

IGOR GERŽINA - bio

Igor Geržina is a saxophonist, composer, and producer who has been shaping the Croatian and international music scene with his distinctive musical signature for many years.

His musical journey began at the age of seven with the violin, the instrument with which he had his first stage experiences and won 4th prize at the national competition. At the age of fifteen, he discovered the saxophone, the instrument that would define his life and career.

He studied and graduated in classical music from the Academy of Music in Zagreb, under the guidance of Professor Dragan Sremec. During his studies, he won several national awards, attended seminars by renowned professor Claude Delangle (CNSM – Paris), and performed as a soloist with the Zagreb Philharmonic in the Concerto for Saxophone and Orchestra by Pavle Dešpalj, conducted by Maestro Dešpalj himself.

As a scholarship recipient of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Igor furthered his skills under Bill Pierce (Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers) and Frank Tiberi (Woody Herman Big Band). He also attended classes in Music Production & Engineering, marking the beginning of his production career – a part of his artistry that would become as important as his performance work.

With over 140 discographic releases to his name, Igor is one of the most sought-after studio and live saxophonists in the region. His collaborations with artists such as Parni Valjak, Massimo, Gibonni, Dino Dvornik, Josipa Lisac, Nina Badrić, Tony Cetinski and many others attest to his versatility and recognizable sound.

As a solo artist, Igor stands out with his elegant blend of smooth jazz, pop, and funk. His original albums such as Metropolis, One Click World, Bucket List, and the most recent Love Songbook have been broadcast on radio stations in over 150 countries, with his compositions featured on hundreds of international playlists.

In his role as music producer for the Croatian Radiotelevision Jazz Orchestra, Igor has produced over 200 concerts for radio and television, contributed to more than 20 discographic releases, and won several Porin Awards. Throughout this time, he collaborated with world-renowned musicians including Dee Dee Bridgewater, Arturo Sandoval, Michael Abene, Christian McBride, Branford Marsalis, Miroslav Vitous, Ed Neumeister, Ernie Watts, Victor Goines, Alex Sipiagin, as well as leading figures of the Croatian jazz scene such as Matija Dedić, Tamara Obrovac, Miljenko Prohaska, Silvije Glojnarić, and others.

His work has been recognized by the music industry – he is the recipient of 17 Porin Awards, 6 Status Awards for Best Instrumentalist, as well as the Crni Mačak and Rock&Off Awards. His composition Dream For The Future was performed at the inauguration of Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović – a testament to how his music resonates both in intimate clubs and on grand historic occasions.

Wherever you hear him – live, on the radio, or on streaming platforms – Igor Geržina's music always carries a signature sound: warmth, virtuosity, and emotion.

AWARDS:

Croatian Music Award Porin

Igor as a band member:

1995. Porin: Soulfingers - *Najbolja instrumentalna pop/rock izvedba* za album '*Live in B.P. Club*'

1998. Porin: Songkillers - *Najbolji novi izvođač*

Igor as a member of Croatian Radiotelevision Jazz Orchestra:

2013. Porin: *Najbolji koncertni album* za '*Still Standing*' (Radojka Šverko i Revijski orkestar HRT-a)

Igor's solo albums:

2014. Porin: *Najbolji instrumentalni album* '*One Click World*'

2014. Porin: *Najbolja instrumentalna izvedba* za skladbu '*Counting Stars*'

2017. Porin: *Najbolji instrumentalni album* '*Bucket List*'

2019. Porin: *Najbolji instrumentalni album* '*Svim na zemlji*'

2021. Porin: *Najbolja instrumentalna izvedba (izvan klasične i jazz glazbe)* za skladbu "*Escape*"

Igor as a producer of Croatian Radiotelevision (HRT) Jazz Orchestra:

2013. Porin: *Best Jazz Album* - '*Family*' (Matija Dedić i JO HRT)

2018. Porin: *Best Jazz Album* - '*Chui ovu glazbu*' (Chui & Jazz orkestar HRT)

2020. Porin: *Best Jazz Album* - '*Organic Intelligence*' (Joe Kaplowitz & Jazz orkestar HRT)

2021. Porin: *Best Jazz Album* - '*Tumbao*' (Cubismo & Jazz orkestar HRT)

2023. Porin: *Best Jazz Album* - '*Insite*' (Davor Križić & Jazz orkestar HRT)

2023. Porin: *Best Pop Album* - '*Za vašu poslijepodnevnu razonodu*' (Darko Rundek & Jazz orkestar HRT)

2024. Porin: *Best Cross-Genre Album* - '*Nešto veće od nas*' (Mangroove & Jazz orkestar HRT)

2025. Porin: *Best Jazz Album* - '*Moja Kuba*' (Miron Hauser & Jazz orkestar HRT)

Igor as a producer of Croatian Radiotelevision (HRT) Tamburitza Orchestra (Croatian folk instruments):

