

# ROMAN MIROSHNICHENKO

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Roman Miroshnichenko is a virtuoso guitarist, most prominent and celebrated guitarist and one of the premier guitarists of new generation in Europe. He has been nominated and multi-awarded in more different international most prestigious musical contests than anyone of Russian musicians. Roman is the 2010 Winner and 2016 **Winner** (in two nominations) of 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **Independent Music Awards** and the **1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner** of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual **USA Songwriting Competition**, 2013. "**Honorable Mention**" Award of the **International Songwriting Competition** (ISC), 2014. He was also a **Finalist** of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **International Acoustic Music Awards**, 2014 and **Finalist** of the **UK Songwriting Contest**, 2016. His soaring career as an artist includes numerous awards from international jazz festivals and contests, collective performances, and recordings with such world-renowned musicians as: **Steve Vai, Al Di Meola, Larry Coryell, Marco Mendoza, Heather Headley, Djivan Gasparyan, Joao Donato, Daniel "Pipi" Piazzolla, Dominique Di Piazza**, to name a few.

Roman was born in 1977 and started to study drums at the age of 11, but it wasn't until the age of 14 that he took up the guitar for the first time. Roman was heavily influenced by such guitar legends as John McLaughlin, Paco De Lucia, Larry Coryell and Al Di Meola. In 2002, Roman founded his own band, **RMProject**, and has been touring since then all across Russia, Europe, Asia, and the USA on a regular basis. Miroshnichenko is a frequent visitor and headliner at many biggest music exhibitions and festivals, such as NAMM Show, World Of Guitar, Guitar Guinness World Record, Bazzday, to name a few. Today, Roman is one of the leading fusion guitarists in the world, dexterously combining jazz, blues, Latin, African, and Cuban rhythms, with the energy of funk and the expressive style of flamenco.

Roman's discography includes five solo albums: "The Infinity" (2005), DVD "Live in Jazz Town" (2007), "Temptation" (2009), "Quasipsychedelic" (2011) and "Surreal" (2013). "Temptation" achieved the honor of being in the **top-ten sellers** of the largest American online shop "CD Baby" in the "world fusion" category. The track "Unforgiven", from Roman's album "Temptation", was the **winner** in "**The Best World Traditional Song**" category and also received a special people's choice award - the "**People's Vox Populi**" from the **Independent Music Awards**, 2010. In February 2011, Roman again became "The Independent Music Awards" nominee in the category "World beat" album of the year.

**Larry Coryell**, the Godfather of fusion, commented on the release: "*'Temptation' is an excellent piece of the type of modern flamenco music that John McLaughlin and I played with Paco de Lucia in the late seventies in Europe. It is a wondrous aspect of the modern guitar evolution that a young Russian could faithfully embrace the Spanish/Gypsy culture with such accuracy.*"

**Al Di Meola**, the legendary guitarist, who considers Roman as his best disciple said: "*I am flattered when Roman uses his ideas with my influence.*"

Roman's track "Eastern Etude" from his "Quasipsychedelic" album reached the **TOP-50** jazz downloads of the year for 2011 at the leading jazz portal All About Jazz. The track "Desperation" from Roman's album "Surreal" was the **1st Prize Winner** of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual **USA Songwriting Competition**, 2013 in "Instrumental" category and also was qualified for consideration of 56<sup>th</sup> **Grammy**, "Best Instrumental composition" category. He has made three-times **semi-finalist** round of the **International Songwriting Competition** in 2012, 2014, 2016 in the "Jazz" and Instrumental categories. Judges included: **Jeff Beck, Tom Waits, McCoy Tyner, Duran Duran**. The track "Forgotten Melody" from "Surreal" has been awarded "**Honorable Mention**" in the **International Songwriting Competition**, 2014 and has made the **Final** of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **International Acoustic Music Awards**, 2014 in "Instrumental" categories. Whole album "Surreal" was qualified for consideration of 14<sup>th</sup> **Latin Grammy**, "Best Instrumental Album" category.

