**Matt Holborn “For Stuff”**

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**Long Version:**

Join Matt Holborn and his quartet for a concert dedicated to jazz violin legend Stuff Smith. A major figure in jazz from the 1930s onward, Smith played with greats like Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson, Nat King Cole, and Ben Webster, and appeared in the iconic 1958 photo, "A Great Day in Harlem."

This set will feature selections from Stuff Smith’s repertoire alongside original music from Matt’s upcoming album, *For Stuff*, inspired by Smith's style and legacy. Expect carefully chosen pieces that highlight Smith’s innovative approach to the violin, along with new works that pay homage to his sense of swing and energy. Matt is joined by a stellar, all-star band of some of the UK’s finest jazz musicians.

Matt Holborn, a London-based jazz violinist, leads the London Django Collective and has toured the UK and internationally, performing with many of today’s leading exponents of Django Reinhardt’s music. He also hosts *The Jazz Violin Podcast* and works as a jazz strings workshop leader with Tomorrow’s Warriors.

**Short Version:**

Join Matt Holborn’s quartet in their celebration of jazz violin pioneer Stuff Smith with selections from Smith’s repertoire and new music inspired by his legacy. A tribute to Smith’s lasting influence on jazz and the violin.

*Quote about album*

*“It's almost possible to envisage these pieces as previously unknown Stuff Smith takes…” Anthony Barnett* **(Stuff Smiths Biographer, Jazz Violin Scholar)**

On Matts music

The compositions are intelligent, the standards are well executed and the performances are flawless

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**Band**

Matt Holborn-violin

Fraser Urquhart-piano

Simon Read-bass

Joe Dessauer-drums

**Photos**

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