



Tim Kliphuis, violin

Tim Kliphuis is a master of the violin and a wizard of sound. Using classical, gypsy jazz, and folk he has created a unique style that is making waves in concert halls across the globe. His recent successes have led to a Sony Classical recording contract a performance for the Dutch King and Queen and at the United Nations.

Tim has shared the stage with legends Frankie Gavin, Richard Galliano, Daniel Hope, and Les Paul and has been lauded for his musical genius by Nigel Kennedy. He was awarded the Scottish and Polish Jazz Awards, has collaborated with the Richard Strauss Festival, Netherlands and Tallinn Chamber Orchestras, the Cape Town Philharmonic, and curates the international Night of the Violin festival back home in The Netherlands.

Tim Kliphuis is a Pirastro and DPA artist.

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Jimmy Grant, guitar

Jimmy Grant grew up in a Northern California household rich with musical influences. During his travels across the country with his dad's bluegrass band, he discovered the music of Django Reinhardt. Although his early musical landscape was shaped by Russian folk, bluegrass, Celtic, and classical music, he was irresistibly drawn to the vibrant sounds of Django Reinhardt from a young age.

Under the guidance of renowned guitarists Jim Nichols and Howard Alden, Jimmy honed his craft, blending influences from Bach, Benny Goodman, and Joe Pass into his unique style. His artistry has led him to perform alongside acclaimed musicians such as David Grisman, Gonzalo Bergara, Ludovic Beier, Andreas Oberg, Tim Kliphuis, Paulus Schafer, Robin Nolan, Trio Dinicu, Rhythm Future Quartet, and the Hot Club of San Francisco. His performances have graced prestigious stages including Djangofest Northwest, The Savannah Music Festival, Nor Cal Jazz Festival, and The New York Hot Jazz Festival, as well as various venues throughout Europe.

As a passionate educator, Jimmy has taught at colleges across the United States and has been a faculty member at the Django in June Festival in Massachusetts, Grappelli-Django Camp in Holland, and currently hosts his own "Camp Django" in Ashland, OR. He shares his insights into gypsy jazz through contributions to "Gypsy Jazz Secrets Magazine." Jimmy's creative endeavors also include recording two albums under his own name, participating in several jazz and rock albums, and having his music featured in films and television. Notably, his original composition "Insomnia" was a finalist in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition in the jazz category.

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Simon Planting, double bass

Dutch double bassist Simon Planting now lives near San Francisco, but he studied Classical bass at the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and Jazz at the Sweelinck Conservatory in Amsterdam before embarking on a professional career that has seen him perform in concerts and festivals the world over while compiling an impressive discography with artists like Mathilde Santing, Fapy Lafertin, Jimmy Rosenberg, Stephane Wrembel, and John Jorgenson as well as several Gypsy Jazz tributes and compilations.

Simon quickly became established in Dutch radio and television in a ten-year association with noted pianist/arranger Cor Bakker. He then joined the gifted Django Rheinhardt interpreter Fapy Lafertin for an extended series of tours and recordings, while also embarking on a 17-year association with Jazz singer Mathilde Santing in concert and in the studio. He was also toured in a band with his former classmate Reiner Voet of the Gypsy Jazz duo Pigalle 44. More recordings and international tours with the Robin Nolan Trio followed, until Simon joined the legendary John Jorgensen Quintet in 2009. Along the way he has performed with top Jazz Manouche guitarists such as Jimmy Rosenberg, Angelo Debarre, Dorado, Tjavallo and Samson Schmitt, Andreas Oberg, Gonzalo Bergara, Kruno, and other Jazz greats, Larry Coryell, Bill Frisell, and Howard Alden to name a few.

Simon is also a favorite on the Djangofest circuit, where he might be found accompanying fellow RealTracks artists such as Tim Kliphuis and John Jorgenson. You can check out the large selection of videos featuring Simon with various Jazz and Gypsy Jazz artists on YouTube.