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## Curriculum Vitae

(UPDATED – June 2022)

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### Education

Master in Jazz Composition & Arranging at Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel (Belgium) - cum laude	a.a. 2015-2018
Bachelor of Jazz Guitar at Conservatorio Nino Rota di Monopoli (Italy) - 110/110	a.a. 2014-2015
Erasmus experience at Konservatorium Wien Privatuniversität (Austria) - MUK	a.a. 2014-2015
Diploma in Theory, Solfeggio and Music dictation at Conservatorio Tito Schipa di Lecce (Italy)	a.a. 2009-2011

### Teachers

Kris Defoort, Koninklijk conservatorium van Brussel (BE)	2015 – 2018
Peter Swinnen, Koninklijk conservatorium van Brussel (BE)	2017 – 2018
Lode Mertens, Koninklijk conservatorium van Brussel (BE)	2015 – 2018
Michael Aebene, Kunst Uni Graz, Jazz Comp Graz (AT)	2017
John Hollenbeck, Kunst Uni Graz, Jazz Comp Graz (AT)	2017
Jörg Achim Keller, Kunst Uni Graz, Jazz Comp Graz (AT)	2017
Andy Middleton, Konservatorium Wien Privatuniversität MUK (AT)	2014 – 2015
Gianni Lenoci, Conservatorio Nino Rota di Monopoli (IT)	2014 – 2015

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## Teaching Experiences - Highlights

November 2021 - ongoing	<b>Teacher Jazz Composition and Theorie</b> GA voor Kunst / Muziek, Woord & Dans Stad Genk - Stadsplein 1 - 3600 Genk (BE)
November and December 2021	<b>Teacher Jazz Composition and Arrangement</b> Muziekacademie "J.H.Fiocco" van het G-O! Lambermontlaan, 184-186 1030 Brussel (BE)
January 2019 - September 2019	<b>Jazz Composition and Arranging Teacher</b> Ass. Cult. Jazz Bud Powell, Maglie - IT
26 <sup>th</sup> August to 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018	<b>Teacher of Big Band and Arrangement at Maglie Jazz Summer School</b> Piazzetta Stazione 5, Maglie - IT
September 2011- July 2014	<b>Technical coordinator</b> <a href="#">Laboratori musicali</a> , via Marshall / via F. Caffé, 1-73019 Trepuzzi (LE) - IT
September 2011- July 2014	<b>Jazz/Modern guitar, music theory, composition teacher and Ensemble teacher</b> <a href="#">Laboratori musicali</a> , via Marshall / via F. Caffé, 1-73019 Trepuzzi (LE) - IT
September 2013 - July 2014	<b>Modern guitar teacher</b> Ragtime Music School, via Potenza 20, 73021 Calimera (LE) - IT
July 2012	<b>Assistant of the Guitar Class (Garrison Fewell)</b> at Otranto Jazz Festival 2012 – Otranto (LE) - IT

## Releases and Publications

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- March 2022      **[SYNOLON](#) – di Franco , Negro duo (workin’ label – IT)**  
*(guitarist and composer)*  
Gabriele di Franco guitar, Francesco Negro piano
- January 2021      **[LULELA il Libro](#) – book (Albatros il Filo – IT)**  
*(author)*  
The book is an adaptation of the text from the eponymous music-theatre performance
- October 2021      **[Quiet Dreams](#) – Ramon van Merkenstein trio ( homerecords.be – BE)**  
*(guitarist)*  
Gabriele di Franco guitar, Ramon van Merkenstein bass, Lieven Venken drums
- June 2020      **[Tesseract trio](#) – EP (autoproduction - BE)**  
*(guitarist and composer)*  
Gabriele di Franco guitar, Otto Kint double bass, Egon Loosveldt drums.
- March 2020      **[“Dreamin”](#) – Q-some Big Band (Caramel production – BE)**  
*(guitarist - composer of ‘Blues for F.’)*  
Q-some big band was coached by Lode Mertens (BJO).  
The album features: “Blues for F.” composed and arranged by G.di Franco.
- May 2018      **[“DEDALO”](#) – Bud Powell Jazz Orchestra (Ass. Cult. Bud Powell di Maglie - IT).**  
*(composer and chief conductor)*  
Gabriele di Franco as conductor, composer and arranger.
- March 2018      **[“SO FAR”](#) – Gottfried di Franco (Gabriele di Franco and Stefan Gottfried AT/NL)**  
*(guitarist and composer)*  
Gabriele di Franco guitar, Stefan Gottfried sax, Raul Santana piano, Diederik Billiet double bass, Joao Sousa drums.
- January 2018      **[“Jazz Comp Graz 2017”](#) - (Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Graz 2018)**  
*(composer and arranger)*  
KUG JazzOrchester conducted by Ed Partyka (US)  
The album features: "Aspetta" in its arrangement for Jazz Orchestra.



