

Gregor Ftičar (1985 Kranj, Slovenia) received his Master's degree in Jazz Piano at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz, Austria in 2011.

Over the years he has had the opportunity to work with many of the best internationally recognized jazz instrumentalists and singers (Don Menza, Bob Brookmeyer, Boško Petrović, Howard Curtis, Derrick Gardner, Francis Mbappe, Peter Herbolzheimer, Doug Hammond to name a few), played in various big bands (Austria, Czechia and Slovenia) and in numerous combos (duos, trios and quartets up to the "nine-piece band") and as a solo pianist. He has participated in studio recordings (as a sideman and leader), played in jazz clubs and festivals all over Europe (Slovenia, Austria, Italy, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Germany, Serbia, Croatia, Slovakia, Czechia, Hungary). Although Gregor's main occupation is piano (& keyboard and organ), he is also a dedicated arranger and composer.

In July 2014, Gregor's piano trio performed in the finals of the European Jazz Competition (organized by the European Broadcasting Union) in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. In September 2014 Gregor played in the European Jazz Orchestra and toured in Czechia. In the same year he co-founded the jazz sextet "Sharp 6". In 2017 he released his debut album "Gregor Ftičar: Solo" (on the ZKP RTV Slovenia label), which consists of his own compositions and arrangements. He is currently co-leading "NorthEast" trio, based in Geneva, and we can expect a new album to be released in early 2020. Since 2019, Gregor has been teaching Jazz Piano and Improvisation at the University of Ljubljana. In early 2020, Austrian national Radio Ö1 dedicated an entire radio show to Gregor's solo album.

Discography:

- Marjan Loborec Quintet: **Final Decisions** (2006, Slovenia)
- Kristina Oberžan: **Kakor lep roman** (2007, Slovenia)
- Generations 09 Quintet: **Live in Frauenfeld** (2009, Switzerland)
- Alfa & Omega: **Vedno si z menoj** (2011, Slovenia)
- Boris Čellár & Lucia Lužinska: **Zimna krajina/Winterland** (2011, Slovakia)
- EuroRadio Jazz Orchestra: **In Prague** (2014, Czechia)
- Iva Stanič & Gregor Ftičar Trio: **Close To You - Tribute To Burt Bacharach** (2015, Slovenia)
- Goran Rukavina: **Izbòr** (2015, Slovenia)
- Eva Kess Group: **Flying Curly** (2017, Switzerland)
- Gregor Ftičar: **SOLO** (2017, Slovenia)
- Marjan Loborec Sextet: **Skylark** (2018, Slovenia)
- Hervé Jeanne & Gregor Ftičar: **Lagamas** (2019, Germany)
- Bruno Spitz: **Quiet Nights** (2019, Croatia)
- Tadej Tomšič & Institution: **Orion Saksofon** (2019, Slovenia)
- Filipe Duarte Quartet: **Room In The Middle** (2020, Germany)
- Ftičar/Rukavina/Kožar Trio: **Trees** (in 2020, Slovenia)
- NorthEast Trio: **North-East** (in 2020, Switzerland)
- Ratko Divjak Quintet: **Friends** (in 2020, Slovenia)

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