

The Matt Anderson Quartet

"[Matt's] playing and writing are both sophisticated and fluent." Chris de Saram, Wakefield Jazz

The Matt Anderson Quartet possesses a unified ensemble sound and shared musical vision only possible through years of regular playing together. Following their 2011 regional tour supported by Jazz Yorkshire and attracting the acclaim of audiences and promoters across the area, the Leeds-based foursome have cemented their reputation as one of the most exciting contemporary jazz ensembles in the North of England.

The quartet in its current form was set up by Jazz Yorkshire 'Futures' saxophonist Matt Anderson in 2010 following his graduation from Leeds College of Music. In the same year, Matt was awarded 'Young Musician of the Year' at the Jazz Yorkshire Awards. His writing for the group was recently described as 'smooth and fluid, with a contemporary twist,' whilst his playing has been hailed as 'relaxed and elegant.' (The Leeds Guide)

Matt's spacious and malleable compositions provide the perfect backdrop for the searching, flowing drumming of Sam Gardner and virtuosic guitar playing of Aubin Vanns. John Marley, one of the busiest bass players in the U.K., keeps the group thoroughly anchored during even their most intense moments.

Between them, the band members have worked with some of the biggest names in British jazz including Julian Siegel, Stuart McCallum, Kit Downes, Alex Munk, Eddie Hick, Joel Purnell, Nick Svarc, Garry Jackson, Jamil Sheriff, Matt Roberts and Sam Leak.



"Play[s] with a maturity surprising in one so young."
Mike Gordon, Scarborough Jazz

"Relaxed and elegant, but with wholehearted conviction."
The Leeds Guide

"Contemporary, original, yet still based on those vital ingredients - harmony, melody and rhythm all knit sympathetically together."
Lance Liddle, bebop spoken here

Matt Anderson – Tenor Sax.
Aubin Vanns – Electric Guitar
John Marley – Double-Bass
Sam Gardner - Drums

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