

ANCIENT AGENTS



With musical influences from Africa, India and Scandinavia, this quartet combines traditional rhythms and contemporary harmonies to produce a richly textured acoustic world beat that crosses genres, borders and time signatures.

Ancient Agents invite you on a musical journey that bridges cultures, combining grooves from north India and the Middle East with Afro beats and polyrhythms – ancient sounds telling a modern tale. Four multi-instrumentalists: – an innovative **lead guitarist**, a melody-driven **bassist** and two intuitive, dexterous **percussionists**.

Each band member brings with him a distinct sound, an impressive performance history and international experience.

Reza Khota - Guitar

Personal career: www.rezakhota.com Collaborations: [Shane Cooper](#), [Kesivan Naidoo](#), [Derek Gripper](#)

- Reza's strings produce a crossover between east and west, with influences of jazz and classical. He's worked with South Africa's finest musicians, among them Louis Moholo, Kesivan Naidoo, Shane Cooper and Buddy Wells. In addition to playing widely around Africa, he has performed in Switzerland, Norway, Canada and Carnegie Hall - New York.

Fredrik Gille - Cajon, Frame Drum, Percussion

Personal career: www.fredrikgille.com Collaborations: [Bazar Blå](#), [Karima Nayt](#), [Amine & Hamsa](#)

-Fredrik has collected and mastered a variety of percussion instruments from all over the world, with Middle Eastern drumming being his expertise – riq,

frame drum, cajon. His sound is influenced by Arabic rhythms and Spanish music.

Ronan Skillen - Tabla, Percussion, Didgeridoo

Personal career: www.ronanskillen.com Collaborations: [A.Spell](#) [Deep South Tonik](#)

-Ronan is inspired by the aesthetic of record label ECM, and music from Mali to Memphis and Mumbai. His flair for improvisation began with the didgeridoo, and his later schooling in Indian classical music and wide palette of textural percussive sounds combine to create a rich soundscape, incorporating tabla and hybrid percussion kit.

Schalk Joubert - Bass

Personal career: [Itunes](#) Collaborations: [Michelle Shockt](#) [David Kramer](#) [Schalk Joubert Band](#)

-One of SA's busiest session musicians, bassist Schalk Joubert (SA) is a product of his cultural heritage. He is able to articulate South African melodies, West African grooves and harmony in the European tradition to produce a cohesive, melodic sound.



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