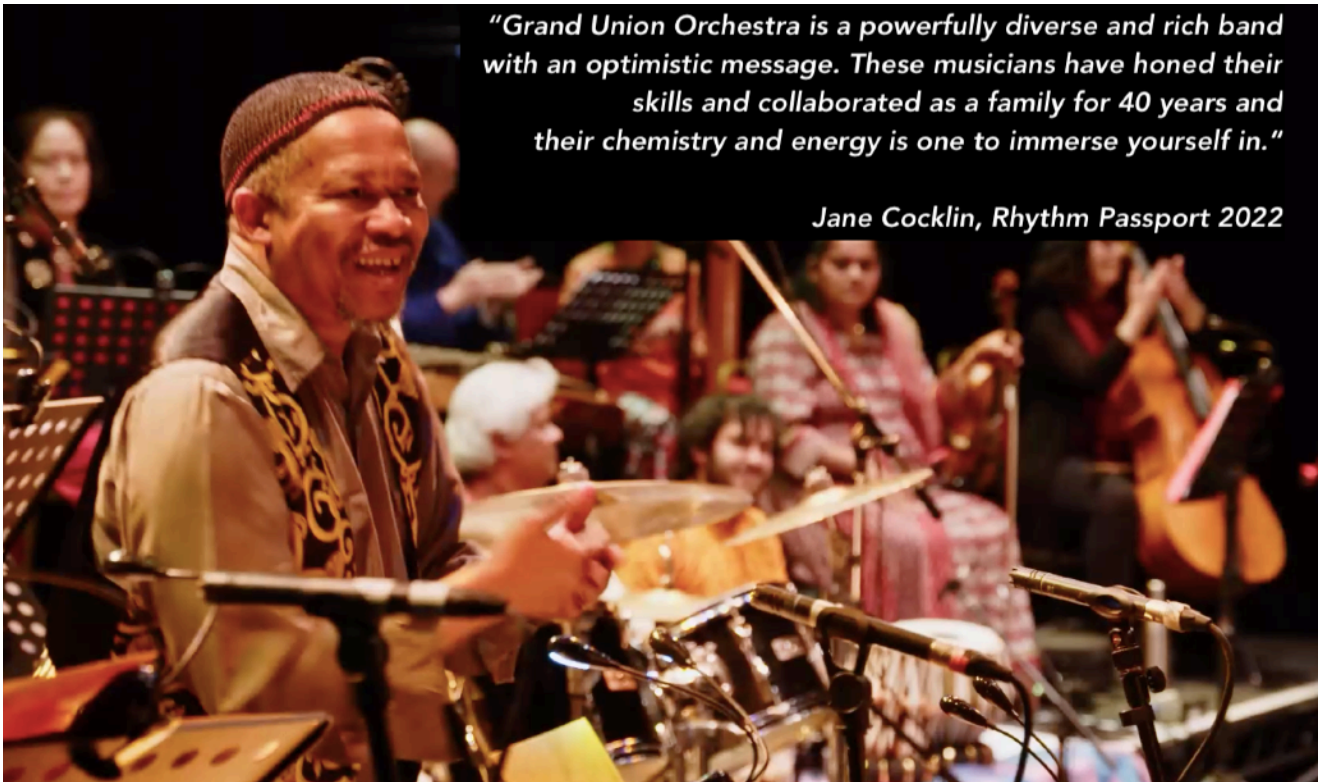


GRAND ORCHESTRA UNION

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

In May 2022 the **Grand Union Orchestra** celebrated its 40th Anniversary with an extensive programme of events and a glorious concert at the Hackney Empire Theatre.

[HERE](#) a short video of excerpts from the show.



"Grand Union Orchestra is a powerfully diverse and rich band with an optimistic message. These musicians have honed their skills and collaborated as a family for 40 years and their chemistry and energy is one to immerse yourself in."

Jane Cocklin, Rhythm Passport 2022



"A Grand Union Orchestra audience is untypical of the West End, South Bank or Barbican. Mixed by race, colour, class and age, this audience speaks to GUO's greatest success: creating music that draws upon and reflects the lives and communities of those living in London today."

Duncan Heining, London Jazz News, May 18th 2022

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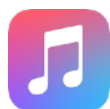
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**“a joy from start to finish ..
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"It's music like this that gives me strength" – participating musician

Grand Union Orchestra's - *Song of Africa* - concert series for Black History Month 2022



A series of intimate concerts reflecting the musical traditions of Africa from **Angola** to the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Sierra Leone**, **Nigeria**, **Ghana**, **Somalia**, **South Africa** and **Zimbabwe**.

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OUTDOOR CONCERTS / SHOREDITCH & HOXTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA



"This has got to be the most diverse band I've ever seen!"

"This is just what people need - to get everyone together and keep things positive!"

"I live on Hoxton Market and hearing this is just beautiful"

Local people and passers-by

ENGAGEMENT WITH FAMILIES AND YOUNG ARTISTS



The Grand Union Orchestra musicians were so patient with the children after the concert, coming to have a closer look at the instruments and to experiment.” - Wimbledon International Festival '22

My favourite thing about Grand Union Youth Orchestra is the variety and authenticity of the music we are exposed to. Musicians from all over the world come and host master-classes for us, teaching us the way they themselves learnt.

