

Jake Goldbas

"Jake Goldbas becomes the virile, compassionate center in any creative process, both a sounding board and facilitator of adventurous new ideas."

-Bill T. Jones

Grammy© nominated drummer Jake Goldbas is increasingly praised for his remarkable musical direction and production on the world stage. With a hand firmly pressed on the jazz tradition, he has recorded and performed with Dave Brubeck, Christian McBride, Wyclif Jean, Candido Camero, Patti Austin, Stefon Harris, and Dave Liebman. Yet the passion and articulate detail that characterize his musical direction has of recent opened important doors beyond genre. Goldbas has been appointed musical director the National Arts Awards for the past two years, where he has led tributes to Tony Bennett, Herbie Hancock, Lady Gaga, and Esperanza Spalding. He is also an integral part of the sensational sound of Michael Blume, the viral success of John Splitoff's latest release, "Sing to You," as well as his work with The Knocks on their debut album "55".

Goldbas counts the prolific Bill T. Jones as both a mentor and a frequent collaborator, having co-created large scale performances with him for the past four years. As an avid touring and recording artist, Goldbas continues his long-term collaborations with Miho Hazama's band, M_UNIT, The Roy Assaf Trio, and Migguel Anggelo. Jake also performed in the pit of the Broadway musical The Color Purple featuring Tony Award winner and Cynthia Erivo and Jennifer Hudson, and has just begun playing in the new Broadway hit "Dear Evan Hansen".

His musical vision is intimately linked to his sense of social justice and global citizenship. He was selected by Jazz at Lincoln Center to develop curriculum and teach for Wynton Marsalis' "Jazz for Young People" program. He now performs over thirty educational concerts in NYC schools every year.

Goldbas was awarded his Bachelor's and Master's at Manhattan School of Music as a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. While completing his degrees in jazz, he also initiated independent study in ethnomusicology and new media, and taught at 8 different New York City Public Schools.

Jake Goldbas uses Vic Firth drumsticks, Protection Racket cases and wears Greats brand sneakers.