

About

Dano Šoltis is a contemporary drummer and occasional vibraphone player, with a wide understanding and complex view of music. A very flexible, but also sensitive player, who feels equally at home on big stages with pop–rock bands as with the club scene. With his project Drum Song he also performs solo. He plays his own brand of drumsticks Balbex Danodrum whose design he personally contributed to and Zildjian Cymbals.

Background

Dano was born in 1982 in Košice, into an artistic family. His mother is a music teacher and cello player and his father was a classical dancer in National Theater. At first he tried cello for a year and started to play drums when he was eight years old. He was very much influenced by recordings of drummers which his father bought him, especially those of Vinnie Colaiuta on Mercury Falling.

As well as individual practice and attending Elementary Art School he played with the Youth Brass Band of Košice, with whom he travelled and attended his first festivals and competitions. Later he attended the Classical Conservatory of Košice and from 1999 continued at the Prague Jazz Conservatory of Jaroslav Ježek. In Prague he becomes part of recognized Young Jazz Wave and starts to work with many personalities on Czech and international music scene. Under this influence he attends Jazz Academy in Katowice, where he is awarded a Master degree in 2012. Later that year he releases his solo album Drum Song.

Among other activities he currently teaches individual drums and drum history at Jazz Conservatory of Jaroslav Ježek. Occasionally he leads drum master classes in Poland, the Czech republic and Slovakia. He is a founding member of the leading Czech-Slovak contemporary jazz band Vertigo (formerly Vertigo Quintet) with whom he has won several important awards. Besides Vertigo and other bands and projects, in 2016 he also cooperated with Arturo Sandoval.

He is a big fan of motorsport and races in go-karts and lives in Prague with his wife and three children.

Major projects

Vertigo (CZ/SK, contemporary jazz) – manager and a founding member; highly awarded band of current Prague jazz scene

-123minut (CZ/SK, pop rock) – a comeback of a cult Czech trio

MaBaSo (PL/SK, jazz/fusion) – with Bernard Maseli as frontman and Michal Baranski

Bands and personalities co-operation since 2000

Personalities

Arturo Sandoval (USA/Cuba)
Bernard Maseli (PL)
Lizz Wright (USA)
Kurt Elling (USA)
Erik Truffaz (FRA)
Brian Charette (USA)
Ben Wendel (USA)
David Dorůžka (CZ)
Niels Klein (DE)
Vince Mendoza (USA)
Will Bernard (USA)
Nippy Noya (NED/USA)
Steve Walsh (USA)
Janet Robin (USA)
Ed Partyka (USA)
Ivan Tásler (SK)
Cyrille Oswald (NED)
Pat Fulgoni (UK)
Rich Perry (USA)
Ingrid Jensen (CAN)
Osian Roberts (UK)
Andy Schofield (UK)
Jaromír Honzák (CZ)
Zdeněk Bína (CZ)
Lenka Dusilová (CZ)
Dorota Barová (CZ)
Marcel Bárta (CZ)
Beata Hlavenková (CZ)
Štěpán Markovič (CZ)
Petr Zelenka (CZ/FR)
Martin Kratochvíl (CZ)
Jana Koubková (CZ)
Ondřej Konrád (CZ)
Felix Slováček (CZ)
Roman Pokorný (CZ)
Ondřej Pivec (CZ/USA)
Kamil Střihavka (CZ)
František Segrado (CZ)
Miriam Bayle (CZ/SK)
Najponk (CZ)
Yvonne Sanchez (CZ/CU)
Michal Horáček (CZ)
Robert Balzar (CZ)
Vladimír Václavek (CZ)
František Kop (CZ)
Ondřej Ruml (CZ)
Lucie Bílá (CZ)
Marta Kubišová (CZ)

