

FAT - Member Bios

Alex Machacek (1972)

Education:

Jazz Guitar and Jazz Education at the Conservatory of Vienna, Austria
2 semesters at Berklee College of Music, Boston, USA

Awards:

Winner of European Guitar Competition "Guitar Newcomer 98"
Hans Koller Preis "Newcomer of the Year" with Jazzwerkstatt Wien (2006)
2nd place at BMW World Jazz Award 2015 with FAT

Selected credits:

Terry Bozzio, Virgil Donati, Marco Minnemann, Matt Garrison, Scott Kinsey, Kai Eckhardt, Eddie Jobson, Patrick O'Hearn, Jeff Sipe, Gary Novak, Trey Gunn, Hadrien Feraud, Tony Levin, John Wetton, Gary Husband, Mitch Forman ...

CD releases as a label artist on Abstract Logix:

[sic] - feat. Terry Bozzio
Improvisation - feat. Matt Garrison & Jeff Sipe
Official Triangle Sessions - feat. Neal Fountain & Jeff Sipe
24 Tales - feat. Marco Minnemann
FAT - feat. FAT
Now - feat. Gary Husband
Living The Dream - feat. FAT

Alex Machacek relocated from Vienna to Los Angeles in 2004.

He has released 9 CDs and one DVD as a leader, most of them on the prestigious Abstract Logix label.

Machacek has also made a name for himself as an outstanding music educator.

He taught at GIT for several years, released an educational DVD for Lick Library and continues to conduct workshops/clinics all over the world.

He also writes guest columns for "Guitar Player Magazine" and "Premier Guitar" and most recently released online lessons at MyMusicMasterclass.

Raphael Preuschi (1977)

Education:

Jazz Bass at the Conservatory of Vienna & Prayner Conservatory, Vienna, Austria

Awards:

Hans Koller Preis "Newcomer of the Year" with Jazzwerkstatt Wien (2006)
2nd place at BMW World Jazz Award 2015 with FAT

Selected Credits:

Nguyê n Lê , Michael Schiefel, David Helbock Trio, Wolfgang Puschnig, Elfi Aichinger Quartett feat. Don Byron, Salesny/Schabata/Preuschi/Joos, Max Nagl, Don Ellis-Tribute Orchestra feat. Thomas Gansch, Andi Manndorff, Jazzwerkstatt Wien, Jim Black, Ellery Eskelin, Rodney Holmes, Alegre Côrea, Hansi Lang, Neue Oper Wien ...

Raphael Preuschl lives in Vienna, but spends much of his time performing around the world with renowned Austrian and international bands.
He has held teaching positions at different institutes in Vienna, including the Music University of Vienna.
He currently teaches at the Vienna Music Institute and offers various workshops both at home and abroad.

Herbert Pirker (1981)

Education:

Jazz drums at the Conservatory of Vienna, Austria

Awards:

Austrian Young Lions Award (2003)

Hans Koller Preis "Newcomer of the Year" with Jazzwerkstatt Wien (2006)

2nd place at BMW World Jazz Award 2015 with FAT

Credits:

Mario Rom's Interzone, Fiva, Jamaladeen Tacuma, Dean Bowman, Louis Sclavis, Bob Mintzer, Zeena Parkins, Linley Marthe, Jack Walrath, Johannes Schleiermacher, Wolfgang Mitterer, Wolfgang Puschnig, EMJO, Kurt Ostbahn, Otto Lechner ...

Pirker, a native Styrian, lives in Vienna and teaches at the Anton Bruckner University in Linz, Austria.

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