

ROMAN MIROSHNICHENKO

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Roman Miroshnichenko is a virtuoso guitarist, one of the premier guitarists of new generation in Europe, who cares on the candle of jazz-fusion. He has been nominated and multi-awarded in more different international most prestigious international musical contests than anyone of Russian musicians. Roman is the 4-times Winner and 3-times Nominee of 9th, 15th and 16th Annual Independent Music Awards and the 1st Prize Winner of the 18th Annual USA Songwriting Competition (2013). "Honorable Mention" Award of the International Songwriting Competition (2014). He was also a Multi-Finalist of the UK Songwriting Contest and the 10th Annual International Acoustic Music Awards (2014).

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, Larry Coryell, Jennifer Batten, Marco Mendoza, Heather Headley, Djivan Gasparyan, Daniel "Pipi" Piazzolla, to name a few.

Roman was born in 1977 and his first musical experience was on drums. However, when he was fourteen he took lessons from a different guitarists who introduced him to a wide variety of blues-rock guitar. As time went on, Roman became increasingly more interested jazz-fusion and he 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 Europe, Asia, and the USA on a regular basis.

In 2013 Hal Leonard Books 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 April 2015, was out the legendary guitarist 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 Miroshnichenko's rock-band and symphony orchestra 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.

Formerly, Roman played in a duo with 'Godfather of fusion' Larry Coryell, who has commented on Roman's playing: "*It is a wondrous aspect of the modern guitar evolution that a young Russian could faithfully embrace the Spanish/Gypsy culture with such accuracy.*"

In May 2017, at the World Of Guitar festival's opening, Larry Coryell's last opera, based on Leo Tolstoy's novel *Anna Karenina*, was presented, featuring the Moscow Symphony along with Miroshnichenko. The world premiere was dedicated to Coryell, the "godfather of fusion," who died in New York in February of that year. The opera was completed by Miroshnichenko after the death of Coryell.

In 2018 Roman celebrated his creative life jubilee - 25 years of music - by releasing new album «Ascension», joined by special guests: Grammy-winning violinist Charlie Bisharat, famous Argentinian pianist Mario Parmisano, renown Floridian musicians Luis Alicea (drums) and Aron Ferre (keyboards), Danish virtuoso Henrik Andersen and world class percussionist Gumbi Ortiz. The album has earned a nomination in the "Best Instrumental Album" category at the 16th Annual Independent Music Awards. Two compositions from "Ascension" made Finalists of The UK Songwriting Contest and USA Songwriting Competition as well.

Al Di Meola, the legendary guitarist, commented on the release: *«Roman's adventurous complex playing and songs take the listener on a tour de force journey. Carrying on with a great tradition of fusion well done!»*

In 2018 Roman Miroshnichenko toured with the ex-guitarist for Michael Jackson - band member of all three of his world tours - Jennifer Batten.

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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