

Biography

Francesco Zampini (Prato, 1993) started to play guitar at the age of ten. After high school, in 2012, he started a “Jazz Guitar” Bachelor course at the Conservatoire of Florence “Luigi Cherubini”, where he studied with some of the most famous jazz players in Italy: Umberto Fiorentino, Fabrizio Sferra, and Raffaello Pareti. In July 2015 he graduated *cum laude* discussing a thesis regarding a complete transcription of Martijn van Iterson’s record “The Whole Bunch”, and he was admitted at the “Koninklijk Conservatorium” in The Hague for a Master course. Here he studied with Martijn van Iterson, Eef Albers, John Ruocco, Eric Ineke, and Jarmo Hoogendijk. He graduated in May 2017, discussing a second thesis on how to develop confidence in a Jazz Guitar Trio ensemble (guitar, bass, and drums).

During his residency in The Netherlands, Francesco attended many Master Classes held by many famous jazz players, such as Peter Bernstein, Lage Lund, Jonathan Kreisberg, Jeff Ballard, and Greg Hutchinson.

He took part in numerous national jazz competitions, always achieving remarkable results. Indeed, in 2016 he won the second prize as “Best soloist” inside the Italian competition “Premio Chicco Bettinardi”. During the same year, he was admitted to the finals at the “Vittoria Jazz Festival” and “Premio Marco Tamburini”. In 2018 he won the first prize at the national competition for guitar players “Davide Lufano Chaves”. In December 2019 he was selected as semifinalist for the prestigious International Guitar Competition (ex Monk Competition), promoted by the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz, Washington DC.

In the last four years he has had the opportunity to perform in Europe and Russia, playing with many well-known musicians such as Alex Sipiagin, Darcy James Argue, Ben van Gelder, Scott Hamilton, Alessandro Lanzoni, Jesper Bodilsen, Fabrizio Bosso, Giovanni Falzone, Emanuele Cisi, Roberto Tarenzi, Raffaello Pareti, Walter Paoli, Fabio Morgera, Nico Gori, Ares Tavolazzi, and Umberto Fiorentino.

Discography:

- Francesco Zampini Trio “*Early Perspectives*” (2019, *AlfaMusic*);
- Francesco Zampini Quintet “*Unknown Path*” feat. Alex Sipiagin (2020)