

Julian Costello

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Julian Costello

is a London-based musician, composer and teacher. He got a scholarship from Trinity College of Music where he took a Postgraduate Certificate of Performance in the Saxophone. Julian writes the music for the Julian Costello Quartet, plays in a number of jazz big Bands, in a vocal/cello and guitar trio called Perhaps Trio and in a world music trio called Vertigo with Tabla/Percussion, Oud/Guitar and Soprano Saxophone.

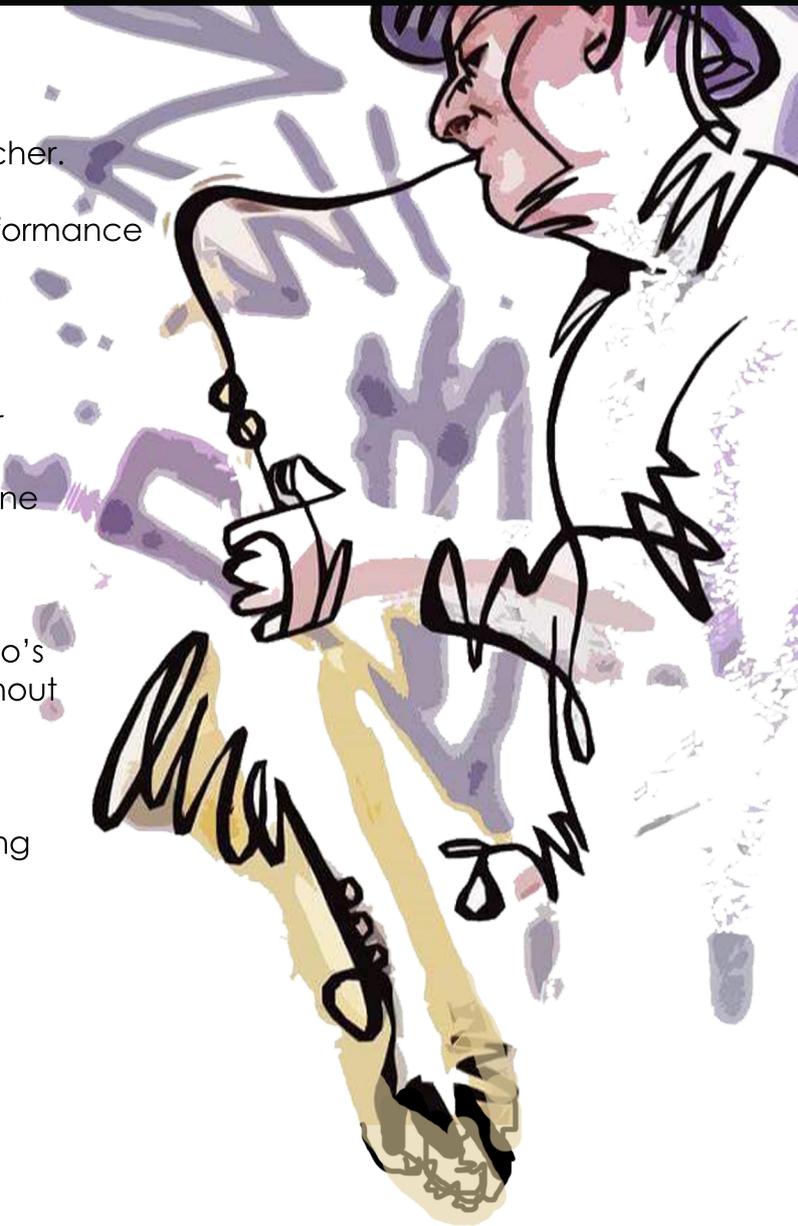
He plays a 1932 Conn Transitional Tenor Saxophone and a 1967 Selmer MK VI Soprano.

Julian is also an active teacher both privately and running Jazz based workshops.

The critic Sammy Stein wrote about Julian Costello's music for Jazz in Europe; "What pervades throughout the CD is the tightness and, given that the music evolved organically from Julian's pencilled compositions, this is an achievement which demonstrates how tuned into each other's playing the musicians are".

Julian lives with his family in SW London and tries to approach life with humour.

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The new Julian Costello Quartet

came together in 2016.

They played many venues across London and in April 2017 recorded an album called *Transitions* at The *Artesuono Studios* in Udine in Italy with ECM engineer Stefano Amerio. The album was released in September 2017 on **33Jazz records**. They toured the UK in the autumn with support from **the Arts Council of England**.

Julian Costello - Saxes

Maciek Pysz - Guitars

Yuri Goloubev/Michele Tacchi - Bass

Adam Teixeira - Drums

Establishing their reputation for intense live performances that contain great energy, and also humour they embarked on an Open Soundcheck Tour of England and France in the autumn of 2018. This is a new idea of inviting audiences to see the band soundchecking and to ask questions to create a dialogue and strengthen the relationship between performers and audiences. This was supported by the Arts Council of England. They performed at The EFG London jazz Festival to a packed house, a wonderful concert in St Etienne in France and have dates in Poland, Germany and Belgium in 2019.



Full band
at Artesuono
during recording session
2017

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"Julian Costello is a sax lyricist, telling his stories of life's ups and downs with perfect alteration of tone to impart strength, humour and even frailty at times whilst the other players intuitively alter their stances, apart from their solo passages, where their inner nature springs to the fore.

This is a great album, strong, tenacious in its quality and simply makes a great listen"

Sammie Stein Jazz in Europe

"Once in a while, an album like this appears on the horizon, becoming the unputdownable "Earworm" that Costello portrays at the heart of his colourful recording"

Adrian Pallant London Jazz News

"The musical and cultural polarity displayed by this International group from their diverse backgrounds is proof that open music can provide the perfect meeting place to create something unique"

Iain Ballamy

"There's a sense of graceful lyricism, combined with an inner strength, in the playing of tenor and soprano saxophonist Julian Costello...

Costello's improvising is carefully crafted, beautifully structured, and mellow.

Beautiful performances, and highly recommended"

John Watson

"Un très bon saxophoniste britannique.....nous avons trouvé des qualités à son disque. Groupe solide et musique captivante"

Culture Jazz France

"Its one of those albums which creates it's own mood, an album to listen to from beginning to end....and then come back to it, time after time. Musicianship in service of the music more than the ego".

Ken Avis (US Critic)

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