

# the jazz defenders



## About

Led by one of the UK's most formidable jazz pianists, George Cooper, The Jazz Defenders are a group born from a deep love of Blue Note jazz, drawing on a wealth of inspiration to craft their own raw and vibrant compositions.

The hard bop recordings of Horace Silver, Hank Mobley, Lee Morgan and Art Blakey were highly regarded for a reason - catchy horn lines and incredible musicianship combined with Rudy Van Gelder's engineering skills mean they will forever be regarded as classics of the genre. The Jazz Defenders are a group that defend the legacy of those recordings whilst creating its own original identity and distinction. The music they produce together is a modern soul jazz slant on this classic hard bop, effortlessly channelling the spirit of the golden Blue Note era of jazz.

The group's brainchild, pianist and composer George Cooper, has at a young age already amassed a comprehensive repertoire of musical credits including Hans Zimmer, Nigel Kennedy, U2, Omar, Slum Village, MF Doom, The Brand New Heavies, The Haggis Horns, Abstract Orchestra and Lack of Afro.

Line Up:

**George Cooper** - Piano/Keyboards

**Will Harris** - Bass

**Ian Matthews** - Drums

**Nick Malcolm** - Trumpet

**Jake McMurchie** - Tenor Sax



"Probably the most exciting British jazz outfit out there right now"  
**souljazzandfunk.com**

"The energy deployed by this quintet is phenomenal. Don't miss it"  
**Litzic Magazine, France**

"Outstanding and superb! Highly recommended"  
**Beat Caffeine**

"Absolutely storming!"  
**Jamie Cullum**

"Wonderfully put together"  
**Craig Charles**

## Music



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