

Bio in brief: Paolo Russo:

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Dreams from Paolo's bedroom window in his home town of Pescara, Italy, led him to believe that his musical journey would take him to new cities to learn and explore. As a young piano player and composer, Paolo travelled to Denmark, specifically Copenhagen, where he was destined to reside and study – eventually making the Scandinavian country his new and permanent domicile. This syncretic identity can be represented in the use of four languages to title the tracks in 'Imaginary Soundtrack': Spanish, Italian, Danish and English.

After completing his studies in the classical '*Conservatorio L. D'Annunzio*' in 1993, Paolo followed his heart and landed at the '*Rytmsk Musikkonservatorium*' deep in the heart of his beloved Copenhagen, where – attracted by the rich and exciting Danish jazz environment – he continued his studies which were completed only after an indulging five years. Paolo Russo's subsequent success as an international musician has seen him travel to all corners of the globe, playing and featuring on over 50 albums in which his skills and talent were envied from afar. Whilst lending his talents to others, Paolo managed to simultaneously produce fourteen personal albums of music, including specific dedications to the 'bandoneon': the smaller square member of the concertina family which Paolo proudly champions.

Having studied piano and bandoneon, Paolo chose the bandoneon as his favoured musical instrument to give the bandoneon a chance to stand centre stage, and shine it does. So, following the steps of the great maestros of the instrument, Paolo took it upon himself to dedicate many of his compositions to highlight the intricacies and complexities of the bandoneon, such as his albums: *Bandoneon Solo Vol. I – Jazz Standards*, *Bandoneon Solo Vol. II – Originals*, *Bandoneon Solo Vol. III – Songs from the Forest*.

Featured Artists on 'Imaginary Soundtrack':

Paolo Russo - bandoneon, composition

Roberto Torto - recorders

David Hildebrandt – vibraphone

Thommy Andersson – contrabass

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