



Silvan Zingg

“The Boogie Woogie ambassador from Switzerland”

On the occasion of a joint concert at the Congress house in Zurich, the Rock'n Roll legend Chuck Berry said with enthusiasm about his pianist: “Silvan is playing as if he came from St. Louis - he could be my Blues brother!”

Silvan Zingg's style is characterized by a great portion of swing, heavy groove and an impressive virtuosity. With a refreshing repertoire of over five hundred titles, he plays lively boogie-woogie, sensitive blues, classic jazz and swing. All is performed with passion, lightness and brilliant quality.

Influenced by vintage recordings, he started to play the piano in early childhood. After his studies at the university, he began his professional music career. His talent and passion for music made him travel around the world. He has played in more than 30 countries up to now (Europe, USA, Russia, Asia and the Middle East).

The critics describe him as an exceptional pianist, impressive by his technique and his cheerful enthusiasm.

Silvan Zingg appeared and performed on stage with legends like Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, Kathie Webster, Sammy Price, Memphis Slim, Champion Jack Dupree, Tito Jackson, Michel Petrucciani, Pinetop Perkins and many more.

Meeting Claude Nobs made one of his dreams come true! The year 2011 will see him perform for the first time at the Montreux Jazz Festival with B.B. King and Carlos Santana.

Silvan Zingg's International Boogie Woogie Festival

Since Silvan's first invitation in April 2002 in Lugano, world class musicians and dancers gather every year for the “International Boogie Woogie Festival” in Switzerland. As a result of the annual rising success of this high-profile meeting of renowned artists, the TV Station BBC World reported worldwide on it.

www.boogiefestival.com

His great hit **“Dancing The Boogie”** has over 3.5 million visitors on Youtube. It's one of the most seen Swiss music video clip on the web.

Media corner

TV

- BBC World (documentary film about the International Boogie Woogie Festival in Lugano, 30 min, shown worldwide)
- TV interviews in USA (CNN, Fox4, Fox9 Channels)
- Live concert in Detroit, USA, PBS 2005
- TSR (Swiss TV), Journal 19h30, „A la rencontre de Silvan Zingg, un pianiste suisse qui remet le boogie-woogie à la mode“, 30.07.2010
- TSR, Emission Nouvo, „Boogie Switzerland“, 02.06.2010
- RTSI Radio e Televisione Svizzera Italiana
- Radio and TV interviews in China, 2008
- Radio and TV interviews in India, 2007

Press

Articles are available on www.silvanzingg.com under media.

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Other events

Apart from playing at music festivals in Switzerland and abroad, Silvan is a popular entertainer for various events including sports (Olympic committee, football association, ATP & WTA – Tennis tournament, Polo & Golf tournaments, Ski-WM FIS events, Formula 1), politics (Swiss Federal council) & economy.

In 2008, during the Olympic year in China, he gave nine concerts in five cities. He played for the first official reception of the new Swiss ambassador Blaise Godet and for the yearly Swiss Ball in Peking.

Bookings for

- Festivals, jazzclubs, galas, business or private events, TV/radio, weddings, etc.
- Lecture on **“The world of Boogie Woogie”** for schools and culture programs (60 to 120 minutes)

Childhood memories...

- Silvan loves straciatella ice cream.
- As a child, he was able to read notes before going to school.
- He completed his degree in trombone in six years.
- He was invited to play together with the Lugano City Harmony in the Church of St. Peters in Rom and performed a solo for the pope.
- Silvan earned his first pocket money by playing Ticino music with his father on the dance boat in Lugano every evening during the summer.
- In the winter season, Silvan missed school for two weeks to play in a hotel in Zermatt. During the day he was skiing and in the evening he was entertaining the hotel guests.
- At the age of 18 and as the only European, he got invited to play during the official program “Master of Blues & Boogie Woogie Piano” in South Carolina (USA).
- During his studies in Arts, Silvan won the competition for Swiss artists. His picture has been exhibited at the Kunsthaus in Zurich.
- As a teenager, Silvan was a member of the Athletic Club of Massagno-Lugano and won the champion of Ticino title in shot-put.
- As he was for the short and practical way, he named his last three cats “Isi” (easy), which is a nickname for Isidoro, meaning “Garfield”.
- As a schoolboy, Silvan used to leave the light on his desk switched on, to give the impression he was doing his homework. Instead, he was training in the music room.

Discography

Boogie Must Go On (Solo) Changes In Boogie Woogie Double Up Boogie

(produced by Martin van Olderen for his label OLDIE BLUES)

Boogie Woogie Duets Live In Concerto (recorded by RTSI / Radio Televisione Svizzera Italiana)

Boogie Woogie Xmas (Silvan Zingg: piano, Valerio Felice: drums)

Boogie Woogie Trilogy Silvan Zingg Trio : Silvan Zingg (piano), Valerio Felice (drums), Nuno Alexandre (double bass)

Boogie Woogie Ride (Silvan Zingg Trio)

Trumpet Boogie (Silvan Zingg: piano, Reinhard Zingg: (his father): trumpet, harp, drums, banjo)

Boogie Woogie & Blues CD + DVD (Life recordings in Europe and USA)

CD Sampler

- “New Orleans Jazz Festival” Ascona, 2000-2011
- “3ème Festival de Boogie Woogie” La Roquebrou, France, 2001-2009
- “Fourth Annual Blues & Boogie Piano Summit” Newport, USA, 2002
- DVD “Boogie Woogie Festival Netherlands”, 2004
- DVD “Boogie Woogie Festival Belgique”, 2005
- DVD + TV: Concert de Silvan Zingg, PBS Channel (USA) recorded at the “Motor City Boogie & Blues Festival” in Detroit, USA, 2005
- “Jazz Au Mercure”, Toulouse, France, 2006