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## Béla Lakatos Szakcsi Jr.

Jazz-piano



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BUDAPEST

DATE OF BIRTH  
1968.07.15.

### BIOGRAPHY - DISCOGRAPHY

- From the age of six to sixteen, Béla Jr. studied classical music. He later committed himself to jazz, becoming one of Hungary's most prominent jazz pianists.
- Throughout his career, he has collaborated with numerous renowned Hungarian and international musicians, including:
  - **Dezső "Ablakos" Lakatos**
  - **Tony Lakatos**
  - **Rick Margitza**
  - **Jack DeJohnette**
  - **John Patitucci**
- While studying jazz at the Bartók Béla Conservatory of Music, he was already performing at festivals alongside established Hungarian jazz figures such as:
  - **Rudolf Tomsics**
  - **Imre Kőszegi**
  - **Géza "Pecek" Lakatos**
- In 1989, he co-founded the fusion group **Új Rákfogó**, which included:
  - **Kálmán Oláh** (piano)
  - **Rudolf Torma** (bass)
  - **Elemér Balázs** (drums)
  - **György Müller** (percussion)
  - **József Nagy** (tenor saxophone)

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- In 1994, he became a founding member of the **Babos Band**, led by **Gyula Babos**, alongside:

- **György Szappanos**
- **Gergő Borlai**
- **Béla Szakcsi Lakatos Jr.**

The group also served as the backing band for singer **Klári Katona**. They performed extensively at festivals both in Hungary and abroad.

- After this, he formed his own ensemble, which performed in both trio and expanded quintet formats, playing traditional acoustic jazz.

Together with **Csaba Tűzkő** (recently returned from France), he formed a new group featuring:

- **Viktor Hárs** on double bass
- **András "Pecek" Lakatos** on drums

- In 1998, he appeared on **Aladár Pege**'s album.

In 2000, his band, the Szakcsi Jr. Quartet, released an album titled *Happen*, featuring:

- **Rudolf Torma** (bass)
- **Elemér Balázs** (drums)
- **Csaba Tűzkő** (tenor saxophone)
- **Béla Szakcsi Lakatos Jr.** (piano)
- **Béla Szalóki** (trombone)

The album included original compositions and tributes to jazz legends such as **Freddie Hubbard** and **John Coltrane**.

- In 2003, he reached a major milestone in his career: he recorded an album with two world-renowned American jazz musicians, **Jack DeJohnette** (drums) and **John Patitucci** (double bass). The album was released in 2005.

- In 2001, he formed the **Bop-Bee Trio**, with:

- **András "Pecek" Lakatos** (drums)
- **György Orbán** (double bass)
- **Béla Szakcsi Lakatos Jr.** (piano, keys)

The trio performs modern interpretations of original compositions within the framework of the classic piano trio.

They have played at numerous festivals and clubs, including successful performances in **Bucharest** and **Braşov** in 2003.

- In 2004, in tribute to the legendary **Charlie "Bird" Parker**, the **Tribute to Charlie Parker Band** was formed to honor his legacy and musical spirit.



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The lineup included:

- **Csaba Tűzkő** (tenor saxophone)
- **Kristóf Bacsó** (alto saxophone)
- **János Egri** (double bass)
- **Géza "Pecek" Lakatos** (drums)



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