Geoff Simkins

Geoff has been playing jazz since his early teens and has been a professional musician since 1976. He has appeared at festivals, clubs and concerts in all parts of the United Kingdom and has worked extensively abroad in mainland Europe, Scandinavia, West Africa, Bahrein, Dubai and the Far East. He often appears with American musicians who are visiting this country and over the years has played with such legends as Art Farmer, Al Cohn, Tal Farlow, Conte Candoli, Slide Hampton, Bobby Shew, Al Grey, Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis and Ruby Braff. Geoff has also toured more recently with guitarists Howard Alden and Sheryl Bailey, recording a quartet CD with Howard, and an album with saxophonist Chris Cheek.

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