

BLUE OPAL JAZZ



Kaylin Lee Clinton

Though Kaylin was singing before she spoke, it took a trek up a volcano in Asia before she finally felt brave enough to share her vocals with the world. Since then she has sung in France, Israel, many New York venues including Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Blue Note, and the Bryant Park Summer Series, and her music has been featured by Timberland.

In 2013, she created Blue Opal Jazz, bringing vintage glamour to many celebrations and jazz clubs in NYC. Most recently, she co-composed music for the film *Sugarland* with Akira Ishiguro.



Akira Ishiguro

Japanese-American guitarist and composer Aki Ishiguro has been actively entrenched in the New York jazz scene for over 11 years. Ishiguro has shared the stage with Nate Smith, Ari Hoenig, Mark Guiliana, Maria Schneider, and many more. He has appeared in over 20 records, and has toured in Japan, Portugal, Costa Rica, and Canada.

Ishiguro's accolades include first prize in the 2013 Wilson Center Guitar Festival and Competition, and first prize "Public's Choice" as well as overall second place in the 2009 Gibson guitar competition as part of the Montreux Jazz Festival. His group "MURAL" will be touring Japan in the spring of 2018.



Kenji Tajima

Kenji was born in Kanazawa, Japan, where he started playing drums at the age of 17. He moved to the US shortly thereafter to study further, and has been playing music all over the world ever since.

He has played with bands of all genres of music, and also plays with a Taiko group, Shinryo Taiko, though his Buddhist temple. Kenji and his wife Eriko are proud of their daughter, Emily, who is studying acting in the UK.



Jim Robertson

Jim's professional music career has been long and varied. His versatility as a multi-instrumentalist has given him opportunities to perform on 5 different continents. Jim has had the privilege to perform and record with some of the most notable performers in the entertainment industry, including superstars such as Jay-Z, Sting, Pete Townshend, Alicia Keys, Josh Groban, and many more.

Born in Chicago, Jim moved to New York City at 17, and earned BFA from The New School. Jim tours Japan every year with Senri Oe, a New York based Jazz pianist from Osaka, Japan.