

# **MASSIMO CUSATO**

*Percussionist/Drummer – REMO Artist*

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## **Teaching Experience**

OCTOBER 2018

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, New York City  
**CALARTS**, Valencia, California

SEPTEMBER 2018

**RADICAMENTI FESTIVAL**, Cosenza, Italy

MAY 2018

**CAMPOBASSO CONSERVATORY**, 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual Percussion Festival  
**UNIVERSITY OF CALABRIA**, Cosenza, Italy  
**ADRIA CONSERVATORY**, Adria, RO, Italy

OCTOBER 2017

**DRUMMERS COLLECTIVE**, New York City  
**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**, New York, Long Island  
**BENNINGTON COLLEGE**, Bennington, Vermont

MAY 2017

**CAMPOBASSO CONSERVATORY**, 8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Percussion Festival  
**TRIESTE CONSERVATORY**, Trieste, Italy

FEBRUARY 2017

**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**, New York, Long Island

OCTOBER 2016

**NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, Asuncion, Paraguay

JULY 2016

**KOSA ITALIA**, Inter. Drum & Percussion Camp, Locri, RC, Italy

JUNE 2016

**FRAME DRUMS ITALIA**, Montelparo, FM, Italy

MAY 2016

**CAMPOBASSO CONSERVATORY**, 7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Percussion Festival

JULY 2015

**KOSA VERMONT**, Inter. Drum & Percussion Camp, Castleton

## Quotes

### **Glen Velez: percussionist**

Founding father of the modern frame drumming movement  
Juilliard School, Pat Metheny, Zakir Hussain, Suzanne Vega, many others

"Massimo Cusato has made a wonderful contribution to the art of Tambourine and Percussion playing with his creative adaptations of hand drumming sounds to the drumset. In addition his generous and lively teaching style has given a host of percussionists a new range of ideas to expand their own technical and musical endeavors."

### **John Blackwell: drummer**

Prince, Patti LaBelle

"I first met Massimo Cusato at KOSA Vermont 2015, where we were both teaching. I sat on stage next to him during his sound check because I was drawn to the way he hit his instrument and the feel he was creating. He played this crazy funky style with a tamburello, bass drum and hi-hat. I never saw anything like it. Amazing groove and personality, love it!"

### **Gordon Gottlieb: percussionist**

Juilliard School, regular guest-NY Philharmonic

"Massimo Cusato is an organic rhythmist. He combines the hand and stick drumming styles from multiple cultures into a swinging, fiery groove stew. It comes across as uniquely his, yet inevitable. I really enjoy Massimo's playing."

## Performance – Tours

NICCOLO' FABI *La Cura del Tempo - Novo Mesto*

MASSIMO RANIERI *Nun è Acqua - Oggi e Dimani - Pulcinella*

PAOLA TURCI *Giorni di Rose*

SIMONE CRISTICCHI *Fabbricante di Canzoni*

EUGENIO BENNATO *Italia - Europa - Sud America*

7 SOIS ORKESTRA *Portogallo – Francia – Spagna – Italia - Croazia e Grecia*

QUARTAUMENTATA *Sirene e Naviganti – A Storia è Gljià  
Tamburi e Parole – Racconto - Ostinatamente - U Mundu Balla*

PINO INSEGNO *Buonasera Buonasera*

D. RIONDINO e D. VERGASSOLA - *Un Palcoscenico per la Città*

RODOLFO LAGANA' - *Greatest Hits*

MASSIMO VENTURIELLO – *Masaniello*

## Concerts

MININO GARAY (guest) - *38° Roccella Jazz Festival, Roccella J., RC, Italy*

ORCHESTRA CALABRA *Radicamenti Festival, Mendicino, CS, Italy*

NICCOLO' FABI *Palalottomatica, Roma – Fnac, Madrid*

DUO POPOLARE ITALIANO *XII Rio Harp Festival, Rio de Janeiro*

*X Festival popolare dell'Arpa, Asuncion, Paraguay*

ELISABETH CUTLER *Rockwood Music Hall - New York*

VINX (guest) - *Blue Note, New York*

EDMAR CASTANEDA TRIO (guest) – *Drom, New York*

PAOLA TURCI *1 Maggio, Roma - Blue Note, Milano*

*Malindi Music Festival for Children - Malindi, Kenya*

MARCO ZURZOLO *Umbria Jazz - Melbourne, Australia*

7 SOIS ORKESTRA *7 Sois 7 Luas Festival - Ra'anana, Israele*

LUCILLA GALEAZZI *International Folk Festival - Tilburg, Olanda*

*HA' Festival - Genk, Belgio*

## QUARTAUMENTATA

*Joyce Soho Theater, New York – Maison Musique, Rivoli, TO, Italy*

*Respiro della Terra, Ethnic Music Festival, Boston*

*Trumpets Jazz Club, Monclair, USA – Ikarus Festival, Icaria, Grecia*

*Womad Festival, Palermo - Festa Italiana, Milwaukee, USA*

*Premio Fabrizio de Andrè, Roma – La Salumeria della musica, Milano*

*Kaulonia Tarantella Festival, Caulonia, RC, Italy*

## ALESSANDRA BELLONI

*RedCat Theater, Los Angeles - ONU, Europe Day, New York*

*Bohemian Festival, New York - Theater for the New City, New York*

*Journée de la percussion, Parigi - Lyric Hall Theater, New Haven, USA*

*Gracie Mansion, New York -*

## MARGARIDA GUERREIRO

*Ikarus Festival, Icaria, Grecia - Festival d'Autunno, Catanzaro*

*Emmas Festival, Olbia – Paeleariza Festival, Pentedattilo, RC, Italy*

## DEDONNO-SIMEONI-CUSATO

*Museo del Bardo, Tunisy - Acropolium di Cartagine, Cartagine, Tunisy*

TONY BUNGARO *The Place – Rome*

Altre Collaborazioni dal 1994 ad oggi:

