

Mateusz Smoczyński - the graduate of Frederic Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw from the class of Andrzej Gębski. He is a jazz violinist who debuted in 1999 in Jazz Camping Kalatówki (Poland) with the quintet of Jacek Namysłowski. With this band he won many prizes and awards. Despite his young age he performed many times outside Poland (e.g. Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Denmark, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Slovakia) and also in most of Polish biggest jazz festivals. He cooperates with such renowned Polish musicians as: Krzesimir Dębski, Krzysztof Herdzin (in the original project "Jazz on Strings" Mateusz Smoczyński was the soloist and concertmaster of Sinfonia Viva Orchestra), Kazimierz Jonkisz, Zbigniew Namysłowski, André Ochodlo, Maciej Strzelczyk, Janusz Skowron, Jarosław Śmietana Grzech Piotrowski or Zbigniew Wegehaupt. Together with Joachim Kuhn, Bohdan Jarmołowicz, Janusz Stefański and Bronisław Suchanek he took part in the premiere of Zbigniew Seifert's jazz concert for violin, symphony orchestra and rhythmic section. He often played with the German band Schultzing. He is the leader of a quintet where he plays with Konrad Zemler – guitar, his older brother Jan on piano, Wojciech Pulcyn – bass and Łukasz Zyta – drums. With this quintet he recorded his first CD "Inspirations", dedicated to his two biggest inspirations – John Coltrane and Zbigniew Seifert. In 2008 the second recording "Expressions" was released. Both have gained big popularity and received many positive reviews. After the success of his first album in 2007 Mateusz got the Minister of Culture and National Heritage Scholarship "Young Poland", and in June 2008 was awarded Jazz Oscar in the category Music Lovers' Hope of 2007. In 2010 a CD with the newest project "New Trio" is going to be released. This time the band consists of his brother Jan on Hammond, and the Russian drum star Alexander Zinger.