

SHORT BIO

Vid Jamnik was born in Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia in 1993. He made his first official musical steps in 2001 in the music school in Ravne na Koroškem with professor Davorin Jevšnikar.

In 2005, he attended a summer jazz school in Grožnjan, Croatia, where he met the legendary Yugoslav vibraphonist Boško Petrović, who became an important mentor figure and ushered the young musician into the world of jazz. Vid has performed with many renowned musicians and ensembles, including Jimmy Cobb, Boško Petrović Trio, Georgie Fame, Jim Rotondi, Stefan Milenkovich, Simone Zanchini, David Gazarov, Gianni Basso, Dusko Goykovich, Arthur Lipner, the JMI Jazz World Orchestra under the direction of Luis Bonilla and was a member of the Euroradio Jazz Orchestra 2017.

He studied privately with Gary Burton and participated in workshops led by famous musicians, such as Dave Samuels, Eric Alexander, Peter Bernstein, Lewis Nash and Nebojša Jovan Živković. In 2007, he won first place in Euritmia International Young Musicians' Competition in Udine, Italy, and in 2015, he made it to the finals of the EBU European Jazz Competition in Rotterdam, Holland, with his group Urgent Detergent.

In 2012, Vid graduated from the Carinthian State Conservatorium in Klagenfurt, Austria with an Artistic Diploma in Jazz Studies. In 2011/2012, he participated in a five-month Erasmus student exchange at the Jazz Institut Berlin with professor David Friedman, and in 2014 released his debut album *Last Minute!* on Alessa Records. In 2018, Vid graduated Summa Cum Laude as a dual-major student of Performance and Jazz Composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston, having studied with Terence Blanchard, George Garzone, Ed Saindon, Kenny Werner, Ralph Peterson and many others.

He received Berklee's Most Active Mallet Performer Award in his first semester of studies and was selected for two consecutive years to record for Berklee's Jazz Revelation Records' compilation CD featuring best student bands and compositions; those recordings also made it to the compilation *Jazz Slovenia 2015*, presenting the best of Slovenian jazz. He represented the label at the Umbria Jazz festival in Italy, and in 2015, Vid Jamnik Quintet toured in France on behalf of the college.

In the past couple of years, he toured Taiwan three times with the Mizform Project, presenting a unique fusion of traditional Taiwanese music and jazz. Currently, he is heading a pioneering ongoing project, *Viva Jazz Forma*, fusing sounds of outdoor metal sculptures with jazz, techno and electronic music, thus bridging the visual and musical worlds.

He is a leader or member of several different groups: Urgent Detergent, Viva Jazz Forma, Vid Jamnik/Ratko Zjača Duo, You've Got That Swing (with Eddie Luis & His Jazz Passengers), Jazz Continuo, Mizform Project and Ajda Stina Turek Trio.

Vid Jamnik is a Balter Mallets Artist.