

***The Frequency of Magic:* Five Musicians Share their Experiences on film**



As part of Anthony Joseph's *Frequency of Magic* tour, Speaking Volumes is delighted to launch a new film about five acclaimed musicians' education and careers.

Join Denys Baptiste, Andrew John, Anthony Joseph, Thibaut Remy and Rod Youngs as they tell their distinctive stories. Hailing from different continents and cultures, they have come together as the band which will provide the musical accompaniment for all of

Anthony Joseph's new novel, *The Frequency of Magic* — creating a new genre in the process which melds fiction and music.

In this film, these five diverse musicians have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share, from education to how they started in the music business, from how they write music to the use of technology in the industry. What's clear is that there's no one path to becoming a musician, that there's a myriad of ways to create and to get involved. There are also lessons to be learned and influences to gain from near and far — from family and friends, to records and iconic musicians of the past and more. This film is an essential watch for all those interested in music: students, teachers, fans, those in the industry and those who want to be part of it. As they talk about their life stories, we learn what they as musicians stress time and again — that we need to *listen*.

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Anthony Joseph is a Trinidad-born, London-based author, poet and musician. He's published four poetry collections and three novels, and released seven critically acclaimed albums, including *People of the Sun* (2018).

Andrew John is a London-based electric bassist/composer, incorporating a heavy grooved style coupled with a melodic musical outlook which incorporates funk and jazz-inspired improvisations.



Denys Baptiste is a British jazz musician from London, where he was born to St Lucian parents. A graduate of Tomorrow's Warriors, Baptiste plays tenor and soprano saxophone in addition to composing.

(Clockwise from top left) Andrew John, Rod Youngs, Denys Baptiste Thibaut Remy

Thibaut Remy is a French/Algerian guitarist with a strong interest in Afro-Latin music. He has toured with many bands such as Laxula, Los Chinchés, Yaaba Funk, Afrik Bawantu, the Urban Nomads, and his band Awalé, for whom he arranges and composes.

A native of Washington DC, London-based drummer **Rod Youngs** developed an interest and appreciation for music at an early age. His approach to music is intuitive, emotional and all-embracing but soundly rooted in the jazz tradition.

This film is part of Anthony Joseph's Arts Council England funded Frequency of Magic tour, which is being produced and managed by Speaking Volumes Live Literature Productions, who have made the film. It is available to watch for free as an educational resource.