

# Loizos Paphitis

Loizos Paphitis studied Jazz Guitar Performance at the Ionian University of Corfu with Greece's renowned Jazz musicians Vasilis Rakopoulos and George Kontrafouris. He also took jazz lessons and participated in seminars with Olivier Gatto, Richard Smith, Jonathan Kreisberg and Gilad Hekselman.

He has been an active member in the Greek music scene since his university years leading his own jazz groups and also as guitarist in the funk-group Orchestra Sonora.

After graduating from the University he moved to Athens to play in George Kontrafouris's Organ Trio, where he had the opportunity to share the stage with some of the best musicians in the Greece and European jazz scene such as Dimos Demetriadis (sax), Yiannis Kasettas (sax), Andreas Polyzogopoulos (trumpet), and Petros Klampanis (bass).

In 2011 he moved to England where he earned his Master of Music Degree in Guitar Performance from Leeds College of Music.

Since 2012, he has been based in Cyprus where he composes and performs his music with various group arrangements around the local scene and festivals.

In 2013 he participated in a concert with Bantoneon virtuoso Roman Gomez playing Astor Piazzola's music. And in 2014, he performed at the Feggáros Music Festival where he played his original composition with his organ trio. In addition during this year, he joined the Zilla Project, the leading and most promising Cyprus blues band, as a bass player.

He is currently working on his debut album with original compositions.