

## **Romain Pilon Trio Bio**

ROMAIN PILON (guitar, leader) Based in Paris, Romain Pilon is considered one of Europe's top jazz guitar player. As a leader, he has recorded 4 critically acclaimed albums, with some of the world's best musicians like Ben Wendel, Seamus Blake, Walter Smith III, Matt Brewer... His ability to fit in every contexts, from mainstream to avant garde, while preserving in own voice also makes him a very demanded sideman. Romain's highlight performances have included tours in Spain, Portugal, Germany, U.S.A... He has played in many festivals worldwide such as Brosella Jazz Festival (Belgium), Eurojazz Festival (Mexico), Recife Jazz Festival (Brazil), Malta Jazz Festival (Malta), Kriol Jazz festival (Cap Verde).. Besides his career as a performing musician, Romain Pilon is a renown pedagogue. In 2016 he started a series of « mini lessons » videos on youtube. With over 150000 views on the playlist and more than 5000 downloads of pdfs from people over the world, this experience is a big success. He has conducted masterclasses in the USA, England, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Malta...

JEFF DENSON (bass) Bassist/vocalist/composer, Jeff Denson, balances a full career as both an acclaimed performing and recording musician and a highly respected educator. Jeff has commercially released 12 albums to date as leader or co-leader and has been reviewed in many of the world's leading periodicals such as the New York Times, Washington Post and San Francisco Chronicle. He most recently earned accolades in two categories in DownBeat's 66th Annual Critics Poll: Rising Star Male Vocalist and Rising Star Electric Bass. Jeff has toured extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe with both his own groups – including the renowned cooperative trio Minsarah – and as a sideman with some of jazz's finest artists, such as Mimi Fox, Yosvany Terry, Joe Lovano, Jane Ira Bloom, Kenny Werner, Dave Douglas, Brian Blade and an ongoing relationship with the legendary Lee Konitz since 2007. Jeff is a full professor at the California Jazz Conservatory in Berkeley, California.

RONEN ITZIK (drums) Ronen Itzik is a NY-based drummer, who performs worldwide with his various bands. He captivates audiences with this virtuosity, profound musicality and the passion he brings to performances. As a native of Jerusalem, Israel, Ronen incorporates his unique background

and experience into his music. Since his arrival to the United States in December 2000, he has performed throughout the country, as well as in Europe, Central and South America, Asia, Canada and Israel. He has also performed and recorded with jazz greats such as Lee Konitz, Gary Burton, Kenny Werner, Roy Hargrove, Hiromi Uehara, Ben Monder, Marcus Roberts and Arnie Lawrence among others. He has established his reputation as a sought-after drummer and in-demand recording artist in New York City, covering many different styles and fitting seamlessly into every role he has taken on.