**Band Members Biography**

**Szilard Banai – DRUMS**

Szilard Banai is one of the busiest drummers in Hungary. He has played on more than 60 records in different styles. Szilard plays: jazz, rock, pop, fusion, world music. Several of his albums had nominations and won awards in Europe and the US.

Szilard plays in different bands in Hungary from jazz to rock. He is the founder, leader and the composer of Silhouette. He also works as a solo performer, clinician and teacher.

Some of his international works: La Rioja Drumming Festival, Spain (2017 Clinician, Performer), Jam Session School University, Barcelona (2017 Clinician), Saulkrasi Jazz Festival, Latvia (2018, 2008 Clinician, Performer)

Szilard appears in reviews and articles of the world's leading drum magazines like: Modern Drummer, Drum, Drums and Percussion, Sticks etc..

He directed and composed a drum duet DVD with the legendary Mezzoforte group’s drummer Gulli Briem. The Paiste company presented this material at NAMM and Frankurt Messe in 2016

He has played at the biggest music festivals of the world from Pori Jazz, Rochester Jazz(NY) to Stockholm Jazz and Panang Jazz (Malaysia) with artists including: Steve Hackett, Vinx, David Murray, Gulli Briem, Djabe, Glen Sobel, Dom Famularo, Gene Hoglan, Josh Dion to name a few.

Szilard Banai’s awards:

Golden Drumstick(2009)
eMeRTon Award (2001)
Fonogram Award (2012)
Prince Award (2003)
Paiste International endorser (2011)
Vic Firth International endorser (2014) Ludwig International endorser (2018)

**GABOR VERMES – BASS**

Gabor’s first important opportunity in music was becoming a member of Interpop
Festival’s special award winner formation Rózsaszín Bombázók led by Ildikó Keresztes and György Demeter.

Gabor has played in several leading Hungarian bands, including the Latin formation Salsa Fresa, Szerda Délután, Unisex, Szörp, Ricardo Salsa Club and Fiesta just to name a few.

He played numerous successful concerts together with De Phazz vocalist Pat Appleton and has played in concerts with Ferenc Molnár „Caramel”, Miklós Birta, Zsuzsa Cserháti, Tamás Hevesi, Orsi Tunyogi, Josephinne Kratelli, Tamás F. Sipos, Gyula Éliás, and Andrea Malek. Gabor has toured the world alongside singer and guitar player Tino Gonzales.

In 2009 He had the chance to play together with Genesis’ guitar player Steve Hackett in the band Djabe as a replacement for Tamás Barabás. He was featured on albums of several bands.

Gabor won the Jazzy Jazz Song contest’s Best Instrumental Soloist Award in 2009.

**MARCELL TOTH – KEYS**

Award winning pianist Marcell Toth has been playing piano professionally since the age of 18. He attended the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest where he gained a degree in Jazz Piano performing followed by a Masters degree in Jazz Piano Teaching. He has been teaching piano since 2010 at several university’s music schools. Marcell produced or wrote songs and as well as performing on stage in live shows with many Hungarian A-list artists, like Gáspár Laci, Emilio, Tóth Vera,Takács Nikolas, Gyárfás István and many others. These artists have hundreds of thousands followers and audiences in the country and beyond borders. As a music producer and studio musician Marcell has produced 140+ tracks in the past years, including multiple award winning songs and one song that was selected for the Eurovision Song Contest.