

Intro



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Martin Taylor to play at the BBC Proms

Martin Taylor and Guy Barker will celebrate 40 years of playing together with a specially commissioned performance of Barker's Spirit Of Django Orchestral Suite at the BBC Proms on Friday August 31. The Spirit Of Django is based on themes originally created by Taylor and combines "elements of Django Reinhardt, Claude Debussy (who Django greatly admired), the soundtrack of black and white films of summers in France, and the comedic touch of the great French comic and director Jacques Tati."

A collaboration 40 years in the making, the piece is a fitting tribute to the music of Django Reinhardt and to the friendship and mutual appreciation that two of the UK's finest musicians have for each other. For Martin Taylor the Spirit of Django Orchestral Suite is "undoubtedly the most important project of my musical life and I'm sure it will continue to be performed not only by Guy and myself, but by future generations of musicians for many years to come." Visit www.bbc.co.uk/proms for further information.