

FRANCESCO CROSARA

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Jazz Pianist & Composer

"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, **DownBeat Magazine**



FrancescoJAZZ is the brand name of Francesco Crosara's musical concepts. Its vision is to provide a source of joy, comfort, escape and healing through original jazz compositions, improvisation, and jazz standards revisited. The mission of FrancescoJAZZ is to guide the listeners into a musical journey that provokes a variety of emotions, and ultimately, has a positive impact on their lives.

Born in Milan, **Francesco Crosara** is a Seattle area-based Jazz pianist, composer and educator who has played at festivals and venues across the USA, Japan, Canada, Mexico, France, Spain, and Italy. In 1981 Francesco attended USC in Los Angeles where he became a permanent member of the USC jazz big band through his college years. Francesco's early musical activity was focused on Hawaii, where he was part of the Gabe Baltazar quartet, and Chicago, where he led trios and quartets with guest artist Von Freeman.

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, Osama Afifi, Clipper Anderson, Mark Ivester, Jeff Busch, Milo Petersen, Steven Bentley, 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 international jazz albums ranging from straight-ahead to fusion and Latin. Featured guest artists include Von Freeman, Lilian Terry, Dave Marr, Rusty Jones, Paulinho Garcia, Dean Taba, Noel Okimoto, Yasushi Gonjo, Larry Marshall, Miles Jackson, Eric Kurtz, and more. His 2000 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 Down Beat magazine and others.

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

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