

## *Trio Spin*

**Mark Doffman** is a Leverhulme Research Fellow at the Faculty of Music, University of Oxford, and about to take up the Susan and George Brownlee JRF at Linacre. Mark's research interests lie in the psycho-social aspects of musical time, joint action in music and creativity, with a particular focus on contemporary music in all its forms. Outside of his research and teaching at the Faculty, Mark is an accomplished jazz drummer; he has performed at many of the top venues in the UK from Ronnie Scott's to Symphony Hall, Birmingham. He has played with many of the top jazz artists in the UK and for ten years played concerts and festival dates with the great bass/baritone, Sir Willard White, in a tribute to Paul Robeson that featured Guy Barker on trumpet.

**Pete Oxley** is a leading jazz guitar player on the British scene. Pete has released over 10 albums under his own name and as co-leader. As a composer, Pete is featured in the 'European New Real Book' - a collection of tunes by leading contemporary jazz composers. In the recent past he has worked on a number of cross-over projects including 'Eclectica' - a group that brings jazz guitar into dialogue with classical string playing and featured the celebrated cellist, Bernard Gregor-Smith. Pete has worked regularly at Ronnie Scott's in London as well as many jazz festivals in the UK. Beyond his work as a musician, Pete is also one of Britain's top violin bow makers.

**Raph Mizraki** studied music at the University of York before becoming a professional musician. Although his first study instrument is piano, Raph has worked largely as a jazz and classical double bassist. Beyond his jazz performances at many of the leading clubs and concert halls in the UK, Raph has recorded and toured with The Dufay Collective, one of the world's leading early music groups, played and recorded with His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts, and has also toured America giving recitals on lute. Raph also has performed in many professional settings as a percussionist, cellist, guitar player and pianist.

All three musicians work regularly together in Oxford at The Spin Jazz Club; the club was voted Best Live Jazz 2012 in the Parliamentary Jazz Awards. The Spin celebrated 15 years this May and *Trio Spin* had the pleasure of jamming with Nigel Kennedy as our special guest for the evening.