

STEFAN PASBORG

"This is not just one of Europe's most interesting drummers, but one of Europe's most interesting musicians...Stefan Pasborg, the H.C. Andersen of contemporary jazz" - Jazz Journal, UK

"For everyone who appreciates drums at their best, listen closely to Stefan's work and be amazed" - Hammondbeat, USA.

"The revelation of the set was undoubtedly the drummer Stefan Pasborg" - The Wire Magazine, UK.

"Stefan Pasborg definitely proved that he is one of the best drummers in Europe" - Jazz Podium, Germany.

Stefan Pasborg is one of his generation's most brilliant, inspiring and visionary musicians, and has over the last 25 years established himself as one of the most successful Danish instrumentalists.

He has performed more than 2.000 concerts all over the world, in 40 different countries, on 5 continents, from Shanghai to Vancouver, from Monte-Carlo to Moscow, from Varanger to Casablanca, from Zanzibar to Seoul and from New York to São Paulo - and has released countless significant releases.

And, in addition, he has been a strong and visionary initiator who, among other things, has given us both the orchestra Ibrahim Electric and the record company ILK Music.

If you have been just a little interested in what has moved in the circles around jazz and improvised music coming from Europe over the past 25 years, you will no doubt at some point also have become acquainted with Stefan Pasborgs eternally inventive drumming.

Pasborg is truly a center of power, not only because of the musical nerve and sense of rhythm he brings to the table, but also because of his constant ability to develop and kick off one exciting project after another.

With bands like *Ibrahim Electric*, *Magic Spirit Quartet*, *Pasborgs Odessa 5-XL*, *The Firebirds*, *Toxikum*, *Free Moby Dick*, *Stefan Pasborg Trio w/ Carsten Dahl & Fredrik Lundin* or in duo-settings with a.o. *Dawda Jobarteh*, Pasborg manages to impress both critics and audiences, and has performed with such diverse musicians from the very elite of musicians worldwide like f.ex *Ray Anderson*, *Ellery Eskelin*, *Enrico Pierranunzi*, *Wadada Leo Smith*, *Tomasz Stanko*, *John Tchicai*, *Marc Ducret*, *Miroslav Vitous*, *Majid Bekkas*, *Tim Berne*, *Palle Danielsson*, *Anders Jormin*, *Goran Kajfes*, *Ståle Storlækken*, *Juhani Aaltonen*, *Alex Riel*, *Mikko Innanen*, *Liudas Mockunas*, *Kjetil Møster*, *Annisette*, *Carsten Dahl*, *Jesper Zeuthen*, *Alex Riel*, *Lotte Anker* and *Peter Friis Nielsen*.

Furhermore he has performed countless solo-concerts in many different festivals and clubs around Europe.

Stefan Pasborg is a triple *Danish Music Award* winner... In 2011 he was selected to be Artist-in-Residence at *Copenhagen Jazzhouse*... In 2012 he had the honor of being the first musician on stage on the opening night of the rebuilt *Copenhagen Jazzhouse*, and the same year National Danish Television showed five documentaries about him. Pasborg has won prizes such as the Soloist Prize at the *16th European Jazz Contest* in Germany, the 1st prize at the *5th European Tournament of Improvised Music* in France, *JazzNyt-Prisen* in 2012 and one of the most prestigious music- prizes in his native Denmark: *Gudmanprisen* in 2017.

The music score Pasborg did for the finnish movie *HIT BIG* ("Hetki Lyö"), was nominated for a Jussi Award in 2023, and won the prestigious *Musical Insight of the Year* award given by Teosto and Gramex in Finland in 2023.

Pasborg has furthermore received grants for artistic work from among others: Danish Arts Foundations, Danish Musicians Union, Norden, KODA, DJBFA.

SELECTED RELEASES AS BANDLEADER / CO-LEADER / BANDS:

DELIRIUM -w/ Innanen, Tranberg, Westergaard (Fiasko Rec. - 2002 Finland)
RØD PLANET – w/ Mockunas, Riis, Pasborg (TCB Music – 2003 Denmark)
PASBORG / MOCKUNAS 'Toxikum' (ILK Music - 2003 DK)
TRIOT with JOHN TCHICAL: “Sudden Happiness” (Tum Records – 2004 Finland)
ICTUS – w/ Ducret, Anker, Friis-Nielsen: “Live” (ILK Music – 2005 DK)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC: “Meets Ray Anderson” (Stunt Records – 2005 DK)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC: “Absinthe” by Ibrahim Electric (Stunt Records – 2006 DK)
STEFAN PASBORG 'Triplepoint' (ILK Music - 2007 DK)
PASBORG's ODESSA 5 (Stunt Records - 2008 DK)
PASBORG's ODESSA 5 'X-tra Large' (Stunt Records - 2010 DK)
STEFAN PASBORG “Free Moby Dick” (ILK– 2012 DK)
RIEL / PASBORG “Drumfaces” (Stunt Records – 2013 DK)
PASBORG / DAHL – DUO “Live at SMK” (ILK– 2014 DK)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC: “Rumours from Outer Space” (ILK– 2014 DK)
STEFAN PASBORG: “The Firebirds” (ILK– 2015 DK)
DAWDA JOBARTEH / STEFAN PASBORG: “Duo” (ILK– 2016 DK)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC: “The Xmas Album” (stixshop – 2018 Denmark)
IBRAHIM ELECTRIC: “Time Machine” (Stunt Records –2020 DK)
RIEL / PASBORG “Universe–Live” Anisette, Mikkelborg m.fl. (Stunt–2021 DK)
INNANEN-PASBORG-PIROMALLI (Clean Feed – 2021 Portugal)
STEFAN PASBORG “Ritual Dances” (Sunnyside Records – 2022 USA)
STEFAN PASBORG TRIO w/ Dahl & Lundin (ILK– 2024 DK)
STEFAN PASBORG TRIO w/ Dahl & Lundin “Live in Denmark” (ILK– 2024 DK)
THE FIREBIRDS - Banke, Filipsen, Pasborg "Adaptations" (Dacapo - 2024 DK)
STEFAN PASBORG TRIO w/ Dahl & Lundin “Dear Alex” (Stunt– 2025 DK)

SELECTED RELEASES AS SIDE-MAN:

CARSTEN DAHL ‘EXPERIENCE’: “Humilitas” (Storyville – 2008 Denmark)
JONAS MÜLLER: "East African Prayer Meeting Suite" (ILK Music - 2008 DK)
WADADA LEO SMITH & TUMO: “Occupy the World” (TUM Rec. – 2012 Finland)
SAMUEL HÄLLKVIST: “Variety of Loud” (BoogiePost – 2012 Sweden)
OTTO DONNER & TUMO: “And It Happened...” (TUM – 2013 Finland)
CARSTEN DAHL ‘EXPERIENCE’: “Reveréntia” (Storyville – 2013 Denmark)
SAMUEL HÄLLKVIST: “Variety of Live” (BoogiePost – 2015 Sweden)
POLKADELIC BEBOP TRIO (limited-edition EP-vinyl, no label – 2018 Denmark)
CARSTEN DAHL / TRINITY: “Painting Music” (ACT Music – 2019 Germany)
MAJID BEKKAS: “Magic Spirit Quartet” (ACT Music – 2020 Germany)
CARSTEN DAHL / TRINITY: “Mirrors Within” (Storyville – 2021 Denmark)
CARSTEN DAHL: “The solo songs of Keith Jarrett” (Storyville – 2023 DK)