

Biography - Peter Szendofi, 2019

Drummer, composer, producer, clinician, educator

Basic info:

Peter Szendofi is one of the most frequently employed musicians in Hungary. He plays on about **180 albums** and he performs in festivals, concerts almost in all kinds of music.

He graduated at Jazz Department of Franz Liszt Academy of Music in 1992.

He won a full Scholarship from Drummers Collective when he did a 10-week program in 1995. In the last years he is in and out between Europe and the USA for doing clinics, solo performances, concerts and teaching.

He has been touring several times with the world-famous bass player **Gary Willis**, Grammy winning saxophone player **Brandon Fields** since 2005. Founder and band leader, composer, arranger of his jazz-fusion band **Fusio Group** for 25 years. Moreover, he is the founder of **Loop Doctors**.

In the last 2-3 years, Peter has been touring and gave clinics, solo performances in **Los Angeles, Macau, South Korea, Guatemala, Thailand, Singapore, Italy, Russia, Finland, Germany, UK, Ireland, Switzerland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Transylvania, The Netherlands, Germany and the New York area**.

He performed in live and recorded albums with **Eric Marienthal, James Morrison, Will Lee, George Whitty, David Friedman, Gary Willis, Oz Noy, Jerry Z., Tony Lakatos, Brandon Fields, Chris Hunter, Al Di Meola, Kip Reed, Shankar Lal, Ferenc Snetberger, Alegre Correa, John Gunther, Jojo Mayer, and Tom Brechtlein**.

Peter is a member of the **Drum Set Committee of Percussive Arts Society, USA** since **2013**.

Endorsements:

International artist of **Tama Drums, Meinl cymbals, Vic Firth sticks, Remo drumheads, Roland electronics, Humes&Berg cases, Cympad accessories, ProLogic pads**.

Bands, music groups:

Fusio Group

Loop Doctors feat. Brandon Fields / Chris Hunter / Gary Willis / Eric Marienthal

Education:

Peter teaches private lessons, composing/arranging class, combo and improvisation class at **Kodolanyi University Jazz Department** in Hungary since **2007**.

He is a **Master Class Artist at the Drummers Collective, New York since 2014.**

In addition, he is a visitor teacher at **Galileo University**, Guatemala City, and at the **North Karelia University**, Finland.

Awards and acknowledgements:

- First Prize: 'The Best Composer of the Competition at the Franz Liszt University and Bela Bartok Conservatory' - 1986
- 'Golden Drumstick' award - two times / 2003, 2004/ – ARTISJUS Award in 2001.
- EMERTON Award (Music Award of the Hungarian National Radio and Television) in 2006.
- FONOGRAM award (Association of All Hungarian Record Label) Award for the Loop Doctors-Gary Willis: High Voltage album as "The Jazz Album of The Year '07"