

Tuesday 24 March 2026
7.30pm
Milton Court Concert Hall

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Guildhall Big Band: MONK

directed by Matt Skelton

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Please make sure that digital devices & mobile phones are silenced during the performance.

Eating is not permitted in the auditorium. Drinks are allowed inside the auditorium in polycarbonates.

Filming or recording of the performance is not permitted.

Latecomers will be able to enter the auditorium at a suitable break in the performance.

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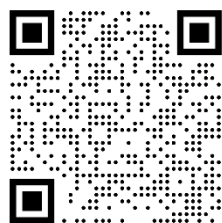
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Digital Programme

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Programme

Teo (arr. Torin Christopherson)

Brilliant Corners (arr. Lucy Joy)

Pannonica (arr. Thomas Sladden)

Green Chimneys (arr. Mylo Pape)

Monk's Dream (arr. Louis Lameck)

Interval (20 minutes)

Work (arr. Jude Lane)

Ugly Beauty (arr. Finn Genockey)

Evidence (arr. Louis Gascoyne)

Crepuscule With Nellie (arr. Scott Stroman)

Stuffy Turkey (arr. Jack Murray)

All compositions by Thelonious Monk

Guildhall Jazz Orchestra

Alto Saxophone

Jack Jules

Jamie Harms

Tenor Saxophone

John Kelly

Alex Wardill

Baritone Saxophone

Lucia Breslin (bass clarinet)

Trumpet/Flugel Horn

Daniel Hammond

Max Gerrard

Sandy Watkin

Owen Lee

Trombone

Angus Grierson

Andy Leeming

Benjamin Loska

Sam Cox (bass)

Guitar

Ralph Bishop

Alex Allen

Piano

Joseph Game

Tyzer McAllister

Jj Philip

Bass

Eliot Whitehouse

Mo Cook

Drums

David Harkness

Max Kroon

Vibraphone

Finn Genockey

Matt Skelton

Matt Skelton is a drummer equally at home in modern and vintage Jazz styles enjoying a diverse musical career that has already spanned three decades. He has accompanied many leading Jazz luminaries such as Harry 'Sweets' Edison, Conte Candoli, Bucky Pizzarelli, John Pizzarelli, Warren Vache, Scott Hamilton, John Hendricks, Kurt Elling, Curtis Stigers, Gregory Porter and most recently Georgie Fame. He has recorded and appeared with singers such as Marion Montgomery, Dame Cleo Laine, Claire Martin and Jessye Norman. In 2015 he toured in the USA and recorded with Seth Macfarlane. He was Sir Richard Rodney Bennett's drummer of choice and for eight years toured and recorded as a member of Stacey Kent's group, including her Grammy-nominated 2007 release *Breakfast on the Morning Tram* on BlueNote.

Matt Skelton is a founding member of the Grammy nominated John Wilson Orchestra. He regularly appears with the BBC Big Band and often with the BBC Concert, BBC Philharmonic and BBC Symphony orchestras including the *Last Night of the Proms* 2017. Traveling as John Wilson's drummer he has most recently performed with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Stockholm Philharmonic, Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2018 Matt toured internationally with Sir Simon Rattle with the London Symphony Orchestra for various Leonard Bernstein centenary concerts, including performances of Bernstein's second Symphony, *The Age of Anxiety* and a concert version of *Wonderful Town*.

West End musical theatre credits include the 2015 Savoy revival of *Gypsy* and the Broadway transfer of *An American in Paris* at the Dominion theatre 2017. Recent film soundtracks include *Motherless Brooklyn*, *Catch 22*, *Four Kids and It* and *Blithe Spirit*.

At Guildhall School, Matt teaches for both the Jazz and Wind, Brass & Percussion departments.

Forthcoming Events

Guildhall Jazz Voices

26 March 2026
Milton Court Theatre

Join us for an uplifting evening of vocal virtuosity and rich harmonies from Guildhall's exceptional Jazz vocal ensembles.

Guildhall Jazz Voices featuring Cleveland Watkiss

13 May 2026
Silk Street Music Hall

An uplifting evening of vocal virtuosity and rich harmonies from Guildhall's jazz vocal ensembles, featuring special guest Cleveland Watkiss.

Guildhall Studio Ensemble with Snowpoet

27 March 2026
Milton Court Concert Hall

Guildhall Studio Ensemble collaborates with Lauren Kinsella and Chris Hyson – the creative duo behind the acclaimed project Snowpoet – for an evening of expansive, reimagined works for large ensemble.