

Gerson Galante

Multi-Instrumentalist, Composer, Arranger

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Profile

Gerson Galante is a Brazilian multi-instrumentalist, bandleader, author, educator, composer and arranger, whose musical fluency spans many genres, including Latin, Brazilian, Jazz, Classical, Theater, Modern, and Pop. For the past 20 years, he has acted as lead tenor saxophonist / soloist with Brasil Jazz Sinfônica, the top jazz orchestra in South America, and has toured with some of the most famous Brazilian musical artists for four decades.

Instruments

Soprano, alto and tenor saxophones, flutes, clarinet

Education

- Banda Mirim Baeta Neves (1972-1976)
- Fundação das Artes de São Caetano do Sul, Brazil (1976-1979)
- Escola Municipal de Música, São Paulo, Brazil (1979-1981)

Professional Ensemble Experience

- Orquestra Jazz Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo
lead tenor, saxophone soloist, flute, clarinet (2002-present)
- InterXchange Ensemble, bandleader / co-founder (2016-present)
- Orquestra Arte Viva, São Paulo (2012-presente)
- CompCord Big Band, New York City (2016)
- Banda Urbana, SP [Brazilian music, Jazz, Latin] (2005-2015)
- Lilian Carmona Ensemble, SP [Brazilian music, jazz, Latin Jazz] (2014)
- Speakin' Jazz, SP (2013)
- Divina Caffé Ensemble, SP [World music and Classical music] (2003-2013)
- Banda Cacique, SP [Latin Jazz, Jazz, Brazilian music] (2010)
- Banda Jazzco, SP (2010)
- Banda Savana, SP (2003)
- SoundScape BigBand, SP (2002)
- Comboio Jazz, SP [Brazilian music, Jazz, Latin] (2004)
- Edwin Pitre Ensemble (Cuba, Latin Jazz) (1997)
- Zérró Santos Big Band Project, SP (1992)
- The Duke Ellington All Stars Big Band, San Francisco USA (1991)

- Silvio Mazzuca, Dancing orchestra (1986-1991)
- The Duke Ellington All Stars, San Francisco, CA (1990)
- Orquestra Silvio Mazzuca, SP [Jazz, Brazilian Music, Dance Music] (1987)
- Shining Brass Band, São Paulo (1979-1981)

Professional Recordings

SambaJazz Traditional, Gerson Galante Plays Adylson Godoy (2024)
Samba Jazz New Directions, Gerson Galante Plays Adylson Godoy (2023)
Pelos Ares, Band Urbana, featuring the music of Rafael Piccolotto (2015)
Jazz Sinfônica 25 Anos, Orquestra Jazz Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo (2015)
Na Base do Improviso, Amilson Godoy (2015)
Uncle Charles, Soundscape Big Band (2007)
Maybe September, Soundscape Big Band (2001)
Novo Brasileiro, Bandazul (2006)
Divina Caffè, Divina Caffè ensemble (2005)
Divina Caffè 2, Divina Caffè ensemble (2006)
Banda Brazuca, João Cristal (2001)
Tributo a Pixinguinha, Itacir Bocato (1997)
BemDito, Itacir Bocato (1996)
501, Gerson Galante, featuring guest artist Ivan Lins (1993)

Tours

Orquestra Jazz Sinfônica de São Paulo, Royal Albert Hall, London, England (2016)
Lilian Carmona Ensemble, Jazz Festival de Maringá, Maringá, Brazil (2012)
Orquestra Arte viva, Teatro Solis, Montevideo, Uruguay (2008)
Gerson Galante, CD 501 State Tour São Paulo (1993)
Pery Ribeiro, São Paulo State Tour, Brazil (1984)
Cauby Peixoto, São Paulo Capital, Brazil (1983)
Raul Seixas, São Paulo Capital, Santos, Brazil (1982)
Sá e Guarabyra, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro (1981)
Ponte Aérea Ensemble, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte (1980-1982)
Ivan Lins Novo Tempo Tour, Teatro SESC Consolação and São Paulo State Tour (1980)
1º São Paulo-Montraux Jazz Festival, Grupo Obus Brazil (1978)
2º São Paulo-Montreux Jazz Festival, Grupo Ponte Aérea Brazil (1980)
Wilson Simonal, Paraguai Tour and São Paulo State Tour, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1979-1980)
São Paulo-Montreux Jazz Festival, Grupo Obus (1978)

Musical Theater

New York, New York, Teatro Sergio Cardoso, SP (2014)
Bibi Ferreira in Concert, Teatro Sergio Cardoso, SP (2011)
Sweet Charity, Citibank Hall, SP (2006)
Chicago, Teatro Alfa, SP (2004)
Victor/Victória, Teatro Cultura Artística, SP (2001)

