

Alastair Penman

Saxophonist – Clarinettist – Composer – Educator

Hailed as a “pioneering instrumentalist and writer” and praised for his “surpassingly beautiful music” and “undoubtedly brilliant mind”, British saxophonist **Alastair Penman** is a dynamic and versatile performer and composer, presenting contemporary music in new and exciting ways. Alastair is a City Music Foundation Artist, Park Lane Group Artist, BBC Introducing Artist, Live Music Now Artist, a Yeoman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, and has won awards from the Countess of Munster Musical Trust, RNCM and St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge.

As a soloist, Alastair has performed at venues including St Martin-in-the-Fields, St John’s Smith Square, Milton Court and Trinity College Chapel. He has been a guest recitalist at European and World Saxophone Congresses, presenting material from his debut album, *Electric Dawn* (Sospiro Records), which has also received airplay on BBC Radio 3. Alastair’s most recent EP, *Do You Hear Me?* (Sospiro Records), which highlights the climate emergency, has been described by critics as “groundbreaking”, “a superb mix of sounds” and “damn good music”.

In an ensemble setting Alastair leads the award-winning Borealis Saxophone Quartet and plays baritone saxophone with the Kaleidoscope Saxophone Quartet. Alastair has performed with orchestras including the Philharmonia, London Contemporary Orchestra, Orpheus Sinfonia and Royal Ballet Sinfonia.

As an educator Alastair is Professor of Saxophone at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and is a regular tutor at Benslow Music. He has taught classes for UCLA (USA), Trinity Laban Conservatoire and Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and has taken sectional rehearsals for the National Youth Wind Orchestra. Alastair composes educational music for Saxtet Publications and also runs the *Saxophone Resources* YouTube channel, which receives over 40,000 views each month.

Alastair is a Henri Selmer Paris and Vandoren UK performing Artist.

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