

Brian Priestley

He is writer, pianist, composer, arranger as well as a jazz piano and jazz history teacher and radio presenter.

In the 1970s, he played with bands in London, and helped transcribe Black, Brown and Beige and Creole Rhapsody for Alan Cohen.

Priestley has written biographies of Charles Mingus, John Coltrane and Charlie Parker as well as the book *Jazz on Record: A History*. He co-authored *The Rough Guide to Jazz* and has compiled and/or annotated more than a hundred reissue compilations.

He is also known for broadcasting on the BBC as well as London's JazzFM. Today, he lives in Ireland where he continues to play the piano and until recently hosted a weekly jazz program on Radio Kerry.