PILAR	XICRO	INDACO
MUJURA	MAX CALO	TONY CANTO
EDDY NAPOLI	KAREN JONES	TOM SINATRA
ENZO FAVATA	CATALDO PERRI	TONY BUNGARO
MARCELLA BELLA	PEPPE FRATTAROLI	FABIO MACAGNINO
FRANCESCO SICARI	RAFFAELLO SIMEONI	PICCOLA BANDA
IKONA		

ERICA BOSCHIERO *Rai Radio 3, Musiche Ospitali – Roma*

## Television

NICCOLO' FABI

*Festival Bar, Mediaset - Tim Tour, Mediaset*

*Top Of the Pop, Rai 2 - Cornetto Free Music Festival, Mediaset*

BRIAN ADAMS *Festival Bar, Mediaset*

PAOLA TURCI *1 Maggio, Rai 3*

ENRICO MONTESANO *Trash, Rai 1*

EUGENIO BENNATO

*Sanremo Premio Tenco, Rai 2 - Help, Tele Montecarlo*

*Festival di Napoli, Mediaset*

ERAMO E PASSAVANTI

*Domenica In, Rai 1 - Roxy Bar, Tele Montecarlo - Help, Tele Montecarlo*

DAVIDE RIONDINO

*Maurizio Costanzo Show, Canale 5 - Premio d'autore Recanati, Rai 2*

*Segnali di Fumo, Video Music*

SABINA GUZZANTI *Segnali di Fumo, Video Music*

ORCHESTRA M° MAZZA *Buona Domenica, Canale 5*

POSITIVE POWER *Roxy bar, Tele Montecarlo - Help, Tele Montecarlo*

7 SOIS ORCHESTRA *Mediterraneo, Rai 3*

MARCO ZURZOLO *Musica di Napoli nei Vicoli, Rai 2*

QUARTAUMENTATA *Un Mondo a Colori, Rai 2*

## Recordings

NICCOLO' FABI *Novo Mesto - La Cura del Tempo DVD*

MASSIMO RANIERI *Napoli... Viaggio in Italia*

EUGENIO BENNATO *Tarantella Power - Mille e una Notte Fa*  
ERAMO E PASSAVANTI *Oro e Ruggine*  
ZERO ASSOLUTO *Appena Prima di Partire*  
SYRIA *Station Wagon*  
FRANCO CALIFANO *Non Escludo il Ritorno*  
PIOTTA *Tommaso*  
PILAR *Singolare Femminile*  
ELISABETH CUTLER *Polishing Stones*  
ANIMA SOUL *Better Than Silence*  
SUNLIGHTSQUARE *Urban Session*  
DANIELE LUTTAZZI *Money for Dope*  
DACIA MARAINI *Se Amando Troppo*  
QUARTAUMENTATA *Abballamu cu Ventu – Navigando*  
*A Notti e Fatta Dinnu... - The Best of Quartaumentata - Sirene e Naviganti*  
*U Mundu Balla - Dai Diamanti non Nasce Niente - Natali i Na Vota*  
MARCO ZURZOLO *Polvere di Napoli - Ex Voto*  
MIMMO EPIFANI *Marannui*  
RAFFAELLO SIMEONI *Controentu*  
CIRCO DIATONICO *La Banda*  
7 SOIS ORKESTRA *A Night in Sicily*  
DEDONNO-SIMEONI-CUSATO *A Sud del Mondo*  
MARINELLA RODA' *Traguda*  
MUJURA *Come tutti gli altri dei*  
FRANCESCO SICARI *Spartenza*

## **Endorsements**

REMO ARTIST <https://remo.com/team/member/massimo-cusato/>

## **TRAINING - EDUCATION**

**NOV 2015** Private Lessons, *drum set and percussion*, New York  
Glen Velez - Mike Clark

**JAN 2013** Private Lessons, *drum set and percussion*, New York

Gordon Gottlieb, John Amina, Vince Cherico, Mark Flynn

**JULY 2007**

*Percussionist Program License Theory, Solfeggio and Rhythmic dictation*  
Conservatory of Music L. Perosi, Campobasso, Italy

**JAN – JUNE 2005** Specialized, *Project Events course Program*  
Istituto Europeo di Design, Rome, Italy

**JUNE 2002** *Theory, Solfeggio and Melodic Dictation Certification*  
Conservatory of Music, Frosinone, Italy

**OCT 2000 – FEB 2001** *Methodology and practice of Orff-Schulwerk*  
Course of Study, School Donna Olympia, Rome, Italy

**1991 – PRESENT** *Drum set training*  
E. Mancini, C. Micalizzi, H. Hernandez, M. Dei Lazzaretti

**1991 – PRESENT** *Percussion training*  
Arnaldo Vacca, Giovanni Imperato, Changuito

**1986 – 1991** High school - *Degree of technical maturity*, Siderno, Italy

**EXPERIENCE**

**1999 ad oggi** *Creator – Organizer – Artistic Director*  
Ai Confini dei Sud, World Music Festival, Calabria, Italy

**Luglio 2016** *Co-Organizer / Co-Director*  
Kosa Italia, Inter. Drum & Percussion Camp, Locri, RC, Italy

**2003 fino 2012** *Founder - Legal Representative*  
Company Eraura Eventi and Etna productions

**Settembre 2002** *Master Class Section Coordinator Percussion & Drums*  
World Percussion Exhibition, Perugia Classico 2002, Perugia, Italy

**Da Gennaio 1998** *Founder, QuartAumentata, Worl Music band*