Roman's music spreads not only worldwide, but is now forging new frontiers by going into Space. On the Eve of 2012 (In the passing of 2011), Roman Miroshnichenko was awarded a diploma named after Yury Gagarin by the astronauts of *Zvyozdny gorodok* (Star City), Russia. The award was given to Roman by acting pilot-astronauts, who proposed to send a digital copy of Roman's 2012 compilation album, "The Best of... GuitaROMANTic" to the Space Station on the next Russian mission launch. In January 2011, "*Tides, To and From*", an animated film directed by famous Russian animator Ivan Maximov, showcasing the song "*Canto De Pilon*" features Roman's guitar solo on the single accompanied by the band Sambateria, was picked out for the "*Generation Kplus*" contest at "**Berlinale**" - one of the largest world film festivals.

In April 2013 **Hal Leonard Books** (one of the biggest US publishing houses) released "**The Great Jazz Guitarists**" encyclopedia, the most comprehensive guide to jazz guitarists ever published (from Django Reinhardt to Les Paul, Jeff Beck and beyond) with information about Roman Miroshnichenko. In September 2013 Roman was awarded the Medal "For Merits Before The City Of Dnipropetrovsk".

In May 2014, the legendary guitarist **Steve Vai** has performed with Russian Philharmonic Orchestra & Roman Miroshnichenko rock-band at "World of Guitar" festival's opening day. In April 2015, was out Steve Vai's double disc DVD "Stillness in Motion, includes a bonus disc premiering "The Space Between the Notes", a revelatory video diary comprised of behind-the-scenes during Vai's epic "Story of Light" World Tour and rehearsal and the show moments of Steve's joint performance with Roman's rock-band and Russian symphony as well.

"*Roman is a magnificent guitarist and 'the real soldier' who has perfect feeling of my music along with phenomenal technique*". – Steve Vai noted.

In May 2015, a new and vibrant production "War&Peace, The Opera" by **Larry Coryell**, featuring "The Russian Philharmonic Orchestra", from Moscow, along with a jazz trio of Roman Miroshnichenko and Slovenian Academy of music Ljubljana choir was well received in Kaluga Philharmonic Hall. In January 2016, Roman's side-project World Of Guitar Trio has been selected to play on NAMM Sheraton Acoustic Stage in Anaheim, CA. In May 2016 Roman Miroshnichenko also participated in the "Thanks Jimi Festival" in Wroclaw, Poland for the **Guinness book of World records**, as one of the special guests-headliners along with Al Di Meola, Scott Henderson, Status Quo, DragonForce, Within Temptation, Bruce Kulick (Kiss), John Corabi (Mötley Crüe, Ratt), Jennifer Batten (ex-Michael Jackson), and some of Poland's top guitar players, including festival founder Leszek Cichonski.

In November 2016, the album, *Perfect Strangers* by Roman Miroshnichenko, José A. Rodríguez & Henrik Andersen have won in the **Best Instrumental Album** category and song "**Moon Over Tanjore**" from the album have won in the **Best World Traditional Song** category. *Roman Miroshnichenko* himself was nominated in the **Best Instrumental Song** category with his composition Alien's Dream, dedicated to Steve Vai. The winning projects were selected by blue-ribbon panels of top recording artists that include: **Tom Waits, Arturo Sandoval, Lee Ritenour, David Garrett, Bettye LaVette, Slayer, Sepultura, Ozzy Osborne, Suzanne Vega,**; previous IMA Winners and Nominees including: **George Benson, Meghan Trainor, Jeff Healey, Larry Carlton, Macy Gray,** among many others; and influential press and talent buyers from the Americas, Europe and Pacific Rim. Since 2017, Roman is a Judging panel member of the Independent Music Awards annual program.

Roman Miroshnichenko – is the official artist/endorser of the Italian company **IK Multimedia**, Japanese company **Roland Music**, Danish company **DPA Microphones**, British company **Orange Amps** and American companies: **Ovation Guitars, Paul Reed Smith guitars, and D'Addario & Company Inc.**

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