

# Le Petit Orchestre Swing De France



***Swing and jazz...This is what the all strings French band "Le Petit Orchestre Swing de France" is proud to present, throughout a revival of French Jazz history. In the footsteps of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, the trio of musicians Laurent Zeller (violin), Gilles Parodi (rhythmic guitar) and Alain Wilsch (lead guitar) will perform some French post-war songs, on the rhythm of Swing Manouche and American Jazz.***

## **Laurent ZELLER (violin)**

Passionated for violin at the age of four and turned off later for guitar and jazz. He met Bireli Lagrène and Tchavolo Schmitt in a bar of Strasbourg. In 1995, he won two prizes of Classic Violin and Chamber music in the Conservatoire of Blois. Since then he plays in "Quatuor Médicis" with Nina and Otari Melikichvili, two Georgian musicians who gave him the taste of the gypsy sound. He is Co-fondateur of the group "Les Pommes de ma douche", (25.000 sold albums) within whom he expresses his violinist's talents of Jazz.

## **Alain WILSCH (lead guitar)**

One of the best guitarist player well known among them, teacher and conferencier, specialist of jazz and guitar history, mister jazz with a big J! He played with Jean Bonal, Jean Pierre Sasson, Bill Coleman, François Charpin, Jimmy Gourley, Michel Gaudry, Claude Guilhot, André Villeger, Daniel Huck, Guy Lafitte, Hal Singer, Roger Guérin, Philippe Combelle, Pierre Boussaguet, Charles Bellonzi, Virginia Vee, La Velle, Billy Brooks, Jean-Claude Fohrenbach, Lou Bennett...

## **Gilles PARODI (rhythmic guitar)**

Began his music career with classic studies to the Conservatoire of Tours. Then he studied jazz in the C.I.M. with Pierre Cullaz and world music in the I.A.C.P with the saxophonist Talib Kadir Kibble, as well as the Brazilian percussions in the school of Dominique Suard's samba. In the meanwhile he taught guitar and bass in different schools. He played with Jean François Morange, Alan Jack, Patrick Verbeck, the Trio Jazz Gypsy France, Quartet Swing Musette, Stéphane Grappelli, Les pommes de ma douche, Patrick Saussois, Francis Alfred Moerman, and other numerous artists...