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Musical studies

Bachelor's degree in Jazz Drums (2015, cum laude) and Master's degree in Jazz Composition (2018, cum laude) obtained at the Conservatory "G. Verdi" in Turin. Teachers: Dado Moroni, Emanuele Cisi, Furio Di Castri, Enzo Zirilli, Giampaolo Casati, Bebo Ferra, Luigi Tessarollo, Nicola Morelli, Pino Russo, Marco Ravasini, Marco Chiappero.

Juilliard School Masterclass in Turin, 2013-2014-2015-2016-2018.

Intercultural exchange in New York with the Juilliard School of Music (2016).

Clinics: Jimmy Cobb, Louis Hayes, Carl Allen, Sangoma Everett, Rodney Jones, James Burton III, Rodney Bradley, Ben Wolf, Jerry Bergonzi, Ira Coleman, Stan Sultzmnn, Barry Harris, Nikky Hayles, Chico Freeman, Kevin Mahogany, Joe Lovano, Steve Smith, Marco Minneman, Enzo Zirilli, Luca Santaniello, Gaetano Fasano, Stefano Bagnoli, Ruben Bellavia, Aldo Zunino, Massimo Faraò, Fulvio Sigurtà, Mauro Battisti, Alfredo Ponissi, Stefano Solani, Enrico Merlin.

Workshops: "Due Laghi Jazz Festival" in Avigliana (2008), "Isola del Cantone" (2014), "Barry Harris Masterclass" (2014), "Nuoro Jazz" (2016), "La Spezia Jazz" (2019), "Saarwellingen Jazz" (2019).

Brazilian music studies with Gilson Silveira; Afro-Cuban music studies with Claudio Riaudo and David Del Campo; Peruvian music studies with Marco Fadda; percussion keyboards studies with Alberto Bosio and Massimo Melillo.

Other studies and professional training courses

Music teacher of primary school at the Institute "La Salle" in Grugliasco (TO).

National Civil Service - Multiehtnic Orchestra Moncalieri (MOM): Music as a vehicle for social interaction (Artistic and musical director).

Caribbean dances, Latin American dances, Standard dances, Argentine tango, hip hop dance, tip tap dance and lindy hop dance studies.

Collaborations (concerts, tours, recordings, shows)

Artists: Dado Moroni, Furio Di Castri, Emanuele Cisi, Giampaolo Casati, Luigi Tessarollo, Mauro Battisti, Marti Jane Robertson, Raphael Imbert, Piero Chiambretti, Salvatore Spano, Salvatore

Maltana, Alfredo Ponissi, Dario Ponissi, Stefano Solani, Pierre Drevet, Gilson Silveira, Magatte Dieng, Victor Radziewsky, Alessandro Chiappetta, Piero Mortara, Tomasz Kowalczyk, Daniele Gorgone, Gian Giacomo Parigini, Tony McManus, Marzuk Mejri, Gianmaria Ferrario, Sergio Di Gennaro, Fabio Gorlier, Cesare Mecca, Fabio Giachino.

Tours: "Vegas Project" tour in Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, Abakan, Barnaul, Krasnoyarsk, Veliky Novgorod, Pskov, Vladimir, Tula, Zhukovsky, Nizhny Novgorod, Simferopol). 2016.

"Bato Trio" tour in Senegal: Dakar, Pikine, Louga, 2016.

Daniele Gorgone Trio in tour a Dijon (Fr). 2018.

Festivals

ITALY:

MiTo Settembre Musica, 2013-2014.

Torino Jazz Festival, 2014-2015-2016-2018.

Nuoro Jazz Festival, 2016-2017.

Time in Jazz, Berchidda, 2017.

"La Settimana Classica", Ghilarza, 2019

SWITZERLAND:

Langnau Jazz Festival (CH) 2015.

FRANCE:

Aurillac International Street Theater Festival, 2016.

"Italiart", Italian Art Festival, 2018.

BELGIUM:

Ducasse de Mons, 2017.

SENEGAL:

"Fesfop", International Folklore and African Percussion Festival, Louga, 2017.

GERMANY:

"Saarwellingen Jazz", 2019

Concerts / Events

"Music Tales" - Genoa, with Dado Moroni and Giampaolo Casati, 2013.

MiTo for the City, 2013.

MiTo, Vittoria Theater Turin, with Alessandro Di Virgilio, Luca Curcio, Jacopo Albini, Dario Terzuolo.

"Melodrum", Vatican Museums, 2013-2014.

"Melodrum", Reggia Reale di Venaria, 2014.

Chambery Conservatory, with Furio Di Castri and Pierre Drevet, 2015.

80 years of the "G. Verdi" in Turin, in trio with Emanuele Cisi and Furio Di Castri, 2016.

"Melodrum", Milan Furniture Fair, 2016.

"Old and New Hymns", Torino Jazz Festival, with Raphael Imbert, Guido Canavese and Luca Curcio, 2016.

"Juilliard Ensemble", Turin Jazz Festival, 2016.

"World War I Music", National Library of Turin, 8etto of the G. Verdi Conservatory, with Giampaolo Casati, 2016.

"Wednesdays of the Conservatory", Concert for classical guitar and jazz piano by Claude Bolling, 2016.

"Multiethinc Orchestra Moncalieri", Parco Delle Vallere, Moncalieri, 2016.