2020. Porin: *Best tamburitza album* - '*Kajkavski biseri*' (Bojan Jambrošić & Tamburitza Orchestra HRT-a)

Status Award:

2002. Status: Best Jazz instrumentalist

2007. Status: Best pop-rock instrumentalist

2012. Status: Best Jazz instrumentalist

2013. Status: Best pop-rock instrumentalist

2014. Status: Best pop-rock instrumentalist

Crni Mačak Award

1999. Najbolji rock instrumentalist

Rock-Off Award

2023. Rock-Off: Jazz&Off Artist Of The Year - Mangroove & Jazz orkestar HRT

FULL DISCOGRAPHY:

1. Boris Novković: *100 x* (Jugoton 1991)
2. Alter Ego: *Drugo ime za ljubav* (Orfej 1993)
3. Soulfingers: *Live in B.P. Club* (Croatia Records 1993)
4. Dino Dvornik: *Afrika* (Croatia Records 1995)
5. Tony Cetinski: *Ljubav i bol* (ZG ZOE 1995)
6. Mandi: *Nisi me bio vrijedan* (Croatia Records 1995)
7. Ritmo Locco: *Za ljubav jedne žene* (Dinaton 1995)
8. I. Bee: *Bogovi su pali na tjeme* (Croatia Records 1996)
9. Naturalna mistika: *Uživancija* (Kondor Comm 1996)
10. Darko Rundek: *Apokalipso* (Jabukaton 1996)
11. Razni izvođači: *Lagano, lagano...* (Aquarius Records 1996)
12. Nina Badrić: *Personality* (ZG ZOE 1997)
13. Dino Dvornik: *Enfant Terrible* (Croatia Records 1997)
14. Divas: *Ladies* (Croatia Records 1997)
15. Pađen band: *Izbrisani grafiti* (Croatia Records 1997)
16. Parni valjak: *Samo snovi teku uzvodno* (Croatia Records 1997)
17. Leteći odred: *Kuda ide ovaj vlak* (Orfej 1997)
18. Songkillers: *Fleka* (Aquarius Records 1997)
19. Elvis Stanić Group: *Terra Sacra* (Croatia Records 1997)
20. Buč: *J.M.B.G.* (ZG ZOE 1997)
21. Zadar fest '97 (Orfej 1997)
22. Pop-fest ARENA '97 (Croatia Records 1997)
23. Šajeta: *Božja beseda i vražje delo* (Croatia Records 1997)
24. Meri Cetinić: *Putovanja* (Orfej 1998)
25. Ilan Kabiljo: *The Fugitive* (Croatia Records 1998)
26. Tony Cetinski: *A1* (Croatia Records 1998)
27. Sandi Cenov: *Neke pjesme ljubavne* (Orfej 1998)
28. Razni izvođači: *Lagano, lagano...dvije godine kasnije* (Aquarius Records 1998)
29. Mondo Bobo, soundtrack (Aquarius Records 1998)
30. Freakys: *Get Freaky* (Menart 1998)
31. Split '98 (ZG ZOE 1998)
32. Zadar fest '98 (Croatia Records/Orfej 1998)
33. Denise: *Denise* (Orfej 1998)
34. Đavoli: *Space Twist* (Dallas Records 1998)
35. Songkillers: *Cosmic* (Aquarius Records 1999)
36. Mayales: *Svima Želim Raj Za Sve* (Aquarius Records 1999)
37. Vanna: *Ispod istog neba* (Croatia Records 1999)
38. Nina Badrić: *Unique* (Croatia Records 1999)
39. Elvis Stanić Group: *Samba Mediterranea* (Croatia Records 1999)
40. Electro Spiritus: *Očev dom* (HKR 1999)
41. 3. hrvatski radijski festival - Vodice '99. (Croatia Records 1999)
42. Petar Grašo: *Utorak* (Croatia Records/Tonika 1999)
43. Dino Dvornik: *Big Mama* (Croatia Rec 1999)
44. Eddy & Dus: *High Life* (Penso Positivo 1999)
45. Boris Leiner: *Bioritam* (Cantus 2000)
46. Vanna: *24 sata* (Croatia Records 2000)
47. Dino Merlin: *Sredinom* (Croatia Records 2000)
48. Divas: *Divas* (Croatia Records 2000)
49. ET : *Disco Neckt* (Croatia Records 2000)
50. Josipa Lisac: *Život* (Croatia Records 2000)
51. HRF *Vodice 2000* (Croatia Records 2000)
52. Ivana Brkić: *Prste k sebi* (Croatia Records 2000)
53. Fides: *Novi vijek* (Svjetlo malo 2000)
54. P'eggy: *Wuk* (Kondorcomm 2001)
55. Dora 2001 (Croatia Records 2001)
56. Leteći Odred: *Daj mi sebe* (Dallas Records 2001)
57. DVD Gibonni: *Millenium koncert ISDN* (HT 2001)
58. DVD Parni Valjak: *25 godina – uživo u Domu sportova* (HT, 2001.)

