

Alexis Cuadrado

Biography

Alexis Cuadrado is native to Barcelona but has lived in New York since 1999. Since then, he's been an active member of the city's jazz scene. He currently leads the Alexis Cuadrado Quintet, an outlet for his compositions, and the band Alexis Cuadrado-Trio Ibérico, in which he mixes contemporary improvised music with music of Spanish origin.

Cuadrado has published three CDs as a leader: "Puzzles" (Brooklyn Jazz Underground Records, 2008), "Visual" (Fresh Sound New Talent, 2004) and "Metro" (FSNT, 2001). These CDs include all-original compositions and have received excellent media reviews and enthusiastic fan reactions.

He also has excellent credits as a sideman, with over 20 recording appearances and performances with such greats as Kurt Rosenwinkel, Bruce Barth, Ben Monder, Perico Sambeat, Mark Turner, Grammy Award winner Angelique Kidjo, Alguímia, Ben Waltzer/Bill McHenry Quartet, Chris Kase, Orquestra de Cambra teatre Lliure conducted by Lluís Vidal, Nuno Ferreira, Kris Bauman, Erik Jekabson or the Alan Ferber Nonet. He currently keeps busy freelancing with different bands in New York, the US and Europe.



Cuadrado graduated in Jazz Performance and Composition from the Taller De Músics in Barcelona (1993) he went on to study with the legendary concert bass master François Rabbath in Paris (1995-98). In 2001 he obtained a Master's Degree in Jazz Performance and Composition at the Aaron Copland School Of Music-Queens College (NY). He is currently a faculty member of the New School of Jazz and Contemporary Music in NYC and teacher worldwide as a guest lecturer.

Cuadrado is currently working on different projects: A new CD of duets with different guitarists with original compositions; a recording of the "Iberico" project in 2008; a series of short film scores accompanying George Méliés' movies; and arranging his own compositions for a jazz tentet.

He is a founder of the Brooklyn Jazz Underground, a 10 bandleader/composer collective that strives to promote originality and create awareness of innovative jazz artists in Brooklyn, and a co-owner of the newly formed label Brooklyn Jazz Underground Records.

Selected Discography

Alexis Cuadrado - *Puzzles* (Brooklyn Jazz Underground Records)
Alexis Cuadrado Sextet - *Visual* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Alexis Cuadrado - *Metro* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Joan Sanmartí - *1967*
Special Quartet - *Namouche*
Alan Ferber Nonet - *The Compass* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
John Chin – *Blackout Conception* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Alan Ferber Nonet - *Scenes From an Exit Row* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Erik Jekabson - *Intersection* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Tama Waipara - *Triumph Of Time* (Obliqsound)
Nuno Ferreira Quintet - *Long Distance Calls* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Orquestra de Cambra Teatre Lliure - *Tribute to Duke Ellington* (Fresh Sound NT)
Chris Kase Quartet - *Te Espero Aquí* (Satchmo Jazz Records)
The Ben Waltzer-Bill McHenry Quartet - *Jazz Is Where You Find It* (Fresh Sound NT)
Alguimia – *U* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Alguimia – *Dos* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
Alguimia – *Standards* (Fresh Sound New Talent)