

GIANLUCA PETRELLA

What's the future of jazz? Is it dead?

Every time we start to worry about that, some wonderful musicians come along to remind us it is not. This year alone the debut records by Gianluca Petrella and Robert Glasper are some of the freshest music I've heard in a long time.

I do think appreciation for jazz everywhere in the world is not as strong as it used to be. But that runs in cycles.

Michael Cuscuna

"Gianluca is the most extraordinary talent of the whole Italian jazz history" (Enrico Rava)

Born in Bari in March 1975, he graduated from Bari Conservatory in 1994 with top marks and he started to play immediately thanks to the collaboration with important Italian and international musicians. For example, in 1995 he played lead trombone in the O.F.P. Orchestra, under the direction of Carla Bley, Steve Coleman and Bruno Tommaso. He took part in the "Italian Jazz Today" compilation, produced by the Italian magazine "Musica Jazz" and released with the January 1996 issue.

In 1997, he spent some time in Germany where he played with several local and Dutch musicians.

His international collaborations include, among others: Steve Swallow, Greg Osby, Bob Moses, Carla Bley, Steve Coleman, Tom Varner, Michel Godard, Lester Bowie, Han Bennink, Marc Ducret, Roswell Rudd, Lonnie Plaxico, Ray Anderson, Pat Metheny, Oregon, John Abercrombie, Aldo Romano and Steven Bernstein. He has also worked with several important Italian musicians: Enrico Rava, Paolo Fresu, Stefano Bollani and others. He collaborates with Rava and Fresu also presently.

In the "electronic area" he collaborated with glazy9 (Ninja Tunes) and performed with the worldwide famous Matmos. In the same territoriality stands the collaboration with Ricardo Villalobos and Max Loderbauer - for the project Re: ECM - and with Moritz von Oswald and the dj Nicola Conte and Ralf. He has also an original duo with the dancer Luisa Cortesi called "Liquido".

He has performed in the most important and international festivals. Under these: Montreal, Toronto, San Francisco, Chicago, Rio de Janeiro, Oslo, London, Berlin, Umbria Jazz and the Blue Note Jazz Club of Tokyo and New York.

Actually he's active with "Cosmic Renaissance", the new quintet composed by Petrella, Mirco Rubegni, Francesco Ponticelli, Simone Padovani and Federico Scettri; SoupStar duo with Giovanni Guidi; the new electronic solo "103"; the solo "Exp and Tricks", a musical journey in the first year of the Cinema (project in collaboration with Cineteca di Bologna); the duo with Gabrio Baldacci at guitar; "Tubolibre" Quartet with Oren Marshall, Gabrio Baldacci and Cristiano Calcagnile; "Il bidone" quintet, the tribute to Nino Rota. Recently he joined several projects of drummer Bobby Previte, the Tetraband Quartet of Bojan Z and created (with Paolo Fresu, Steven Bernstein and Marcus Rojas) the powerful quartet Brass Bang!

2001: he won the "Top Jazz" award as the best Italian talent and, in the same year, he was awarded the "Django d'Or" as best talent;

2006: "Top Jazz" award as "best Italian jazzist of the year 2005" ("Musica Jazz" magazine) and the "Down Beat Critics Poll" award as best rising star trombonist.

2007: Paul Acket Awards (Bird Award) as "Artist Deserving Wider Recognition" and - again - the "Down Beat Critics Poll" award as best rising star trombonist

2008: Best rising talent - Musica Jazz magazine

2009: with his Cosmic Band awarded as "Best Italian group of the year" in the critic's poll of "Musica Jazz" magazine.