Petr Malásek (CZ)
Dan Bárta(CZ)
Grzegorz Nagórski (PL)
Aga Zaryan (PL)
Michal Tokaj (PL)
Pawel Tomaszewski (PL)
Piotr Wojtasik (PL)
Piotr Wylezol (PL)
Michal Baranski (PL)
Pawel Kaczmarczyk (PL)
Robert Kubiszyn (PL)
Grzegorz Karnas (PL)
Józef Skrzek (PL)
Kuba Badach (PL)
Peter Lipa (SK)
Matúš Jakabčic (SK)
Katarína Knechtová (SK)
Jana Kirschner (SK)
Richard Müller (SK)
Andy Belej (SK)
Katarína Koščová (SK)
Andy Ďurica (SK)
Amir Gwirtzman (ISR)
Bob Montgomery (USA)
Juraj Bartoš (SK)

Bands and Projects

Vertigo (CZ), Projekt Z (CZ), Eternal Seekers (CZ), Tarafuki (CZ), Yvonne Sanchez Band, (CZ/SK/PL/Cuba), Arturo Sandoval Quintet (USA), -123 Minut (CZ), minus123minut (CZ/SWE), S'aight (CZ/SK), Open Sextet with Rich Perry & Ingrid Jensen (CZ/SK/USA/CAN), Lenka Dusilová Band (CZ), David Dorůžka Trio (CZ), Clarinet Factory (CZ), Ondřej Štveráček Quintet (CZ), Bigband Gustava Bromá (CZ/SK), Miriam Bayle Band (CZ), IMT Smile (SK), IMT Smile & Lúčnica (SK), Camilla Mráz Duo (CZ/USA/SK), Dunajská Vlana (CZ), Michal Horáček Band (CZ), Katarína Knechtová Band (SK), Radovan Tariška – Ondřej Štveráček Quintet (SK/CZ), Pawel Tomaszewski Trio (PL), Piotr Wylezol Quintet (PL), Lukáš Martínek Band (CZ), Jiří Šimek Trio (CZ/SK), Bucinatores (CZ), Pawel Kaczmarczyk Trio (PL), Ondřej Pivec Band (CZ/USA), Ostrak Mode (CZ), Gumbo (CZ), Július Baroš Quintet (CZ), Zeurítia (CZ), Tonny Blues Band (CZ/USA), Elena Suchánková & Jocose Jazz (CZ), Beata Hlavenková Trio (CZ/SK), Grzegorz Nagorski Quartet (PL), November 2nd (CZ), Rostislav Fraš Quartet (CZ/SK), Antonín Gondolán Band (CZ), Filip Gondolán Band (CZ), Petr Zeman Band (CZ), Martin Kratochvil Jazz Q (CZ), Tonny Bues Band (CZ/USA), Matej Benko Trio (CZ/SK), Limbo Acoustic (CZ), Leona Prokopcová Group (CZ/SK), Jazz Efterät (CZ), Gappa & Groovin Heads (SK), Inner Spaces (CZ/PL/SK), Muff (CZ), Points 7tet (CZ), Najponk Trio (CZ), Vojtěch Eckert Trio (CZ), Vojtěch Procházka Trio (CZ/SK/NOR), Sax Time (CZ), Yellow Sisters (CZ), Yellow Family (CZ), Infinnite Quintet (CZ), Kuba Badach Band (PL), Tchokolla (CZ/SK), František Kop Quartet (CZ), Libor Šmoldas Trio/Quartet (CZ), Jana Koubková Band (CZ), Cyrille Oswald Quartet (CZ), Cyrilic (CZ/NED/UKR/SK),

Bernard Maseli On The Road Band (PL), Bernard Maseli – MaBaSo – (PL), Czech National Symphony Orchestra (CZ), Roman Pokorny & Blue Box Heroes (CZ), Steve Walsh Trio/Quartet (USA/CZ/SK), Brian Charette & Martina Fišerová Band (USA/CZ), Charette-Štveráček-Šoltis Super-trio (CZ/USA/SK), Sarrah & The Adams (CZ), Ondřej Ruml Band (CZ/SK), Janet Robin Band (USA), Will Bernard trio (USA), Józef Skrzek Band (PL), Lucie Bílá & Orchestr Petra Maláska (CZ), Clarinet Factory (CZ), Bob Montgomery Quartet (USA), JazzDock Orchestra (CZ)