Aurillac International Street Theater Festival with Bandakadabra, 2016.

"Melodrum" ft. Emanuele Cisi, Orosei, Nuoro Jazz, 2016.

Masterclass at the "Juilliard School" in New York with Emanuele Cisi and Aaron Flagg, twinning with the G. Verdi Conservatory of Turin, 2016.

"Aer Mundis", Borgomanero "Un paese a sei corde", 2016.

"Vegas Project" tour in Russia: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, Abakan, Barnaul, Krasnoyarsk, Veliky Novgorod, Pskov, Vladimir, Tula, Zhukovsky, Nizhny Novgorod, Simferopol, 2016.

"Giampaolo Casati Quartet", TEDx Automobile Museum (TO), 2016.

"BATO Trio" tour in Senegal: Dakar, Pikine, Louga, 2016.

"Melodrum Plays Vivaldi", Biblioteca Nazionale di Torino, Auditorium Vivaldi, 2017.

"Tenors Three", Torino, con Emanuele Cisi, Alfredo Ponissi, Paolo Porta, Sergio Di Gennaro e Gianmaria Ferrario.

"Myrtus Rytmus", Time In Jazz, Berchidda Jazz Festival, 2017.

"Myrtus Rytmus", Nuoro Jazz Festival, 2017.

Tommaso Gambini Trio, Jazz Club Torino, con Alessandro Maiorino, 2017.

"Young Blood", Museo dell'Automobile di Torino, 2017.

"Dado & Friends", Jazz Club Torino, con Dado Moroni e Gianmaria Ferrario, 2018.

"Melodrum" & Piero Chiambretti, Museo dell'Automobile di Torino, 2018.

Daniele Gorgone Trio in tour a Dijon (Fr), con Marco Piccirillo e Vincenzo Cirillo, 2018.

"Young Blood", Torino Jazz Festival, 2018.

"Emanuele Cisi & New Lights", Torino, con Emanuele Cisi, Simone Faedda, Mattia Niniano e Veronica Perego, 2018.

"Sax Crime", Baretto Theater Turin, theatrical show curated by Mirabilia Teatro on a text by Franco Bergoglio, 3 performances with Andrea Murchio, Alessia Olivetti, Claudio Nicola and Alfredo Ponissi, 2018.

"Dado & Friends", Jazz Club Torino, con Dado Moroni e Gianmaria Ferrario, 2019.

"Melodrum", Palazzo Siotto (Cagliari), 2019.

"Saarwellingen Jazz", (Germany), 2019.

"Melodrum", Cuglieri "Amici della musica", Teatro del Seminario, 2019.

"Melodrum", Ghilarza "La settimana Classica", 2019.

Recordings

"Striving for knowledge" - Closure, with Enzo Latona, David Fulcheri, Andrea Schilirò. Manifatture Musicali by Claudio Cattero, 2011.

"Memory of Madman" - Closure, with Enzo Latona, David Fulcheri, Luca Rosa Sentinella, Simone Cyd Poletti. Punto Rec, Fabrizio Argiolas, Fabio Piotto, RNC Music, 2013.

"Perspectives" - Melodrum Ensemble, with Salvatore Spano, Luca Curcio, Emanuele Cisi and Gilson Silveira. Riverside Studio Torino by Alessandro Taricco and Gianpiero Ferrando, 2014.

"Birdlike" / "Life doesn't frighten me at all" - Young Blood, with Alfredo Ponissi, Stefano Solani and Daniele Ciuffreda. Igor Sciavolino, Mobile Studio, 2015.

"Tony's Dream" - Melodrum, with Salvatore Spano and Salvatore Maltana. MGJR Studio by Marti Jane Robertson and Michele Rovelli.

Video clips

"Poco Sé De La Noche", a project curated by Francesco Brancato and Alfredo Ponissi, in collaboration with "Armonia del Movimento" and "Young Blood"; with Stefano Solani, Daniele Ciuffreda, Francesco Brancato, Raffaello Brancato, Amandine Vanbiesbroeck and Piero Mortara as special guest. Direction, scenography and editing by Francesco Brancato, 2017.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf3dtEeGM6Q>

"Mardi Gras' Cheat", a Melodrum project recorded live at JCT Jazz Club Torino, 2018.

<https://www.facebook.com/melodrumjazz/videos/2037883343178931/>

Awards

"Best drummer", Emergenza Festival Turin, 2010.

"Scholarship Ente Musicale Nuoro", XXVIII edition Nuoro Jazz, 2016.

Finalist "La Spezia Jazz - Tiberio Nicola" Prize, 2019.

Compositions

"Nient'altro che pupi", 3-part suite: "Traditi/Torneremo/Liberi". 2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1I2EG563FCU>

"Frammenti", part of a film soundtrack: "Non Avere Sogni", by Andrea Murchio, 2018.

Endorser / Promoter

"Vulcan Cymbals", by Massimiliano Arrigoni.

"EVO Drumsticks", by Alessandro Gulli and Paolo Gallo. Chopsticks Model 5A in Ovangkol.

"Sonidodemano", by Josè Se Fuè. Chromepan, chromatic handpan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPT--nZikVY>

Main links

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCbpbcbFgiPOkJ5ZTQSWa00Q

<https://www.facebook.com/melodrumjazz/videos/2037883343178931/>

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