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Jules Buckley Biography

Composer, orchestrator and conductor Jules Buckley is a musical pioneer who pushes the boundaries of contemporary genres. Buckley has written compositions and orchestrations for world-renowned artists from many different musical backgrounds including, Grammy Award-winning Brazilian producer and arranger Eumir Deodato, the Anglo-Swedish cultural phenomenon known as Razorlight, US jazz vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Jose James, Brazilian drummer Airto Moreira, Australian comedian Tim Minchin, Aboriginal musical force Black Arm Band with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, American freak-folk band CocoRosie and Canadian singer-songwriter Patrick Watson (both in collaboration with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra) as well as many British artists including: Professor Green, The Streets, Ninja Tune's radical DJ/sampler Amon Tobin, soul/folk artist Jonathan Jeremiah, Pete Lawrie, UNKLE, avant-garde musician and producer Brian Eno and Mercury Music Award winners, Dizzee Rascal and Arctic Monkeys.

In addition being the founder-conductor of the Heritage Orchestra, Jules Buckley is also the Principal Guest Conductor with Holland's Metropole Orchestra led by US composer and arranger Vince Mendoza, where recent highlights include a critically acclaimed collaboration with UK house music duo Basement Jaxx and a project featuring Argentinian bandoneon virtuoso Dino Saluzzi that was released on renowned German label ECM.

Buckley has conducted the BBC Concert Orchestra and Big Band in a tribute to the late Joe Zawinul and a collaboration with South African jazz legend Abdullah Ibrahim, the WDR Big Band with the WDR Rundfunk Orkest in Cologne and the German hip-hop group Die Fantastischen Vier in Stuttgart. Other artists who have made use of his prodigious skills as conductor or orchestrator include: Jamie Cullum (BBC Radio 3 Proms), Tori Amos, Kirk DiGiorgio (Warp Records), UK Grime All stars, Cuban pianist Gonzalo Rubacalba (Blue Note), The 747s, Terence Blanchard (Blue Note), Goldie, UK hip-hop producers The Freestylers, The Gwilym Simcock Big Band, Plaid (Warp records), Two Banks of Four, DJ Yoda and Gabriel Prokofiev, The Cinematic Orchestra (Ninja Tune), John Cale, Beardyman, Krakow Sinfonietta and US trumpeter Wallace Rooney.

Buckley burst onto the London scene in 2004 as co-founder of the Heritage Orchestra – the flexible chamber orchestra dedicated to performing new music with a daring approach to crossing and linking musical genres. Voted runners up in the BBC Radio 1 session of the year in 2005, the Heritage Orchestra released their self-titled debut album in the UK and Europe on Gilles Peterson's Brownswood Recordings in 2006 and followed this up with sold-out concerts at London's Hackney Empire and the Big Chill Festival.

Ever the musical agitator, Buckley has led the Heritage Orchestra through hugely successful live shows in concert venues and arenas all over the UK and Europe. They have worked with Tim Minchin on his recent UK arena tours (and Buckley also conducted the BBC Concert Orchestra for Tim Minchin at the BBC Proms this summer); Jamie Cullum for his Prom debut; and at the BBC Electric Proms with The Streets and Dizzee Rascal. They merged with the Slovakian Radio Orchestra as part of the Wilsonic Festival, a cross-cultural event which presented them in front of a massive audience in Bratislava; were commissioned by Massive Attack to work with Vangelis, performing his soundtrack to Ridley Scott's *Bladerunner* as part of Meltdown; recorded their first Hollywood film score for *Black Water Transit*, featuring

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Laurence Fishburne; and were integrally involved in the adventurous multi-faceted collaboration between cutting-edge improvisers The Bays and composers John Metcalfe and Simon Hale for Liverpool's European City of Culture celebrations.

Upcoming projects include a concert at the Barbican with the Leisure Society in December, a project with the WDR Big Band and work with Chris Wheeler on the next Heritage Orchestra album due out in 2012.

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