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- March 2017      **[Rylesonable](#) – Antonella Chionna meets Pat Battstone (Dodocilune - IT)**  
The album features: “**Fida**” arranged for solo voice.
- March 2016      **“[INTRO](#)” – Mynah (Emme record label - IT)**  
*(guitarist and composer)*  
Gabriele di Franco guitar, Federico Pecoraro bass, Antonio De Donno drums
- November 2014      **“[Bija](#)” - Bija (SLAM production by George Haslam UK)**  
*(guitarist and composer)*  
Gabriele di Franco guitar and loops, Marco Puzzello trumpets and Francesco Pellizzari drums and percussions.
- June 2012      **Compilation: “Zero Web Radio” (La Rivolta Records IT)**  
*(guitarist and composer)*  
The album features: “Calendula”, “Dubby” and “0”
- November 2011      **L'arte della Musica e del Diritto (The art of Music and Law)**  
*(writer)*  
Publication on the "Tufi Law review" deepening the parallel between the musical and juridical interpretation

## Awards

- September 2021      **SJO/CGN – European Composers contest (Sound of a generation)**  
International competition for Big Band composing  
Winner
- June 2021      **Helsinki International Big Band Composing Contest – Helsinki – FIN**  
3rd prize  
UMO jazz orchestra - **Bob Mintzer** (US), **Ed Partyka** (US), **Antti Rissanen** (FIN) and **Iro Haarla** (FIN).
- June 2019      InCentive ‘**Elevator Jazz Pitch**’ - Rotterdam - NL  
**inJazz, Buma Cultuur, Berthold Records**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands co-founded by Creative Europe Programme of EU.



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- 2017 **SIAE (Italian copyright company)** – IT  
scholarship for composers under 35
- November 2017 **Graz Jazz Comp 2017** – Graz – AT  
Second best composer and arranger under 30  
**KUG** Jazz Institute – (Graz – AT) – **Ed Partyka** (chairman – US), **Michael Abene** (US), **John Hollenbeck** (US), **Jörg Achim Keller** (DE).
- November 2017 **Audience Price** - Sibiu – RO  
Sibiu Jazz Contest
- April 2017 1<sup>st</sup> prize **“Multiculturita Black Music Contest 2017”** – Capurso (BA - IT) BIJA  
Ass. **Multiculturita JS** – artistic coordinator **Alceste Ayroldi**
- August 2012 **“Band revelation of the year 2012”** – BIJA – Viterbo (IT)  
**Jazzup Festival** – artistic director **Greg Burk**.

## Masterclasses and Competitions

- August 2021 Finalist at Barga Jazz International Jazz Orchestra Composing Contest – “Berlin” (Big Band Composition/Arrangement) (IT)
- May 2021 Q-some coaching workshop over Big Band writing  
with Ed Partyka (US/AT)
- 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Workshop - Take your future in your hands  
ENOA NETWORK – Waterloo (BE)  
Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel
- 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Workshop - Adaptation in Music Theatre  
ENOA NETWORK – Munich (DE)

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## Theatre Academy

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Workshop - From Score to Freedom with Nico Hümpel  
ENOA NETWORK – Munich (DE)  
Theatre Academy

