

PRESS RELEASE

Simon Spillett

Winner of the 2016 'Services to British Jazz' award, and described by the late Humphrey Lyttelton as "formidable," Simon Spillett is a British jazz saxophonist who leads his own quartet. He has won several other awards for his music, including the tenor saxophone category of the British Jazz Awards (2011), Jazz Journal magazine's Critic's Choice CD of the Year (2009) and Rising Star in the BBC Jazz Awards (2007). Other celebrated jazz leaders and bands with whom he has worked have included Sir John Dankworth, Stan Tracey, Peter King and The Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra. He has recorded three albums, *Introducing Simon Spillett* (Woodville Records, 2007), *Sienna Red* (Woodville Records, 2008) and *Square One* (Gearbox Records, 2013), all of which have received highly favourable reviews in both the specialist and national press. His festival, concert and club appearances across the UK have included sold-out gigs at Ronnie Scott's and the Brecon Jazz Festival and he has broadcast on BBC Radio 3's Jazz-Line Up with his own band. He has also worked as a writer, penning the definitive biography of Tubby Hayes (*The Long Shadow Of The Little Giant*, Equinox) and articles for several magazines including *Jazzwise* and *Record Collector*.