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Elemér Balázs

Jazz Drum



PLACE OF BIRTH
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DATE OF BIRTH
16. 08.1967.

BIOGRÁFIA DISZKOGRÁFIA

Elemér Balázs is a celebrated jazz drummer and composer, considered one of the most influential figures in the Hungarian jazz scene.

- He has been a member of the following ensembles:
 - No-Spa
 - Trio Midnight
 - Balázs József Quintet
 - Szakcsi Jr. Trio
 - Andrea Szulák Quintet
 - László Dés – Elemér Balázs Quartet (*Contemporary Gregorian*)
 - Kálmán Oláh Sextet
 - CB Trio
- He has performed with nearly every prominent figure in Hungarian jazz, including:
 - Dezső Ablakos Lakatos
 - Gyula Babos
 - Balázs Berkes
 - Kati Bontovics
 - Gyula Csepregi
 - László Dés
 - Gábor Gadó
 - Attila László
 - Aladár Pege
 - Ferenc Snétberger

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- Béla Szakcsi Lakatos
- György Vukán
- As well as international jazz greats such as:
 - Lee Konitz
 - John Patitucci
 - Joshua Redman
 - Ernie Watts
 - Paolo Fresu
 - Steve Houben
 - Pat Metheny
 - Charlie Mariano
 - Joe Lovano
 - Al Jarreau
 - Darryl Jones



Education

- Rózsa Ferenc utcai vasutasok Zeneiskola (Music School for Railway Workers, Rózsa Ferenc Street)
- Benczúr utcai Postások zeneiskolájának konzervatóriumi előkészítője, (Music School for Post Office Workers, Benczúr Street (Conservatory preparatory course))
- Bartók Béla Conservatory of Music

Discography – Balázs Elemér Group

- *Around the World* (2002)
- *Our Worlds Beyond* (2003)
- *Refracting Sounds* (2004)
- *Hungarian Folk Songs – Magyar Népdalok* (2005)
- *Best & Live 2001–2006 – Concert in Budapest* (Live DVD, 2007)
- *Early Music* (2007)
- *Memories (Dedicated to Our Mother)* (2009)
- *The New BEGinning* (2013)
- *BEG 15 – Eternal Love (Örök szerelem, 2015)*
- *Sounds of Diversity* (2018)
- *Celebration* (2020)

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Awards and Recognitions

- **2000** – Gramofon Award – Hungarian Jazz Album of the Year (*Balázs Elemér Quintet – Always That Moment*)
- **2001** – Award for Józsefváros
- **2005** – Fonogram Award – Hungarian Jazz Album of the Year (*Balázs Elemér Group – Refracting Sounds*)
- **2005** – Silver Cross of Merit of the Republic of Hungary
- **2006** – Artisjus Award (*László Dés – Elemér Balázs Quartet – Contemporary Gregorian*)
- **2012** – Story Value Award
- **2017** – Szabó Gábor Award



Full Discography Highlights

- *Celebration* – Balázs Elemér Group (2020)
- *Sounds of Diversity* – BEG (2018)
- *BEG 15 – Eternal Love* – Hunnia Records (2015)
- *Például Te* – Andrea Szulák Quintet – Hunnia Records (2015)
- *Magic Dialogues* – Dénes Makovics – HTS Art (2014)
- *New Directions (Új Utakon)* – Kálmán Oláh – Hungaroton (2014)
- *The New BEGinning* – Balázs Elemér Group – Pannónia Records (2013)
- *A Vihar (Gyulai Várszínház)* – Vukán Trio – CAE (2013)
- *New Generation Guitar Rock* – Paul Lakatos – BJO Rec. (2013)
- *Robithology* – Róbert Szakcsi Lakatos – Atelier Savano (2012)
- *These Are My Hands* – Péter Glaser – Fonó (2012)
- *In Memory Of...* – Krisztián Pecek Lakatos – Hunnia Records (2012)
- *Last Message* – Vukán – CAE (2012)
- *Ageless Message* – East Gipsy Band – Fonó (2011)
- *Once Upon a Dream* – Gabriella Berkes & George Vukán – Collective Art (2011)
- *Tuere Briders* – Jazzmer Band – DDK Rec. (2011)
- *Memories* – Balázs Elemér Group – X-Produkción (2009)
- *Ist the I* – Dávid Lamm – X-Produkción (2009)
- *Make Your Life Better* – Olivér Báder – Posticum (2009)
- *60 Év a Színpadon* – Vukán – CD/DVD – CAE (2009)
- *Always That Moment 2* – Balázs Elemér Quintet – BMC (2008)
- *Psalms* – Szakcsi Jr. Trio – X-Produkción (2008)
- *I Don't Got You Mean* – József Balázs Quintet – X-Produkción (2008)
- *Contemporary Gregorian* – László Dés–Elemér Balázs Quartet – Sony BMG (2005)

