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Horváth Pluto József

Jazz bass guitar,
Jazz double bass



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HATVAN

DATE OF BIRTH
06. 08.1980.

BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

Education

- József Horváth began playing the double bass at the age of ten.
- In 1995, he was admitted to the Double Bass Department of the National Institute for Culture (OSZK), where he studied under renowned bassist János Egri.
- After two years of intensive training, he also started learning to play the bass guitar on a self-taught basis.
- He made his first professional appearance with the band of one of Hungary's jazz veterans, Jenő "Csibe" Balogh.
- This marked the beginning of a series of live performances, including an early opportunity to perform with the legendary Béla Szakcsi Lakatos.

Competitions

- Later, he formed a band called *Trio Heaven* with his young musician friends. With this group, he won first place at the 1998 **MAY Jazz Competition**, his first major contest.

Performances & Awards

- In 2000, he was invited to perform by jazz pianist **Árpád Oláh Tzumo**, joining his band and achieving significant success both in Hungary and abroad.
- In the summer of 2001, they won a prestigious jazz competition in **Vilshofen, Germany**.
- In **September 2001**, he was recognized as **Best Bassist** at the **Jazz Hoeilaart International Jazz Competition** in Brussels, Belgium.

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- The group also swept all the major awards: **Best Trio**
 - **Most Inventive Performance of the Compulsory Piece**
 - **Best European Soloist** (awarded to Tzumo)
 - **Best European Drummer** (awarded to Emil Jelinek)
- On **May 30, 2003**, he won first prize at the **Dandó Péter Jazz Bass Guitar Talent Competition**, organized by the Hungarian Radio.



Collaborations

Over the course of his career, József Horváth has performed with many prominent artists, including:

- **Tony Lakatos**
- **Chico Freeman**
- **John Patitucci**
- **Rick Marticca**
- **Liane Carroll**
- **Kálmán Oláh**
- **Ann Malcolm**
- **Torsten Devinkel**
- **Tamás Berki**
- **Vilmos Jávori**
- **Emilio**
- **Kati Rác**
- **Imre Kőszegi**
- **Béla Szakcsi Lakatos**
- **Gyula Babos**
- **Ferenc Németh**
- **Gyula Csepregi**
- **Rezső Jónás**
- **Ferenc Snétberger**

Current Projects

He is currently a member of the following ensembles:

- **Berki Tamás Band**
- **Jávori Sound Machine**
- **Csepregi Hip-Bob**
- **Jáger Latin Band**
- **Jágersoul**
- **Jáger Bandi Group**

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- **Blue Step Trio**
- **Finucci Bros Quartet**
- **Rezső Jónás Project**
- **Kati Rác Band**
- **Oláh Dezső Junior Trio**
- **Oláh Dezső Septet**
- **Salsa Cubano**
- **Tzumo Trio**
- **Jazz Garden Trio**
- **Jazzrael**

Own Band

Most recently, József Horváth has formed his own band, the **PlutoFusion Band**, which blends **jazz-rock** influences and features his own original compositions.



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