

**Jiri Slavik** (1986) was born and raised in the eastern part of the Czech Republic. At fourteen he moved to Rome, where he simultaneously attended the double bass class of the Italian virtuoso Massimo Giorgi at the "Santa Cecilia Conservatoire" and St' Stephen's School. In 2004 he graduated from both institutions with "summa cum laude" (Santa Cecilia, the seven-year long study program took him three years to finish) and highest number of points on the International Baccalaureate (St Stephen's).

After being offered a full scholarship by the Royal Academy of Music, Jiri moved to London to pursue his studies with Duncan McTier in classical double bass and eventually with Barak Schmool in jazz composition. During these years he was first double bassist at the Academy's Concert Orchestra under the direction of Sir Colin Davis or a chosen soloist at the Paganini Festival (2005) organized by the Academy. After three years he graduated from the four-year long BMus program with First Class Honours (2007).

The prizes that Jiri has won during his life include 1<sup>st</sup> prize from the Jazz competition at the international bass convention "Bass 2008" (Paris), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize from "Premio Valentino Bucchi" (Rome, 2005) and silver medal of the Italian president Carlo Azeglio Ciampi (2005). As a soloist he appeared in the biggest hall of the new auditorium "Parco della musica" in Rome and in a program of the Czech national TV "Koncert na kurtech". Furthermore, as a guest of the Ensemble Orchestral de Paris he performed Bach's St Matthew Passion in the Notre Dame and played in the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées.

Jiri currently resides in Paris, where he works as a freelance musician and a composer. Lately he has had the chance to play his own music in different places around the globe, ranging from the Forbidden City Hall in Beijing, China, to the Alexandria Centre of Art, Egypt, or Bohemian National Hall, New York City. His music has been broadcasted by the Czech Radio, for which he has made three live recordings so far, by radio France Culture and used in a German independent film production "Oury Jalloh" ([www.ouryjalloh-derfilm.de](http://www.ouryjalloh-derfilm.de)), winner of the German Human Rights Film Prize, category amateur film, for 2008.

Since 2010 Jiri has been endorsing d'Addario Zyex strings.

*"Jiri Slavik is a gifted musician who happens to play bass, GREAT. He is pushing envelopes of rhythm, harmony, melody and timbre integration in the service to a compelling compositional imagination."* -  
**Mark Dresser**