

LUDOVIC BEIER

Accordion / Accordina / Composer-Arranger

"(He) was breathtaking and beautiful!" - Wall Street Journal



Born in 1978, Ludovic Beier learned the accordion from his father and benefits from being part of a musical family. He was brought up in the French tradition of the instrument and turned to jazz at young age. At only 24 years old, he was playing on the French, European and American scene with some of the top players of the Jazz style including Angelo Debarre, Dorado Schmitt, Martin Taylor, Stochelo Rosenberg, Paquito D'Rivera, James Carter. He also received congratulations from George Benson.

In 2006, even with Toots Thielemans at Carnegie Hall in New York City along with Herbie Hancock and Ivan Lins, for the concert produced by Pat Philips and Ettore Stratta... He also had the great chance to play at top festivals and places around the world and especially in the US with Dorado Schmitt: Kennedy Center in DC, San Francisco Festival, the new Disney Hall in Los Angeles, Chicago Symphony Hall, Kimmel Center for the Arts in Philadelphia, Birdland (NYC), Olympia, Salle Pleyel (Paris), Blue Note (Milano), Festival de Jazz de Montreal (Canada), Phoenix Hall (Osaka- Japan) and Newport Jazz Festival, Hollywood Bowl, Montreal Jazz Festival...

Today, he certainly is giving the accordion a new name as his fingers go across the keys in an almost unbelievable way, both swinging and amazingly creative in his improvisation. Along with his virtuoso playing, he's a creative rewarded composer and arranger in many different fields: Roland V-Accordion Festivals in Roma since 2008, TV, movies and talented artist's projects such as Didier Lockwood, Melody Gardot, Ricky Skaggs, Thomas Dutronc or Sansévérino in France.

Discography in the US: 2002 - Live At Birdland - "Django Reinhardt NYC Festival" 2007 - Live At Kennedy Center - "Dorado Schmitt All-stars" 2008 - Ludovic Beier Quartet - "Live At Jazz Standard" - NYC 2011 - Let Us In Nashville - Charity album / With Ricky Skaggs - 2012 « Django Festival Allstars » Live &More

Selected Discography as leader - France & Worldwide: 2003 - Come Into My Swing (With Angelo Debarre) 2004 - New Montmartre 2005 - Entre Amis (With Angelo Debarre) 2006 - Chilltimes 2007 - Paroles De Swing (With Angelo Debarre) 2008 - Django Brasil 2010 - Pop, Swing and Fire 2012 - Twin Brothers (Duet Accordina / Guitar with Samson Schmitt) - 2014 Songs For My Father - 2015 Black Friday

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