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**Roland Balogh**

Jazz guitar



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**PLACE OF BIRTH**  
**BUDAPEST**

**DATE OF BIRTH**  
**26. 09.1984.**

## **BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY**

Roland Balogh is a Junior Prima Award-winning jazz guitarist and composer, renowned for his virtuosic technique and distinctive style. He rose to international acclaim by winning the prestigious Montreux Jazz Guitar Competition in 2009, chaired by Lee Ritenour, and the Six String Theory Competition in Los Angeles in 2016.

### **Biography & career**

- Roland began playing guitar at the age of six, taught by his father in a self-taught manner.
- At sixteen, he received a special prize at the Szolnok Jazz Guitar Competition, encouraged by Hungarian jazz legend Gyula Babos.
- He studied at the Kőbánya Music Studio under the mentorship of Ferenc Tornóczy and Gyula Babos, graduating with a diploma in 2007.
- In 2009, he won the Voice&Guitar competition in Völklingen.
- His debut album *Twins Effect* was released in 2010 through Gramy Records and distributed internationally by GLM Records.
- In 2012, his song *Szerelemre ébredt*, ("Awakened by Love"), performed with his band Finucci Bros Quartet, won the Jazzy Radio's Jazzy Song Contest competing alongside prominent artists of the Hungarian music scene.
- This led to their 2013 album *Kész Regény*, a smooth jazz release acclaimed for its artistry and originality.

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### Performances & collaborations

- Roland has shared the stage with numerous international stars, including:
  - **Matthew Garrison** (2011 – Palace of Arts, Budapest)
  - **Lee Ritenour** (2014 – Sold-out concert at Millenáris Park)
  - **Will Kennedy** (Yellowjackets)
  - **Melvin Lee Davis**
  - **Israel Varela**
- He has opened for legendary acts such as
  - **Paco de Lucía,**
  - **Pat Metheny Group,**
  - **Dave Holland,**
- Roland has represented Hungary at major jazz festivals across Europe and beyond.
- In 2015, he represented Europe in New York at the Wes Montgomery Tribute Guitar Competition, where he was ranked among the world's top five jazz guitarists and placed second overall.
- In 2016, Roland won the Six String Theory competition in Los Angeles, earning the grand prize and a feature on Lee Ritenour's 2017 international release.



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