

# FRANCESCO CROSARA

Jazz Pianist, Composer

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*“A pianist who originally hails from Italy, Crosara is well-versed in bop lore, and his delicate flow might indicate a debt to Bill Evans”*

John Janowiak, Down Beat Magazine, April 2000



Born in Milan, Italy, and residing in the Seattle area since 2017, **Francesco Crosara** is a Jazz pianist, composer and educator who has played at festivals and venues across the USA, Japan, Canada, Mexico, France, Spain, and Italy.

He has performed with Lionel Hampton, Freddie Hubbard, Roy Hargrove, Richie Cole, Bobby Shew, Ira Sullivan, Don Menza, John Heard, Gabe Baltazar, Bruce Forman, Barbara Morrison, Earl Palmer, Mark Lewis, and more.

A master of jazz improvisation, Francesco's piano style mixes a strong romantic vein from his classical training at the Music Conservatory of Santa Cecilia in Rome with bouncy lyrical expression in the jazz and Latin idioms.

Since 1992, Francesco has produced 6 jazz albums which were recorded internationally. Featured guest artists include Von Freeman and Lilian Terry. Francesco's album, *Colors*, received 4 stars from *DownBeat* magazine.

Francesco's mother, Lilian Terry, was one of Europe's foremost jazz vocalists across four decades. Also a TV/radio personality, and educator in Italy, she recorded with Dizzy Gillespie, and with Tommy Flanagan, and co-founded the Dizzy Gillespie Popular School of Music in Bassano, Italy. Lilian's memoirs, "Dizzy, Duke, Brother Ray, and Friends", (2017-University of Illinois Press) received a highly positive review from Downbeat magazine and others.

Francesco's major piano influences are Chick Corea, Bill Evans, Keith Jarrett, and Herbie Hancock.

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