



## Georgi Kornazov

*Trombonist - Composer*

Born on September 30, 1971 in Sevlievo, Bulgaria.

Georgi begins to play piano at age of 9 and trombone at age of 12. He studies at "**L.Pipkov**" school of music and in the National Music Academy "**Pancho Vladigerov**" in Sofia, Bulgaria. In parallel, Georgi likes jazz and soon begins to play with the most recognized Bulgarian jazz musicians - **Milcho Leviev, Antoni Donchev, Stoyan Yankulov, Teodosi Spasov, Hristo Yotzov, Simeon Shterev, Vesselin Koichev** and the group «**White, Green & Red**» as well with the great clarinetist **Ivo Papazov**.

He creates his first band [«The Dixie Jockers»](#) in **1993**

In 1995, he joins the jazz department at the **National Academy of Music and Dance** (Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et Danse) in Paris, where he studied with **François Jeanneau, Jean-François Jenny Clark, Hervé Sellin** and **François Théberge**.

In **1996** he wins the prize for best soloist at the Jazz competition in Avignon, under the presidency of **Daniel Humair**. He is invited as a guest soloist by the Lorient Big Band- the Bretagne regional jazz orchestra and he does a several tours with:  
**1996** in Latvia, **1997** in Vietnam, **1998** in Cambodja and **1999** in French Polynesia.

In **1998** he graduates with honors (Golden Medal) the National Academy in Paris, wins the third prize as a soloist and a second prize for group with **Geoffroy Tamisier's** «OLH Acoustic» sextet at the French National Jazz Competition «La Défense».

In **1999** he created his first quintet with **Stéphane Guillaume** (saxophone, clarinet), **Emmanuel Codjia** (guitar), **Thomas Grimmonprez** (drums) and **Antonio Licusati** (bass), which won third prize in the competition "**La Défense**". Recorded the CD «**Une vie sans lune**» with l'[«OLH Acoustique» de Geoffroy Tamisier](#)  
In **2000**, Georgi takes part in numerous projects: **the French National Jazz Orchestra** directed by **Didier Levalet** under conducting of **John Lewis (Modern Jazz Quartet)** and **Paolo Damiani**. There he crosses paths with **Francois Jeanneau, Gianluigi Trovesi, Cristophe Marguet, Paul Rogers, Cristophe Monniot, Xavier Jiroto, Gianluca Petrella, Mederic Collignon, and Anouar Brahem**. He participates in

**Paris Jazz Big Band**, plays with **Toots Thielemans**, **Phil Collins** and **Henri Salvador** under the direction of **Quincy Jones**, as well in [«l'Arbre Voyage» de Bertrand Renaudin](#) with **Herve Sellin**, **Yves Rousseau** and **Jonas Knutsson**.

Georgi recorded his first album with original music "[STARO VREME](#)", in **2001**, [«G meets K»](#) with **Geoffroy Tamisier's** «OLH Acoustic» and **Kenny Wheeler** and [«A Suivre»](#) with **Paris Jazz Big Band**. He forms a quartet [«Tribute to JJ Johnson »](#) with **Denis Leloup** (trombone), **Pier Paolo Pozzi** (drums) and **Stephane Kerecki** (double bass)

From **2002 to 2009** he plays with "[Strada Sextet](#)" d'**Henri Texier**. Concerts in France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, UK, Russia, Norway, Libya

In **2004**, **Georgi** records [«ESSENCE DE ROSE»](#), his second album with original music with **Stéphane Guillaume** (saxophone, clarinet), **Emmanuel Codjia** (guitar), **Thomas Grimmonprez** (drums), **Sebastien Boisseau** (bass), **Krassen Lutzkanov**(kaval) and **Geoffroy Tamisier** (trumpet)

Georgi was invited in **2005** as a permanent member of [Vienna Art Orchestra](#), conducted by **Matthias Rüegg** and also in the sextet of **Jean-Marie Machado "Andalucia"**.

In **2006** Georgi creates two new groups: **Georgi Kornazov** [«HORIZONS»](#) quintet with **Emile Parisien** (sax soprano), **Manu Codjia** (guitar), **Mark Buronfosse** (double bass), and **Karl Jannuskan** (drums) and the trio [Kornazov/Codjia/ Tamisier](#)

In **2007** he is invited by the Nord deutscher Rundfunk (**NDR**) **Big band**, Hamburg, where he works with **Bob Brookmeyer**, **Nils Landgren**, **Claus Stotter**, **Christof Lauer**, **Gene Calderazzo**, **Gary Husband**, **Dany Gotlieb**, **Eric Watson**, **Nils Wogram**, and also with the composers and arrangers **Steve Gray** and **Michael Gibs**. Records [«VIARA»](#) with the «Horizons» quintet and [«LE GRIS DU VENT»](#) with the trio **Kornazov / Codjia / Tamisier**. European tour with **Al Jarreau** and **NDR Big band**.