Publications

Samba from the Streets: A New Approach to Samba Improvisation, Samba Press (2024)
Beija Flor, Melanie Mitrano, Arr. Gerson Galante (2022)
Merrily, Melanie Mitrano, Arr. Gerson Galante (2021)
Grama Alta, Melanie Mitrano, Arr. Gerson Galante (2018)
Neblina, Melanie Mitrano, Arr. Gerson Galante (2018)
Baiãozinho, Eumir Deodato, Arr. Gerson Galante (2017)
Tristeza Que Se Foi, Adylson Godoy, Arr. Gerson Galante (2017)
Nothing But Brass, Melanie Mitrano, Arr. Gerson Galante (2016)
Inútil Paisagem, Tom Jobim, Arr. Gerson Galante (2016)
Miles Ago, Ivan Lins, Arr. Gerson Galante (2016)
O Pato, Jaime Silva, Arr. Gerson Galante (2016)
Blue in Green, Miles Davis, Arr. Gerson Galante (2015)
Grand Central, John Coltrane, Arr. Gerson Galante (2015)
Meu Adorado, Melanie Mitrano, Arr. Gerson Galante (2015)
Bananeira, João Donato, Arr. Gerson Galante (2015)

Presenters of Original Arrangements

Orquestra Jazz Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo
Speakin' Jazz Big Band, São Paulo, Brazil
Big Beat Big Band, NJ / New York City
CompCord Big Band, Composers Concordance, New York City
Caldwell University Jazz Band, Caldwell, NJ
Newark Academy Jazz Ensemble, NJ
NJIT Jazz Band, Newark, NJ
Nutley High School Jazz Ensemble, Nutley, NJ

Film / Radio / TV

The Night of Brazilian Music, The Real Blue Studio, podcast episode 10 (2023)
Programa Mr. Holland Convida, podcast episode 37 (2022)
CCM All Access, Morris Educational Television (METV), Channel 40 Fios (2018)
No Cover, TV34 Montclair (2015)
Festa Baile, Orquestra Silvio Mazzuca, TV Cultura (1985-1988)
Asa Branca, *Um sonho Brasileiro*, Brazilian film (1980)
Canja-Bandeirantes FM 100.9 (1980)
Flavio Cavalcante TV show, TV Tupi Channel 4, Brasil (1979)
Programa Raul Gil, TV show, TV Record Channel 7 (1979)

Performance Venues

Jazz Forum, Tarrytown, NY
Teatro B32, São Paulo, Brazil
The Bitter End, New York, NY
The Cutting Room, New York, NY

The Blue Note, São Paulo, Brazil
University of Blumenau (FURB), Blumenau, Brazil
Souza Lima Conservatory, São Paulo, Brazil
Beans and Lager, Queens, NY
Alliance University, New York, NY
Smoke Jazz Club, New York, NY
Jazz at Kitano, New York, NY
Trumpets Jazz Club, Montclair, NJ
Casa Claribela, São Paulo
Clements Place Jazz, Newark, NJ
Steel Bar, São Paulo, Brazil
The Players Theater, New York, NY
Madeleine Bar, São Paulo, Brazil
Goddard Riverside Bernie Wohl Center, New York, NY
Free Music, São Paulo
Cento Livre de Aprendizagem Musical (CLAM), São Paulo
Conservatório Villa-Lobos, Osasco, SP, Brazil
Gatto Figa, São Paulo, Brazil
Mackenzie University, São Paulo
Opus 2004, São Paulo, Brazil
All of Jazz, São Paulo, Brazil
Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ
Jazz and Blue, Santo André, SP, Brazil
Centro Cultural Vergueiro, São Paulo, Brazil
Trend Coffee & Tea House, Montclair, NJ
Rock 'n' Joe Coffee, Caldwell, NJ
Centro Histórico do Pelourinho, Salvador, BA- Brazil
Teatro Sergio Cardoso, São Paulo, Brazil
MASP, Museu de Arte de São Paulo, Brazil
Sala São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
Memorial da America Latina, São Paulo, Brazil
Centro Dragão do Mar Arte e Cultura, Bahia, Brazil
Teatro Ibirapuera, São Paulo, Brazil
Teatro Commune, São Paulo, Brazil
Teatro Escola CLam, São Paulo, Brazil
Roda Viva, Morro da Urca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant, County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ (2016-present)
Vocal Jazz and Vocal Chamber Music with Dr. Melanie Mitrano
- Workshop Presenter, Sax Festival Brasil (2016)
- Saxophone Instructor, Escola de Musica Carlos Gomes, Osasco (1987-1989)

References

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