19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Gabriele was selected, across all Belgium conservatories' composition students, to arrange for the live coaching masterclass with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Jazz Orchestra at Bozar – Brussels (BE)

November 2017

Finalist with the bands Bija and Gottfried di Franco 5et at the "SIBIU Jazz Contest 2017" (RO)

May 2015

Finalist with the band Mynah at the "International Jazz Competition of Bucharest" (RO)

August 2014

Finalist with the bands Mynah and Mei at the "International Fara Jazz Contest 2014" (IT)

July 2012

Finalist with the trio Bija at the "Tiberio Nicola Award 12" and "Jimmy Wood Award 12" (IT)

June 2012

First place prize at the "SoundSlices" (IT) contest with the trio Bija Recording of the "Zeroliveradio" compilation

February 2012

Second place prize at the "Festival internazionale della musica italiana a Bruxelles" (BE) with the original composition "Posa ideale" – Bozar – Brussel (BE)

August 2010

Workshop - Otranto Jazz Festival (IT)  
Teacher: Garrison Fewell, Guitar professor at Berklee College of Music  
Matt Marvuglio, Dean of the Performance Division at Berklee College of Music

August 2010

Semi-finalist at the "Eddie Lang Jazz Contest" (IT)  
Jury chief Jim Hall.



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July 2009	Workshop - Tuscia in Jazz (IT) Teacher: Kurt Rosenwinkel Gabriele got also selected to perform with Tony Monaco (Pat Martino's Hammondist) and Ray Mantilla
July 2009	Selected for the European project "I feel European Good" La Ferté sous Jouarre - Paris (FR)
2009	Workshop - Barry Harris Rome (IT)
July 2008	Workshop - Tuscia in Jazz (IT) Teachers: Kenny Barron, Francisco Mela, Giorgio Rosciglione, Eddy Palermo, Flavio Boltro, Tony Monaco
2008-ongoing	Several Master-classes and private lessons: Bert Joris, Kris Defoort, Renier Baas, Bebo Ferra, Lage Lund, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Umberto Fiorentino, Gilad Helkselman, Jerry Bergonzi, Alberto Parmegiani, Greg Howe, Robben Ford, Franco Cerri, Javier Girotto, Flavio Boltro, Jonathan Kreisberg, Peter Bernstein, John Hollenbeck, M. Abene, Wynton Marsalis, ect..

## Gigs and Professional Experiences (updated August 2021) – Highlights (for the complete list from 2016 click [here](#))

27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<b>LULELA (LODmuziektheatre – Gabriele di Franco)</b> <i>Composer, Libretto, Direction and guitarist</i> Gent – International Opera Academy – Bijloke Wonderland (BE)
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	<b>Barga Jazz Orchestra (conducted by Mario Raja)</b> <i>composer</i> Giardini di villa Moornings – Barga (IT)
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<b>UMO Jazz Orchestra (conducted by Ed Partyka)</b> <i>Composer</i> Helsinki – Savoy Theatre (FI)
From 1 <sup>st</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	<b>N.O.W. residency + performance</b>

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*Guitarist and leader*  
Zinnema – Bruxelles (BE)

7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Streamin' Dreamin' – Q-some Big Band**  
*Composer and guitarist*  
Bijloke (Gent – BE)

October 2016 – December 2020

**Conductor, composer and arranger - Bud Powell Jazz Orchestra and BP Large Ensemble**  
Ass. Culturale jazz Bud Powell (Maglie – Le – IT)

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

**Bud Powell Large Ensemble – concert**  
*Conductor and composer/arranger*  
Piazzetta Stazione 5, (Maglie – IT)

16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**Artistic Residency CREO – BIJA**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Artemista Ass. Culturale (Spessa – IT)  
Partners: Machiavelli Music Publisher, SIAE, MIBACT,  
Artemista A.C.