59. Hotline: *U oči me pogledaj* (Croatia Records, 2001.)
60. Parni Valjak : *Kao nekada Live in SC* (Croatia Records, 2001)
61. HRF *Vodice 20001*(Croatia Records 2001)
62. Tina Rupčić: *Prvi put* (Croatia Records 2002)
63. Buđenje: *Lipo vrime* (Orfej 2002)
64. Melodije hrvatskog Jadrana 2002 (Coatia Records 2002)
65. Dino Dvornik: *Svicky* (Croatia Records 2002)
66. Soma dolara: *Casino* (Crno bijeli svijet 2003)
67. Tony Cetinski: *A sada...* (Hit Records 2003)
68. Matija Vuica: *Carica* (Croatia Records 2003)
69. Zadarfest 2003 (Hit Records 2003)
70. Hotline: *Kriv za sve* (Suzy 2003)
71. Buđenje: *Kosti i tilo* (Scardona 2005)
72. Rivers: *Rivers* (Aquarius Records 2005)
73. Boris Kreiner: *Zodiac* (Croatia Records 2005)
74. Žak Houdek: *Živim za to* (Croatia Records 2006)
75. Maja Vučić: *Lice koje znaš* (Menart 2006)
76. Igor Geržina: *Sax Album* (Aquarius Records 2006)
77. Maja Šuput: *Obori me s nogu* (Hit Records 2006)
78. Dora 2007 (Orfej 2007)
79. Silvije Glojnarčić, Big Band HRT-a: *Portrait* (Cantus 2007)
80. B.R.K. *Bolji svijet* (Dancing Bear 2007)
81. Igor Geržina: *Dalmatian Sax* (Aquarius Records 2008)
82. Calido: *Dobar razlog* (Aquarius Records 2008)
83. Lana Jurčević: *Volim biti zaljubljena* (Hit Records 2008)
84. Bruno Krajcar *Mate balota* (Cantus 2008)
85. Big Band HRT-a i ansambl Lado: *Jazzlando* (Orfej 2008)
86. Ladislav Fidri i Big Band HRT-a: *Memories* (Cantus/HRT 2009)
87. Zdenka Kovačiček & JO HRT: *Jazz Portrait* (Orfej/HRT 2009)
88. A.T.Šaban/Big Band HRT-a: *Za jednom kapi čistoga života* (Aquarius 2010)
89. Miro Ungar & Big Band HRT-a: *Sad li nikad* (Aquarius Records 2010)
90. Vanna: *Sjaj* (Croatia Records 2010)
91. Big Band HRT-a: *Veselje ti navješćujem* (Aquarius Records 2010)
92. Massimo: *Massimo sings Sinatra* (Aquarius Records 2010)
93. Jelena Balent & Big band HRT-a: *Avanturo, još nas ima* (Croatia Records 2011)
94. Zagrebfest 2011 (Cantus 2011)
95. Jazz orkestar HRT-a: *U sredi našeg sela* (Aquarius Records 2012)
96. Igor Geržina: *Metropolis* (Status produkcija 2012)
97. Joe & Lela Kaplowitz i Jazz orkestar HRT-a: *With Every Breath* (Aquarius Records 2012)
98. Radojka Šverko i Jazz orkestar HRT-a: *Still Standing* (Croatia Records 2012)
99. Matija Dedić i Jazz orkestar HRT-a: *Family* (Croatia Records 2012)
100. Boa: *Indigo* (Menart 2013)
101. Igor Geržina: *One Click World* (Status produkcija 2013)
102. Leteći odred: *Agent za ljubav* (Croatia Records 2013)
103. Antun Tomislav Šaban: *Swing Analysis* (FonArt/Aquarius Records 2014)
104. Rex Richardson: *Bugles Over Zagreb* (R.Richardson Production 2014)
105. Massimo: *1 dan ljubavi* (Aquarius Records 2015)
106. Ty Causey: *Cause & Effect* (Tyvonnmusic 2015)
107. Mak Murtić & Croatian Radiotelevision Jazz Orch: *Antarctica And Other Destinations* (World Local rec 2015)
108. Valerija Nikolovska & Viktor Lipić with HRT Jazz Orchestra: *Well Paid Girl* (Croatia Records 2015)
109. ManGroove: *Sami* (Menart 2015)
110. Lasse Lindgren & JO HRT: *Lasse Lindgren Plays The ABBA Songbook* (Imogena Records 2015)
111. Nebojša Buhin: *Crossing Over* (Laudato 2015)
112. Gradska Glazba Samobor: *Šafrun* (Spona 2016)
113. Singrlice: *Ajde cure u...* (Croatia Records 2016)
114. Igor Geržina: *Bucket List* (Status podukcija 2016)
115. Jurica Leikauff: *Rush* (Croatia Records 2016)
116. Massimo i Zg solisti: *Isti osjećaj* (Aquarius Records 2017)
117. Marko Tolja & JO HRT: *Stavi pravu stvar* (Aquarius Records 2017)
118. Elvis Stanić: *Air/Zrak* (Croatia Records 2017)
119. Chui i JO HRT: *Chui ovu glazbu* (Dancing Bear 2017)
120. Parni valjak: *Live in Pula* (Croatia Records 2017)
121. Mia Dimšić: *Božićno jutro* (Croatia Records 2017)
122. Zbor BC Mačkovec: *Radost Božića* (B.C. Mačkovec 2017)
123. Boa II: *Boa II* (Menart 2018)

