

## CALLUM AU: BIOGRAPHY

Callum Au is a professional trombonist, composer, orchestrator, and arranger. A member of NYJO from 2005, he held the lead trombone chair with the band from 2008 – 2011, and contributed over 50 charts to the band's library. He was taught by ex-Syd Lawrence trumpet player Terry Reaney, and has since studied with world-famous jazz trombonists Mark Nightingale and Gordon Campbell.

Now 22 years of age, Callum has already worked with many of the top professional jazz ensembles in the country as a trombonist, including the Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra, the Syd Lawrence Orchestra, the Daniel Houghton Big Band, and the Gareth Lockrane Big Band. He has shared the stage with musicians as diverse as Nigel Hitchcock, Mark Nightingale, Alex Garnett, Joss Stone, Stan Sulzmann, Guy Barker, Katie Melua, and Eric Delaney. He runs his own big band, the Callum Au Big Band, which features some of the finest up-and-coming jazz musicians, and co-leads the organ band Organism.

As a composer and arranger, Callum has written or arranged music for, among others, the BBC Big Band, the Gordon Campbell Big Band, the RTE Concert Orchestra, the Skelton Skinner All Stars, and the Henry Armburg Jennings Big Band. With the Callum Au Big Band, he plays many of his own compositions and arrangements.

Callum's biggest influences as a trombonist are Mark Nightingale, Carl Fontana, and Andy Martin, as well as saxophonists Nigel Hitchcock and Michael Brecker. As a writer, his main influences are Nelson Riddle, Jaco Pastorius, Bill Holman, Laurence Cottle, Neal Hefti, Quincy Jones, Earth Wind and Fire, Bob Brookmeyer, and Thad Jones.

### *Selected performance credits:*

Anthony Strong, Alexander Stewart, Back To Basie, Callum Au Big Band, Crocodile, Daniel Houghton Big Band, Don Weller Big Band, Dov Amiel Band, Echoes of Ellington, Gareth Lockrane Big Band, Guy Barker, Henry Armburg Jennings Big Band, Jay Craig Orchestra, Jay Phelps Big Band, Joss Stone, Julia Boutros, London Jazz Orchestra, Mark Nightingale, National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Nigel Hitchcock, North Sea Jazz Festival, Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra, Seth MacFarlane, Singin' In The Rain, Syd Lawrence Orchestra, The Rat Pack! Live, Vienne Jazz Festival

### *Selected writing/arranging credits:*

Anthony Strong, Arendal Big Band, BBC Big Band, Callum Au Big Band, Daniel Houghton Big Band, Georgina Jackson, Gordon Campbell Big Band, Henry Armburg Jennings Big Band, Huntington Symphony Orchestra, Iain Mackenzie, Jay Craig Orchestra, Jay Phelps Big Band, John Eric Booth, Louis Dowdeswell, National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Oxford University Big Band (featuring Mornington Lockett), Rebecca Poole, Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra, Royal College of Music Big Band, RTE Concert Orchestra, Skelton Skinner All Stars, Tempest Flute Trio, The Harmonics, The Oxford Gargoyles