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- *Magyar Népdalok* – Balázs Elemér Group – X-Produkción (2005)
- *Utcazene* – László Dés – Tom-Tom (2005)
- *60/40* – Gábor Juhász – BMC (2004)
- *Our Worlds Beyond* – BEG – BMC (2003)
- *Blue in Red (Live)* – CAE Trio – CAE (2003)
- *Gentle Love* – Creative Art Group – CAE (2003)
- *Agent Spirituel* – Gábor Winand – BMC (2003)
- *Metszetek* – László Dés – Tom-Tom Records (2003)
- *Szervusz Szerellem* – Edit Csúry – Hungaroton (2003)
- *Around the World* – BEG – BMC (2002)
- *Hungarian Rhapsody* – Trio Midnight – Good International (2002)
- *Crossover Plus* – Class Jazz Band – CAE (2002)
- *Spanish Night* – Class Jazz Band – Gramy Records (2002)
- *Spanish Night Plus* – Class Jazz Band – CAE (2002)
- *A Song for You* – Irén Vadon – Etisol (2002)
- *Homeward* – Gábor Gadó – BMC (2001)
- *Crossover* – Class Jazz Band – Gramy Records (2001)
- *Follow Your Dreams* – Gábor Winand & Márta Téli – CD Bár Buda (2001)
- *Corners of My Mind* – Gábor Winand – BMC (2001)
- *On Track* – Trio Midnight – Wellington Communication Ltd. (2000)
- *Rambling Alone* – Annah Dániel – Belvárosi-Stereo (2000)
- *Alone* – Vukán Septet – CAE Rec. (2000)
- *Óbuda 2000* – CAE – Óbudai Önkormányzat (2000)
- *Friends Meeting* – Trio Midnight – RTBF Radio Bruxelles (2000)
- *Always That Moment* – Balázs Elemér Quintet – BMC (2000)
- *Endless Love* – CAE Trio – CAE Rec. (2000)
- *Downtown Stories* – Dely Roby Group – BMC (2000)
- *Greetings from the Angel* – Gábor Gadó – BMC (2000)
- *Conversation Plus* – Vukán–Szakcsi–Balázs – CAE Records (1999)
- *Childhood Round 2000* – BlackSmith Workshop – BMC (1999)
- *Egy Hazában* – CAE Trio – Magyar Rádió (1999)
- *Moods* – János Egri – Infoimpress (1998)
- *Fly* – Andrea Malek – TheArt (1998)
- *Contacts and Conflicts* – Viktor Hárs – PCM Multimédia (1998)
- *Én Voltam Boldogabb* – Károly Nyári – Charles Music (1998)
- *At the Moment* – Dániel Szabó Trio – Magyar Rádió (1998)
- *Smiling* – Márta Téli – Bizart (1998)
- *Neszmély International Jazz Festival* – CAE – Burr Studio (1997)
- *Street of Secrets* – Off Course – BMC (1997)
- *Happen* – Szakcsi Jr. – 9s Műhely (1997)



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- *I Let the Song* – János Mazura – Periferic Records (1997)
- *Iberia* – CAE Trio – CAE Records (1997)
- *All That Swing* – Annah Dániel – Belvárosi Zeneműkiadó (1997)
- *My New Way* – Balázs Elemér Quintet – TeArt (1997)
- *Neruda's Love Poems* – CAE – CAE Records (1997)
- *Things of This World* – Vukán–Balázs Duo – CAE Records (1997)
- *Meeting Point* – Andrea Malek & Five Season's Jazz – TeArt (1997)
- *In Memoriam Gershwin* – Mária Bornemissza & Trio Midnight – Art Yours (1997)
- *Obsession* – Ferenc Snétberger Trio – Enja (1997)



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