28<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Xmas concert ft. KIRK SMITH**  
*guitarist*  
Chiesa Madre (Taurisano – IT)

8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Q-some Big Band ft. Lode Mertens**  
*guitarist*  
Geraardsbergen, BE

26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**BP Jazz Orchestra**  
**presentation of “DEDALO”**  
*Conductor and composer/arranger*  
Free Corner - Castello di Castrignano dei Greci (Lecce – IT)



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20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Presentation Tour of “SO FAR”**

*guitarist and composer*

Gottfried di Franco 5et

38riv (Paris – FR)

12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**BUD POWELL Jazz Orchestra**

**presentation of “DEDALO”**

*Conductor and composer/arranger*

At Piazza Assunta - Martano (Lecce - IT)

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

**Presentation Tour of “SO FAR”**

*guitarist and composer*

Gottfried di Franco 5et

Znojmo Jazz fest (Znojmo - Czech Republic)

14<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Nobis trio Taiwanese Tour**

*guitarist and composer*

Wen Hui Tsai – Gabriele di Franco – Marco Puzzello

(Taipei / Kaoshiung / Taichung)

20<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Presentation Tour of “SO FAR”**

*guitarist and composer*

Gottfried di Franco 5et

Teatro del Navile (Bologna – IT)

3<sup>rd</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> September  
2018

**Residency Artist for Bijloke Summer Academy.**

*Creator and composer.*

Partners: [LOD music theatre](#), [Music Centre De Bijloke](#), [Royal Academy of Fine Arts \(KASK\)](#) & Royal Conservatory Ghent, [SPECTRA Ensemble](#), [JazzLab](#) and [International Opera Academy](#).

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26<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
2018

**Teacher of Big Band at Maglie Jazz Summer School**  
Maglie, Piazzetta Stazione 5, Italy.

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

**Concert for Maglie Jazz Summer Festival**  
(Maglie - IT)  
Greg Burk - piano  
Matteo Bortone - double bass  
Marcello Allulli - sax  
Ermanno Baron - drums  
Francesco Diodati - guitar  
Gabriele di Franco - guitar

11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**BUD POWELL JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
**presentation of the album DEDALO**  
*Conductor and composer/arranger*  
At Teatro Paisiello (Lecce - IT)

2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

**Presentation tour of "SO FAR"**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Gottfried di Franco 5et  
(Graz / Vienna / Drosendorf / Den Haag / Bruxelles)

24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**BUD POWELL JAZZ ORCHESTRA guest Ada  
Montellanico (voice)**  
*Conductor and composer/arranger*  
At Conservatory Tito Schipa of Lecce (IT)

15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Presentation Tour of "SO FAR"**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Gottfried di Franco 5et  
La Conserve (Lovanio - BE)

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Marcello Allulli 4et**  
At Ass. Cult. Bud Powell (Maglie - Lecce)

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Marcello Allulli (sax and compositions)  
Gabriele di Franco (guitar and compositions)  
Alberto Stefanizzi (drums)  
Matteo Maria Maglio (doublebass)

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Final Concert at Jazz Comp Graz 2017**  
**Kunst Uni Graz Jazz Orchestra**  
*composer and arranger*  
At Kunst Uni Graz (Graz – AU)

12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Bija live at SIBIU Jazz Festival**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Thalia Concert Hall (Sibiu – RO)

12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Gottfried di Franco at SIBIU Jazz Festival**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Thalia Concert Hall (Sibiu – RO)

9<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Wen Hui Tsai – Gabriele di Franco 4et**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Salento Jazz Festival (Maglie – IT)

26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Gottfried di Franco 5et**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Music Village (Bruxelles – BE)

3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Taiwanese Tour**  
*guitarist and composer*  
Wen Hui Tsai – Gabriele di Franco duo  
(Taipei / Kaoshiung / Taichung)

2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Mynah European tour**  
*guitarist and composer*  
(Bruxelles / Drogenbos / Vienna / Linz / Innsbruck)

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19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Bija ft. Benny Benack III**

*guitarist and composer*

Oda Music Fest (Taurisano – IT)

18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

**di Franco, Draganic, 蔡雯慧, Scherzer**

*guitaristx*

At B-flat (Berlin – DE)