

A bit about the people behind Plaquemine Lock

Jacob Kenedy was born in London in 1980 (on Noel Road, across the canal from Plaquemine Lock), to parents Haidee Becker (the artist) and David Kenedy (the cellist).

He loves cooking as much as he loves eating.

His first restaurant was Bocca di Lupo, opened in 2008 to great acclaim, serving regional Italian cuisines. It might be the restaurant that started the small plate movement, and that rejuvenated Italian food in London. He is equally proud of it, Gelupo (his gelateria), and VICO (his Southern Italian restaurant on Cambridge Circus).

He opened Plaquemine Lock in 2017 as his first professional digression from Italian food, and his first pub. His fingers are crossed....

Massimo Alonzo was born and raised in Napoli, and moved to London in 1998. He has worked at Library private members club, Cafe Murano St James and Michelin starred Lima.

Before accepting Jacob's offer to run Plaquemine Lock he had previously been his bar manager for three years at Bocca di Lupo.

Ousmane Gaye was born in Senegal and moved to London over 20 years ago to train as a chef.

He has worked at Asia de Cuba, Zuma, Roast and most recently the Holborn Dining Room at the Rosewood Hotel.