



## Eddie Jobson's U-Z Project

### 'Ultimate Zero Tour'

A live concert appearance by iconic musician **Eddie Jobson** is a rare event. As keyboardist, electric violinist, co-founder, producer, and principal writer of '**UK**' - a group he co-formed in 1977 with drummer Bill Bruford (*Yes*, *Genesis*, *King Crimson*), John Wetton (*King Crimson*), and then-unknown guitar phenom Allan Holdsworth - Jobson's studio and live concert performances were described as "stunning" and "dazzling." *The Boston Globe* called him "a music pioneer," *Emmy* magazine called him "a genius." Eddie was previously well known as the teen 'rock prodigy' with **Curved Air** (1972-73) and the early **Roxy Music** (1973-76), and as **Frank Zappa**'s right-hand-man on both keyboards and electric violin (1976-77)—replacing both Jean Luc Ponty and George Duke at the age of 21. After appearing on some 60 albums with many of the rock/fusion genre's top musicians, Mr. Jobson retired from both studio and live performance for more than 20 years until an unannounced appearance in Russia with **King Crimson** last year.

Now, Eddie has formed two new projects based on his original 'UK' concept: '**UKZ**' - a five-piece contemporary rock band who received rave reviews for their debut concert at Town Hall, New York, and the '**U-Z Project**' - an instrumental band of extraordinary virtuosos from around the world, with special guest musicians and, occasionally, 'name' guest singers.

Given the high caliber of Jobson's previous associations and collaborations (*a list that includes Ian Anderson, Robert Fripp, Phil Collins, John Entwistle, Tony Levin, Bill Bruford, Terry Bozzio, Steve Hackett, Simon Phillips, Trey Gunn, Jon Anderson, Allan Holdsworth, Adrian Belew, and many others*), the 2010 U-Z tour will again include some of the world's finest players—known and unknown—and will incorporate material culled from the best of the genres Jobson has helped create.

Arguably the two top technical drummers in the world, **Mike Mangini** and **Marco Minnemann**, are both in Jobson's current lineup, along with unique 'two-handed' tapping guitarist **TJ Helmerich**, vocalist/guitarist **Marc Bonilla**, and renowned bassist **Billy Sheehan**. Not since John McLaughlin's Mahavishnu Orchestra has such a high-level group of rock instrumentalists graced the same stage.

The tour is slated for June-July 2010.