trio featuring Paul Clarvis & Stuart Hall that played songs and rhythms from Albania to Brazil. He's ripped up musical form with aural anarchist Billy Jenkins who explores the urban blues palette, and more rock like forms of groove with Partisans. Just as capable of sweeter soul grooves with Steve Arguelles and Ashley Slater, and some years of living in the west country has led to his current project as leader, AughiskY, a celtic/jazz cross-over.

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