

# Gabriele di Franco

Composer, arranger, and guitarist

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SHORT BIO (UPDATED - June. 2021)

**Gabriele di Franco**, born in Italy and currently living in Brussels is a European **composer, arranger, and guitarist**.

He defines himself as an ambiguous artist; living that undefined space between jazz, classical, and world music, focusing on deepness and consciousness in the process of making choices. In other words: composing.

Gabriele graduated in 2014 with a **major in Jazz guitar** at the Nino Rota Conservatory (IT) with an additional year at the renowned Musik und Kunst Privatuniversität der Stadt Wien (AUS). Gabriele holds a **Master in Jazz Composition & Arranging** from the Royal Conservatory of Brussels (KCB), where he studied with composers such as [Kris Defoort](#), [Lode Mertens](#), and [Peter Swinnen](#).



Gabriele has received several international awards and honours for his works.

Among them, he won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the three-year competition "**Jazz Comp Graz 2017**" for Jazz Orchestra composers under 30 (jury: Ed Partyka, John Hollenbeck, Michael Abene and Jörg Achim Keller).

In June 2021, Gabriele was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> prize at the "**Helsinki International Big Band Composing Contest**" with his composition Berlin (jury: Bob Mintzer, Ed Partyka, Antti Rissanen and Iro Haarla).

Currently, Gabriele is working on his first participative **music-theatre project "LULELA"**: a *multi-layered jazz concert with storytelling* where the destiny of the protagonist (and the whole performance) is in the hands of the audience.

For LULELA (produced by [LODmuziektheater](#)) Gabriele composed music, text, and dramaturgy.

In January 2021 the text of the music-theatre project LULELA, was also published as a book by [Albatros il Filo](#) (more info at: [LULELA il Libro](#)).

## Discography

[Tesseract trio - EP](#) (auto production BE - 2020)

[Bud Powell Jazz Orchestra - DEDALO](#) (Ass. Cult. Jazz Bud Powell - IT 2018)

[Gottfried di Franco - So Far](#) (Sena Production - NL 2018)

[Mynah - Intro](#) (Emme Record Label - IT 2015)

[Bija - Bija](#) (Slam production - UK 2014)

## Books

[Lulela - il Libro](#) (Albatros il Filo - IT 2021)

## Awards

"3<sup>rd</sup> prize" - *Helsinki International Big Band Composing Contest - "Berlin" (Big Band Composition/Arrangement)* (2021)

"Elevator Jazz Pitch" - *injazz.nl - berthold rec - LULELA* (2019)

"Second best Composer" - *Jazz Comp Graz - "Aspetta" (Big Band Arrangement)* (2017)

"SIAE" scholarship for authors and composers under 35 (2017)

"Audience Award" - *Sibiu Jazz Contest - Bija* (2017)

"Black Music Contest" - *Multiculturita - Bija* (2017)

"Band Revelation Of The Year" - *Jazzup - Bija* (2012)

"Soundslice" - *Bija* (2012)