In **2008**, Georgi recorded "**Marciac New York Express**" with **Herve Sellin** septet and participated in several festivals: [Vienne. Marciac](#), Ramatuelle, Nevers, Les Arènes de Montmartre. Creation of "[Viara](#)" in Sofia with **Roumen Toskov** (piano), **Georgi Donchev** (basse) and **Hristo Yotsov** (drums)

In **2009** Georgi joins **Jean-Marie Machado's "Danzas"** and makes a recording with [Manu Codjia quintet](#). Concerts in Paris- [New Morning](#), [Sunset](#)

**2010:** Creation of a new original project in Sofia [«OTNOVO»](#) - with **Antoni Donchev** (piano), **Rossen «Roko» Zahariev** (trumpet, flugelhorn), **Stojan Yankoulov** (drums), **Georgi Donchev** (bass) and concerts in Radio Sofia and [Varna International Jazz Fest](#)–Bulgaria. Carte blanche at the festival [«Eclats d'email»](#) - Limoges, France and in [radio France](#), where he creates a special international version of [«OTNOVO»](#) with **Alex Sipiagin** (trumpet), **Dimitar Bodourov** (piano), **Emile Parisien** (sax soprano), **Manu Codjia** (guitar), **Marc Buronfosse** (double bass) and **Antoine Banville** (drums) . [Concert à Sofia](#) with **Antoni Donchev** (piano), [Rossen "Roko" Zahariev](#) (trumpet, flugelhorn), **Gueorgui Donchev** (bass), **Dimitar Semov** (drums)

In **2011** Georgi is invited as a soloist by the [Big band de Radio Sofia](#) (dir. **Anthony Donchev**) and records [«PART OF THE ART»](#) of [Mauro Negri European quartet](#) with [Mario Gonzi \(batterie\) et Georg Breinchmid \(contrebasse\)](#). Concerts - Jazzahead Bremen,(D) Blagoevgrad Jazz Fest,(BG) BMC jazz festival - Budapest,(H) Mantova, (I). Concert at [radio Sofia](#) with **Vasil Parmakov** (piano), **Dimitar Karamfilov** (basse) and **Atanas "Nasko" Popov** (drums).

In **2012** he joins **Denis Charoles's «The compagnie of musiques à Ouir»**, **Geoffroy Tamisier's "Harmonie de poche"** and the new septet of **Olivier Le Gois**, recording the CD [«ABSTRACT»](#). Records [«La fête à Bobby»](#) with **Jean-Marie Machado** and **André Minvielle**.

In **2013** Georgi creates three new personal projects:

["THE MAJESTY OF KENNY WHEELER"](#) (tribute to the great Canadian trumpeter and composer) with **Claudia Solal** (voice), **Jean-Charles Richard** (sax soprano), **Manu Codjia** (guitar), **Guillaume de Chassy** (piano), **Christophe Marguet** (drums) and **Matyas Szanday** (basse), **Gueorgui Kornazov** [«BRASS SPIRIT»](#) with **Aymeric Avice** (trumpet), **Didier Ithurssary** (accordéon), **Bastien Stil** (tuba), **Eric Echampard** (drums) and the duo ["SUZANIE"](#) with the pianist **Leonardo Montana**.

Coming out of ["SILA"](#), the 4th album with original music which received **«CHOCK»**- the highest critic in Jazzmagazin.

Recordings in [«DUKE & THELONIUS»](#) with **"The company music a Ouir"** and in [«TRAPEZE»](#) of **Jan Schumacher**.

Concert at [Berlin Jazz D'or festival](#)

In 2014 he records "[SUZANIE](#)" with the pianist **Leonardo Montana** - the fifth album with original music and coming out of the 6<sup>th</sup> one : [«THE BUDAPEST CONCERT»](#) with the **«HORIZONS»** quintet. Caribbean tour with Tony Shasseur Big Band and SILA  
european tour: "[Porgy & Bess](#)" (Vienne), [MOODS](#) (Zurich), [«Le Mur du son»](#) (La Chaux-de-Fonds), [SUNSET](#) (Paris), [BMC-Budapest](#), [Festival Au Sud du Nord](#), [Le Comptoir](#) ,Fontenay, [Pannonica](#), Nantes, [Eaubonne jazz](#), [Reims jazz fest](#) , Bar-le- Duc with "[BRASS SPIRIT](#)"

In 2015 Georgi composes and arranges a new original programme called [«CONSCIENCE»](#) for Big Band and three soloistes. Creation and recording in Sofia, Bulgaria in september 2015. Plays with **Nguyen Le project** [«THE DARC SIDE OF THE MOON»](#) (Pink Floyd) and [David Venitucci trio avec Christophe Marguet](#) (drums)  
Concerts in New Morning, Paris, Nice, "SILA" european tour: [Valenciennes](#), Monastier,Guise, Chalons, Dijon, Auxerre (Bourgogne), Lillebone and Paris(France), [NDR](#)-Hambourg (Germany)