

## KiKu quartet

Yannick Barman, trumpet (Golden Melody Award 2023, Wave Music Award 2023)

Benjamin Holt, guitar

Brandon Lin, electric bass & trombone

Cyril Regamey, drums

KiKu, as described by Yannick Barman and Cyril Regamey, embodies a modular, avant-garde essence, perpetually evolving through its open lineup and innovative approach. Originally conceived two decades ago as an acoustic improvisation duo featuring Barman on trumpet and Regamey on percussion, the project has since undergone a dynamic transformation, embracing a diverse and adaptable musical identity. Barman and Regamey have cultivated a unique sound that transcends traditional boundaries, seamlessly blending elements of electronic music with their jazz, classical chamber, and rock influences. This evolution has been characterized by an ongoing exploration of new sonic territories, constantly pushing the limits of their musical expression.

In their current iteration, KiKu welcomes the collaboration of Brandon Lin and Benjamin Holt, further expanding the project's sonic palette. Together, they delve into original acoustic compositions crafted by Yannick Barman, each piece a testament to the group's innovative spirit and collaborative ethos.

With KiKu, Barman, Regamey, Lin, and Holt continue to challenge conventions and defy genre constraints, creating music that is at once daring, boundary-breaking, and profoundly expressive. Their journey exemplifies a commitment to artistic exploration and a celebration of the limitless possibilities inherent in collaborative musical endeavors.