124. Igor Geržina: *Svim na zemlji* (Status produkcija 2018)
125. Parni Valjak: *Vrijeme* (Croatia Records 2018)
126. Dino Dvornik: *Specijal - Zimzeleno, a novo* (Croatia Records 2018)
127. L.Janjanin & D.Rizvić I JO HRT: *Miracles* (Croatia Records 2018)
128. S.Glojnarić, JO HRT: *4 lica jazza* (Cantus 2019)
129. Joe Kaplowitz i JO HRT: *Organic Intelligence* (Aquarius 2019)
130. Tamara Obrovac Transhistria Ensemble i Jazz orkestar HRT-a: *Villa Idola* (Aquarius records 2020)
131. Cubismo i Jazz orkestar HRT-a: *Tumbao* (Aquarius records 2020)
132. Zvezdan Ružić i JO HRT: *Giants Freedom* (Z.R. HRT 2021)
133. Leikauff: *Curves* (Croatia Records 2022)
134. Davor Križić i JO HRT: *Insite* (Aquarius 2022)
135. Darko Rundek i JO HRT: *Za vašu posljednevnu razonodu* (Menart/HRT 2022)
136. Mangroove i JO HRT: *Nešto veće od nas* (Aquarius 2022)
137. JO HRT: *Tribute To Dino Dvornik* (Croatia Records 2022)
138. Mario Bočić i JO HRT: *Candide* (Croatia Records 2023)
139. JO, zbor i gudači HRT: *Božić oko svijeta* (HRT 2024)
140. JO i Miron Hauser: *Moja Cuba* (Cantus 2024)
141. Jacques Houdek: *Lisinski Live* (Croatia Records 2024)
142. Vanna: *Dan po dan* (Croatia Records 2024)
143. Massimo: *Evergreen Vještina* (Aquarius 2024)
144. Igor Geržina: *Love Songbook* (Status produkcija 2025)