



TOMI PURICH

BALKANJAZZ GROUP

FEATURING: NEŽA OKORN (VOC), ALEŠ OGRIN (PNO) & JERNEJ VINDŠNURER (DB)

JAZZ, FUSION, ISTRIAN AND BALKAN ETHNO MUSIC

ABOUT THE GROUP —

In his group Tomi mixes the influences of Balkan, Istrian and Oriental ethno music with new improvisations and energetic odd rhythms. The idea of the project was born in 2006 with his group that proposed their own compositions and arrangements presented in festivals around Slovenia and Italy.

This time, a unique blend of Balkan, Oriental and Istrian melodies are presented in a classical jazz trio – piano, double bass and drums - with a female singer. Unlike conventional ethno projects, the group improvises with a true jazz language,

Tomi Purich #BalkanJazz GROUP offers music for those who love the sound of a classic jazz ensemble but are ready for any kind of rhythmic-melodic innovation. In many occasions the group adds guests to their show.

For the 2024 album Tomi's group is expanded with female vocals and guests on trumpet, accordion, guitar and saxophone. Album PiranOhrid, which pays tribute to the twinning of the cities of Piran and Ohrid in North Macedonia.

THREE ALBUMS

- Tomi's three albums (balkanjazz, brkoman and PiranOhrid) are released in 2018-19 and 2024.
- a mixture of new songs and covers of ethno, jazz and pop music
- includes guests from jazz, pop and ethno musical scene in Slovenia, Italy and North Macedonia
- includes trio, combo groups and big band music
- arrangements from CDs are prepared for big band and/or group concerts

TOMI'S MUSICAL CV —

JAZZ AND ETHNO MUSIC

- fusion: EJQ I (2003) and EJQ II (2008) cds as drummer, composer, arranger and producer
- soul-jazz: GWEN HUGHES: Dancing In The Moonlight (2013) as drummer, bandleader, arranger and producer
- big band: Slovene Army Big Band (2000 - 2005)
- ethno: RUDI BUČAR: Kapot (2003) and Kambiament (2005) as drummer

POP MUSIC

- as drummer, bandleader and manager: Jan Plestenjak (2000-2012), Nina Pušlar (2010-18), Lea Sirk (2018-19), Eva Boto (2019-)
- collaborations include many other names from Slovene scene
- as drummer and bandleader in MUSICALS: Little Shop Of Horrors (2003-04), Full Monty (2010-11), Flowers In The Autumn (2014-), Menopause (2018-19), Love Cheats (2019)
- as drummer, bandleader and arranger in TV SHOWS: Singing With The Stars (RTV Slo; 2008), Parade (RTV Slo; 2010)
- as drummer and bandleader in LIVE FESTIVALS: Melodije morja in sonca (2012-)

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