

Dima Kovalenko. jazz-guitarist, composer and arranger.



Notable Appearances:

Jazz Koktebel 2008, Jazz Werkstatt Graz 2009, Dodje Kiev 2008, Valamar Jazz Fest 2010,

Jazz in Kiev 2012, Alpha jazz Lviv

Landed in Vienna in autumn 2022 and joined Hawaras, klezmer-band with like-minded musicians.

Also, a release of Urban Gypsy debut-record, develops poetry and free-jazz projects.

Since November 2021 signed a contract as an in-studio live-musician with a Late-night Show "Tviy Vechir", i.e. "Your Evening"(1+1 TV Production).

Studio works & releases available at:

<https://opensea.io/oknelavokamid/created>

Was born in Kyiv in 1989 to a musical family whose traditions span for many generations.

Since early childhood, he got interested in music, attended choir and started to take piano lessons by 5 years old. At age of 11 switched to guitar and trumpet, started to play bass-guitar in a school ensemble.

In 2005 studied in Gliere Music College, then in 2007 in National Conservatoire Kyiv.

The studies at University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz, followed in 2009.

Upon hosting a jam session at a local bar Traminer, move to Graz immediately brought him plenty of gigs with other students and teachers.

Takes part in an educational program of Jazz Appreciation Month Montenegro 2010 in Podgorica as one of the ensemble teachers. Returns to Kyiv in 2011 and started his career at the local scene, as a lead-guitarist and soloist with Kyiv Big Bang and Big Jump Big Band.

Develops his interests in gypsy-, Balkan and klezmer- music to become a core-member of Pushkin Klezmer Band, Babuchi and Brothers Gypsy band. These sensibility helped him to study jazz-manouche music language and play for a couple of years with Urban Gypsy, a jazz-manouche group.

From 2022 on - current member of Austrian klezmer-band Die Hawaras.

Actively composing contemporary jazz tunes and playing with local jazz musicians, hosted

jam-sessions at Educatorium Art Gallery in Kiev.

In a period from 2011 – 2012 had been working on Oceania Cruise Lines.

PRESS:

<https://www.myvin.com.ua/ua/news/culture/54902.html>

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