



Marios Toumbas

Pianist Marios Toumbas was born in Lefkosia, Cyprus. He took his first lessons in piano and music theory at Ellinikon Odeion Lefkosias and later continued his studies in the USA. He holds a Bachelor of Music, cum laude, in Music Synthesis (Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA) and a Master of Music with Honors in Jazz Studies (New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, MA).

While in the U.S., he was a student of internationally renowned jazz educator Charlie Banacos. He also took jazz improvisation lessons from Danilo Perez (former pianist with D. Gillespie) and Grammy award winning bassist Cecil McBee (formerly with Miles Davis and Wayne Shorter).

Mr. Toumbas has performed all over the world with famous jazz musicians, such as electric bassist Anthony Jackson (creator of the 6-string el. Bass), tenor saxophonist Tony Lakatos and guitarists Jeff Richman and Brett Garsed. He has also performed at international jazz festivals, such as, the Montreal Jazz Festival in Canada, the Krakow Jazz Festival in Poland and the Blues North City Festival in Serbia. He has played concerts at the Royal Festival Hall in London and Sun City Music Hall in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In Greece, he has taken part in concerts at Megaron Mousikis Athinon, Herod Atticus Odeon and Lycabettus Theatre and has appeared on several Greek TV channels as a pianist and keyboardist. He has performed with well-known pop singers such as Johnnie Logan, Sakis Rouvas and Antonis Remos and famous singers and composers such as Stamatis Kraounakis, Marinella, Demetra Galani, Mimis Plessas and Yiannis Spanos.

He is currently an Instructor of Jazz at European University Cyprus, where he teaches piano, improvisation and jazz harmony and arranging. His piano trio performs often around Greece and Cyprus.