Special projects

- **Film Music "Zátopek" (CZ), 2021**
- **Film Music "Ten kto tě miloval" (CZ), 2018**
- **Film Music "Zlatý podraz" (CZ), 2018**
- **IMT Smile – Příbeh příběhův (SK), 2016, Short movie – music co-producing**
- **Made in Slovakia (SK), 2016, Movie about project IMT Smile a Lúčnica**
- **Film Music "2Bobule" (CZ), 2009**
- **Film Music "Patrit" (SK), Documentation Movie by Lucia Nimcová, 2005**
- **Theatre Novoga Fronta (RUS), 2003**

Vibraphone cooperations and recordings:

- **Vertigo – Daleko (CZ/SK) 2019, Animal Music (Czech Grammy Awarded)**
- **-123Minut – Les (CZ) 2019, Indies Records**
- **IMT Smile, Příbeh příběhův (SK), 2016, Universal Music**
- **Vertigo, Nononononininini (CZ/SK), 2016, Animal Music (Czech Grammy Nominated)**
- **Planety – Matej Benko (CZ/SK), 2015, Warner Music**

Personall prices

- **"Grand Prix" – Individuality of year 2009 – Jazz nad Odrou Wrocław (PL)**

- **Solist of year 2004** – Junior Jazz (CZ)
- **The band of year 2003** – "Daniel Šoltis Trio" – Junior Jazz (CZ)

Other prizes

- **Nomination for "Zlatý Anděl" in Jazz & Blues category 2017** –Vertigo, Nononononininini(equivalent of Czech Grammy Awards)
- **Česká Jazzová sklizeň 2017– 2nd best record of year 2016** – Vertigo, Nononononininini
- **Nomination for "Tais Awards 2016** (independant media price) – Vertigo, Nononononininini
- **Nomination for "Zlatý Anděl" in Jazz & Blues category 2014** – Vertigo – Taj
- **"Tais Awards 2011** – Vertigo – Metamorphosis
- **"Zlatý Anděl" in Jazz & Blues category 2011**– Vertigo – Metamorphosis
- **Nomination for "Zlatý Anděl" in Jazz & Blues category 2008** – Vertigo Quintet a Dorota Barová
- **"Zlatý Anděl" in Jazz & Blues category 2005** – Vertigo Quintet (debut CD)

Appearances:

Arturo Sandoval Quintet, 2016, Ohrid Jazz Fest (Macedonia)
 Open Sextet Group, 2006, Montreux Jazz Festival 2006 (CH)
 Felix Slováček Quintet, 2003,Hanoi Jazz Fest 2003 (Vietnam)

Jazz and other music festivals 2003 – 2015 – Portugal, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany, Poland, Spain, Czech Republic, Scotland , Vietnam, Belgium, France, Holland, USA, UK, Romania, Macedonia

Reviews:

<http://www.hudebniknihovna.cz/dano-soltis-si-vystacil-s-akustickymi-bubny-hrackami-a-poklickami.html><http://rockmag.cz/bleskovky/bubenik-dano-soltis-z-kapel-vertigo-a-imt-smile-vydava-solove-album/>

http://kultura.zpravy.idnes.cz/daniel-soltis-drum-song-0sk-/hudba.aspx?c=A131025_135541_hudba_ob

<https://vltava.rozhlas.cz/rozhovor-mesice-hrava-novinka-skupiny-vertigo-5182464>

<http://www.hisvoice.cz/cz/articles/detail/2846>

<http://jazzport.cz/2011/05/10/metamorphosis-od-vertiga-predstavuje-jazz-svetovych-parametru-aneb-ozvena-krtu-cd/>

Discography:

