

IGOR GEHENOT – biography



Igor Gehenot (Liège 27.11.1989) started classical piano studies from an early age. At 13 he enters the jazz section of the royal academy of Liège and at 19 the Conservatory of Maastricht. He enters the Royal Conservatory of Brussels in 2009 for two years, where he studies among others with Eric Legnini, and starts his own trio with Sam Gerstmans on double bass and drummer Teun Verbruggen. With this Trio he received the Sabam's youth jazz award in 2011 and established himself as a major talent on the Belgian and European scenes.

The first trio album, '**Road Story**' was released April 2012 (IGLOO Records). The album received great acclaim in the national and international press, reached 1st place in the Diskunion charts in Tokyo, and was elected Top Title and Top Album on Deezer Music. JazzWise magazine writes : *"It takes just a few bars of 'Promenade', the opening track of pianist Igor Gehenot's debut album Road Story, to realise it is the work of a rare talent who will surely number among the great names in jazz in the years to come. His touch, his articulation, his harmonic sense, his ideas and his perfectly balance sense of time are gifts of a magnitude that occur maybe once in a generation."*

The trio toured extensively in Belgium and abroad, amongst others at Jazz à Vienne and Mexico Jazz festival .

In the summer of 2014 he prepared a special project for his trio with strings, in collaboration with the great *Atom String Quartet* from Poland, for a 'carte blanche' at the Gaume Jazz Festival.

In 2014 the new album '**Motion**' was released (Igloo Records), still featuring Teun Verbruggen on drums but with Philippe Aerts as the new partner on double

bass. Hailed in the national and international press, it was presented in the main venues in Belgium, Holland, Hungary and France.

The album '**Delta**' was released in 2017 with an international line-up: the unique sound of Alex Tassel (France) on trumpet and flugelhorn, the swedish bassplayer Viktor Nyberg, and Jérôme Klein (Luxemburg) on drums. The album received Octaves de la Musique award in 2018. The band toured extensively and played at major festivals. It was followed by "**Cursiv**" in 2019.

During the turbulent global covid period and in his thirties, he records his fifth CD in duo with the young French pianist Amaury Faye released in 2022 on Hypnote Records.

At the same time, Gehehot became one of the most sought-after sidemen in the Kingdom, sharing the stage with numerous international artists (Manu Katché, Stéphane Belmondo, Paolo Fresu, Grégoire Maret, Flavio Boltro, David El-Malek, Pierrick Pédrón, Julie Erikssen, etc.).

In 2022 he founded the electro-jazz group NØ.STEAM and recorded his second album in duo with Amaury Faye, live at the Bozar in Brussels, released in 2024.

2025 brings him back to the Trio format with a new album "**Shining Face**" dedicated to his son. It affirms his musical signature more than ever: finely crafted writing, harmonic sensitivity, and profound artistic coherence.

His concerts take him to play at world-renowned festivals (EUJazz Festival Chile, London Jazz Festival, EuroJazz Mexico City, Jazz à Vienne, Jazz sur son 31, Port au Prince Jazz Festival, Gent jazz Festival, Québec jazz en juin, etc.)

DISCOGRAPHY

CDs as Leader

- * 2012 : Road Story CD Igloo Records- IGL232
- * 2014 : Motion CD Igloo Records - IGL253
- * 2017 : Delta CD Igloo Records- IGL280
- * 2019 : Cursiv CD Igloo Records- IGL313
- * 2022 : Amaury Faye & Igor Gehehot CD Hypnote Records HR023
- * 2023 : NØ Steam - BXVI Rideau rouge Label - EP
- * 2024 : Amaury Faye & Igor Gehehot - live at Bozar CD Hypnote Records HR036
- * 2025 : Shining Face CD Hypnote Records
- * 2025 : NØ Steam - Exit live session

CDs as sideman

- * 2014 : LG jazz collective - New Feel CD Igloo Records - IGL258
- * 2014 : Jack Van Poll - the composer. CD September - SEPT5176
- * 2018 : Loris Tils - One take
- * 2020 : Fabrizio Graceffa - Gardens CD imd-Fabrizio Graceffa
- * 2020 : Brown / Mercier - The Road CD Hypnote Records HR015
- * 2021 : Jean Baptiste Berger - Persuasive CD Tacomma
- * 2023 : Maxime Blesin - Organic Matters CD Orfena Music
- * 2025 : Olivier Chavet - Elements