Discografia / Discography:

1994 - "Do It" - P.A.T. Plus Greg Osby, Gianluca Petrella (Right Tempo)

2001 - Gianluca Petrella "X-Ray" (Auand)

2002 - R. Sellani Meets G. Petrella - There Is No Grether Love (Philology)

2002 - R. Sellani Meets G. Petrella - Just Fiends (Philology)

2003 - Antonello Salis, Gianluca Petrella "Rinoceronti sul Limbara" (Time in Jazz)

2002 - Nicola Conte & Gianluca Petrella - New Standard (Schema)

2004 - Gianluca Petrella & Furio di Castri - Under Construction (Wide Sound)

2005 - Domino Quartet (Sean Bergin, Gianluca Petrella, Antonio Borghini, Hamid Drake) - Radio3 Sessions (Auand)

2005 - Gianluca Petrella Indigo 4 (Blue Note)

2007 - Gianluca Petrella Cosmic Band - Cosmic Music (special guest: Paolo Fresu) (l'Espresso/Casa del Jazz)

2007 - Gianluca Petrella Indigo 4 - Kaleido (Blue Note)

2008 - Big Guns (Petrella, Salis & Previte) (Auand)

2009 - Gianluca Petrella Cosmic Band - Coming Tomorrow - pt. one (Spacebone)

2010 - Gianluca Petrella TuboLibre - Slaves (Spacebone)

2012 - Gianluca Petrella Cosmic Band - Coming Tomorrow - pt. two (Spacebone)

2013 - Gianluca Petrella and Giovanni Guidi SoupStar - SoupStar (Musica Jazz)

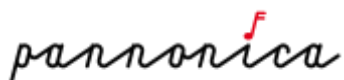
2014 - Brass Bang! (Paolo Fresu, Gianluca Petrella, Steven Bernstein, Marcus Rojas) - (Tù k Music)

2015 - 103 (Ep - Electronique)

2016 - Gianluca Petrella Trio 70's (L'Espresso - Casa del Jazz)

2016 - Gianluca Petrella Cosmic Renaissance - Cosmic Renaissance (Spacebone)

2016 - Gianluca Petrella and Giovanni Guidi Soupstar - Ida Lupino (Ecm)



Discografia selezionata/Selected Discography:

- 2015 – Enrico Rava Quartet – Wild Dance (Ecm)
- 2013 – Berserk - Berserk (Rarenoise Records)
- 2012 - JBBG - Urban Folktales
- 2011 – Enrico Rava – Tribe (Ecm)
 - Gianmaria Testa – Vitamia
 - Giovanni Guidi - We Don't Live Here Anymore (Cam)
 - Petrella/Dalla Porta/Sferra - Il bagno turco (Auditorium 2011)
 - Valerian Swing - A Sailor Lost Around The Earth (Magic Bullet)
- 2010 Funk Off - Una Banda Così (My Fev. Rec.)
- 2009 Bobby Previte Pan Atlantic (Auand)
- 2008 Chat Noir - Difficult To See You (Universal)
 - John De Leo - Vago Svanendo Carosello
- 2007 Franco D'Andrea - D'Andrea Five (l'Espresso / Casa del Jazz)
- 2006 Enrico Rava "The Words And The Days" (Ecm)
- Cristina Zavalloni - Idea (Egea)
- 2004 Enrico Rava "Easy Living" (Ecm)
- Gaetano Partipilo - Basic (Soul Note)
 - Paolo Damiani - Lady Bird (Egea)
 - Nicola Conte - Other Direction
- 2003 Enrico Rava "Happiness Is..." (Stunt)
- U.T. Gandhi - U.T. Plays Uvola (Artesuono)
 - 9 Lazy 9 - Sweet Jones (Ninja Tune)
- 2002 F. D'andrea And Two Horns - Round Riff And More (Philology)
 - N. Conte - Jet Sound Revisited (Schema)
- 2001 Rand-O-Mania - Strade (Artesuono)
 - Orchestre National De Jazz - Charmediterranean (Ecm)
- 2000 Stefano Bollani - Abbassa La Tua Radio (Emitage)
 - Roberto Gatto - Rugantino (Cam)
- 1999 Roberto Gatto - Sing Sing Sing (Via Veneto)
- 1997 Jazz Convention - Up Up With Jazz Convention (Schema)
- 1998 Enrico Rava "Certi Angoli Segreti" (Label Bleu/Musica Jazz)
- 1994 Roberto Ottaviano Koinè - Hybrid And Hot (Splasch)

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