Bernard Maseli – Drifter, Polish Jazz Masters/Warner Music 2021

Moonshye – Curtain of the Moon, Rustical Records 2021

Vladimír Václavek – Fly..Tak leť, Rustical Records 2021

Vertigo – Daleko, Winner of "Zlatý Anděl Awards", Animal Music 2019

Phoenix Quartet – Live at Divadlo 29, Amplion Records 2019

-123Minut – Les, Indies 2019

Dalibor Mráz – **Level 25**, 2019

Jiří Šimek – Electric Madness, Amplion 2018

Adam Ďurica – 30, Universal Music 2018

NajPonk Trio – Live at office, 2018

Bára Vaculíková – Divá Bára, Tranzistor 2017

Andy Schofield – Suite for JT, Animal Music 2018

Roman Pokorný – Cab To Cotton Club (Duke Ellington Tribute), MyRecords 2018

MaBaSo – We will rock you, Soliton 2017

IMT Smile – History live, Universal music 2017

Clarinet Factory – Meadows, HOMERECORDS.BE 2016

IMT Smile – History, Universal music 2016

Vertigo – Nononononinini, Czech Grammy Nominated, Animal Music 2016

Maela – It is coming, Tranzitor 2016

IMT Smile – Príbeh príbehov, Universal music 2016

Phoenix – Nejték-Hrubý-Honzák-Šoltis, Amplion Record 2015

IMT Smile – Acoustic Best, Universal music 2015

Planety – Matej Benko, Warner Music 2015

Martina Fišerová – Shift, Blue Season 2015

IMT Smile – Na Ceste 1979, Universal Music 2015

Vertigo – Taj, "Zlatý Anděl" Nominated, Animal Music 2014

MaBaSo – Sunshine Of Your Love, Soliton 2014

IMT Smile – Bratislava-Košice Live 2014, Universal Music 2014

IMT Smile – Bestlove, Music – 2014

Andy Belej – Dreams & Ideas, Slovak Grammy Nominated, Hevhetia Records 2014

Katarina Koščová – Oknom, Slnko Records – 2014

Pavel Hrubý – Between the Lines, Czech Grammy Nominated, 2014 – Amplion Records

Dano Šoltis – Drum Song, Amplion Records 2013

IMT Smile – Universal Komplet Box, Universal Records 2013

Anna Veselovská – 10 Rozdielov, Universal 2013

Adam Durica – Ak mam o teba príst', special edition 2013

Steve Walsh – Daily Specials, Animal Music 2012

IMT Smile – Rodina, Winner of "Gold Record", Universal Music 2012

Vertigo – Metamorphosis, Winner of "Zlatý Anděl Awards", Animal Music 2011

Sarah and the Adams – My Place, Sarah and the Adams Record Label 2011

Richard Müller – Ešte, Universal Music 2011

Projekt Z – Zelenka-Bárta-Šoltis, Animal Music 2011

Cyrille Oswald – The Wrong Present, Animal Music 2010

IMT Smile – Odyseal Dva, Universal Music 2010

IMT Smile – Odyseal Dva Live 2010, Winner of "Gold Record", Universal Music 2010

La Paráda & Goliáš Orchestra – Waiting For Art, ČNSO (Czech National Symph. Orch.) 2009

Vertigo Quintet & Dorota Barová, "Zlatý Anděl" Nominated, Animal Music 2008

Lenka Dusilová & Eternal Seekers, Respekt 2008

Kamil Střihavka – 365, Sony BMG 2008

Jiří Zonyga – Kus cesty zbývá, Sony BMG 2008

Carlos Franzetti – Film Noir, Warner Music Group 2008

Tarafuki – Auris, Winner of "Zlatý Anděl Awards", Indies Scope 2006

Vertigo Quintet – Live U Staré Paní, Ampliόν Records 2006

Štěpán Markovič Saxtet – Live at Prague Castle, Multisonic a.s. 2006

Vertigo Quintet, Winner of "Zlatý Anděl Awards", Ampliόν Records 2005

S'aight, B&P Music 2004

Jan Zubryckyj – Tichý Telegraf, ARTA Records 2003