

Geoff Warren

Jazz Flute Educator



Background

Geoff Warren is an English flautist. He studied flute with Derek Honner of the Royal Academy of Music and took his degree in Music at London University. He is a performing jazz musician and educator and currently Europe's most active jazz flute clinician.

As a performer, as well as fronting his own bands, he has worked as a sideman on saxophones and flutes and was a regular member of Graham Collier's line-ups, conducting the BBC Big Band in their tribute to Collier at the London Jazz Festival in 2012. He has also worked with jazz tablas player Badal Roy, recording two CDs.

He held Europe's first Jazz Flute Summer School in 2000, and the course is still alive, having found a stable home in the central Italian town of Borrello, where it has been held every year since 2008. He currently teaches at his own Jazz Flute Academy in Verona, Italy, as well as travelling widely to give jazz flute clinics.

Geoff Warren is a Yamaha Artist.

Method

Geoff has made his name specialising in a user-friendly approach to jazz flute, inspiring by interaction and example, keeping a balance between the personal attention expected from a masterclass and the creative group activity of the jazz workshop.



Track record –Some Jazz Flute Events

Annual Jazz Flute Summer School –Italy since 2000

Masterclasses- Conservatorio, Pescara, Italy. 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013

Yamaha Jazz Experience: Workshops for school teachers in Bolton and Carlisle UK. 2011

Workshop in teaching improvisation for wind instruments, Norsk Kulturskolerad(Oslo) Norway. 2011

Workshop in jazz flute, Oslo Music Institute. 2011

Masterclass in Jazz Flute – Norwegian Flute Society Convention 2012,

Masterclass in Jazz Flute, Piacenza Jazz Festival, Italy, 2013, in collaboration with Yamaha.

Jazz Flute Day for Flutewise UK, 2013

Masterclasses in Jazz Flute – British Flute Society, Scotland 2013, 2015

Masterclass in Jazz Flute – for Flutes Unlimited, Glasgow, Scotland 2013,

Masterclass in Jazz Flute at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Glasgow 2013.

Jazz Flute Workshop – British Flute Society National Convention 2014

Masterclasses in Jazz Flute – for Flutes Inspired, Oxford, UK, March and October, 2015.

Masterclass in Jazz Flute at “Just Flutes”, UK, 2015 in collaboration with Yamaha.

Masterclass in Jazz Flute for Glasgow University Flute Society, 2015.

Jazz Workshop for woodwind instruments for Oxford County Music Service, 2015

Masterclass in Jazz Flute at Bela Bartok Conservatory, Budapest, Hungary.

Workshop and recital, Floeten Festival - Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Floete. Munich, 2017.

2 day seminar in jazz and improvisation for wind instruments, Asker Kulturskole, Norway, 2018.



What they say: (comments from some participants)

“Geoff had a seemingly impossible task, to get a room full of fluters (of various ability levels) to get onboard with jazz and start to break out of their comfort zone in a most dramatic way. Well, he achieved that and so much more. Geoff gradually revealed his extraordinary knowledge, both in jazz and classical. He quickly showed a very gentle touch with regard to teaching, -something that is rather reassuring to a nervous group of soon-to-be jazzers.”

“His technique was dazzling, his seemingly endless array of solutions for filling an empty bar or phrase jaw dropping. He’s not just a flute player, but a top-notch musician who happens to play the flute.”

“Geoff will throw you on out on the slippery slope of improvising on the spot, and then lead you back onto “safe ground”, playing along with you, suggesting embellishments and alternative phrasing. He will provide you with positive feedback on your improvisation based on your skill level, making you reflect on potential improvement and suggesting ideas for further development.”

“What really made it for me was the repertoire, which was ultra-cool jazz with gorgeous backing tracks. To stand up there alongside Geoff and start to dabble with (at long last) some actual knowledge rather than guesswork was one of the best moments of my life! Making it even better, there was that ultra-cool backing to play against with the massed flutes joining for ensemble sections, all with juicy harmonies, toe-tapping jazzy rhythms, lilting 5/4's, etc. Brilliant How can life get better than those precious moments duetting with the genius?”

Options:

Jazz Flute masterclass

Jazz workshop for wind instruments

Jazz workshop for all instruments

Masterclass/workshop and concert with jazz pianist Richard Michael

Masterclass/workshop and concert with local musicians.

Masterclass/workshop and concert with Geoff Warren Quartet.

The Yamaha Connection

Geoff Warren has been a Yamaha Artist since 2011. This has involved endorsing Yamaha flutes and travelling as a flute demonstrator, appearing for Yamaha at flute conventions and trade fairs, and giving his personal feedback to the Yamaha production team.

On many occasions Geoff has presented workshops and masterclasses in partnership with Yamaha and its worldwide network.



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