

STEFAN PASBORG

One of the most personal and versatile young European drummers / bandleaders – from groove to abstract !
Three time Danish Music Awards-winner STEFAN PASBORG is a highly energetic drummer from the melting pot of Copenhagen, and after getting a snare drum, a cymbal and a high-hat at the age of three from renowned jazz drummer Alex Riel, he has developed into a very personal musician on the European jazz scene.

During the last years the jazz critics have praised him with words like:

"...Pasborg definitely proved that he is one of the best young drummers in Europe... For everyone who appreciates drums and percussion at their best, listen closely to Stefan's work and be amazed... Energetic and extremely competent drumming by Stefan Pasborg... He is an outstanding drummer!"

He has performed and recorded with musicians like: *John Tchicai, Marc Ducret, Ellery Eskelin, Tomasz Stanko, Ray Anderson, Tim Berne, Palle Danielsson, Anders Jormin, Miroslav Vitous, Michael Formanek, Carsten Dahl, Jesper Zeuthen, Alex Riel, Dawda Jobarteh, Mikko Innanen, Liudas Mockunas, Kjetil Møster, Lotte Anker and Peter Friis Nielsen* among others....And has toured the most of Europe and in USA, Canada, Africa and Asia - in more than 30 countries, on 5 continents, from Shanghai to Vancouver, from Monte-Carlo to Moscow, from Varanger to Casablanca, and from New York to São Paulo - both as a leader and as a sideman.

He is the founding member of successful bands like: *Ibrahim Electric, Pasborgs Odessa XL, Toxikum, Firebirds, Free Moby Dick, Delirium ...* Besides his many bands and projects, he also performs solo-concerts regularly.

At Danish Music Awards 2004 he was voted '*New jazz-name of The Year*'...and his release '*Toxikum*' was voted '*Jazz Discovery of the Year*'.

His first release as a leader – *TriplePoint* (ILK 2007) – was selected into worldwide TOP 5 '*Best Debut Albums of 2007*' by the American magazine *The New York City Jazz Record*, and his release '*Pasborg Odessa X-tra Large*' received a "grammy" at Danish Music Awards 2011.

He is the founding member of the record label and collective *ILK Music*.

During 2011 Stefan Pasborg was chosen to be Artist-in-Residence at Copenhagen Jazzhouse, and in 2012 the national Danish television (DR) showed 5 documentary programs about him and his bands / projects.

Pasborg has won prizes like f.ex. the Soloist-prize at '*16th European Jazz Contest 1997*' in Germany, the 1st Prize at '*5th European Tournament of Improvised Music 2001*' in France, '*Jazznytpriisen 2012*' in Denmark...and has received grants for artistic work from among others: Danish Arts Foundations, Danish Musicians Union, Norden, KODA, DJBFA.

Releases as a leader:

PASBORG & MOCKUNAS '*Toxikum*' (ILK Music - 2003 Denmark)
STEFAN PASBORG '*Triplepoint*' (ILK Music - 2007 Denmark)
PASBORG's ODESSA 5 '*Pasborg's Odessa 5*' (Stunt Records - 2008 Denmark)
PASBORG's ODESSA 5 '*X-tra Large*' (Stunt Records - 2010 Denmark)
PASBORG's ODESSA 5 '*X-tra Large*' "LIVE" (Stunt Records - 2012 Denmark)
PASBORG's "*Free Moby Dick*" (ILK Music – 2012 Denmark)
ALEX RIEL / STEFAN PASBORG "*Drumfaces*" (Stunt Records – 2013 Denmark)
STEFAN PASBORG / CARSTEN DAHL – DUO "*Live at SMK*" (ILK Music – 2014 Denmark)

Selected releases as a collective / side-man:

DELIRIUM '*Delirium*' (Fiasko Records - 2002 Finland)
ICTUS – Ducret, Anker, Pasborg, Friis-Nielsen '*Live*' (ILK Music - 2005 Denmark)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC '*Meets Ray Anderson*' (Stunt Records - 2005 Denmark)
FRA DE VARME LANDE '*Fra De Varme Lande*' (ILK Music - 2006 Denmark)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC '*Absinthe*' (Stunt Records - 2006 Denmark)
CARSTEN DAHL '*EXPERIENCE*' "*Humilitas*" (Storyville – 2008 Denmark)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC '*Brothers of Utopia*' (Target Records - 2008 Denmark)
WADADA LEO SMITH & TUMO "*Occupy the World*" (TUM Records – 2012 Finland)
SAMUEL HÄLLKVIST "*Variety of Loud*" (BoogiePost Recordings / Plugged Music – Sweden 2012)
CARSTEN DAHL '*EXPERIENCE*' "*Reveréntia*" (Storyville – 2013 Denmark)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC '*Rumours from Outer Space*' (ILK Music - 2014 Denmark)