

CURRICULUM VITAE

First name: Vasileios

Last name: Katopodis

Main Instrument: Electric Bass

Side instruments: Oud, Percussion, Double base, guitar, Singing

Nationality: Greek

Permanent location: Helsinki, Finland

Date of birth: 30/04/1985

e-mail: katopodis_vas@hotmail.com

Mob: +358400304077

Education:

1991-2003 Arsakeio of Psychiko Greece (elementary school, junior high, Lyceum)

2003-2009 Physics department, University of Ioannina Greece (Bachelors level)

2010 Ecology and management of urban green spaces, Helsinki summer school

Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent), Finnish (first level), German (first level)

Musical Education

- 1991 – 1994 Music theory and sol-fez, Attikon Conservatory Ilioupolis Greece - Ioannis D. Christofilos
- 1991 – 1997 Piano, Attikon Conservatory Ilioupolis, Music school of Ilion - Paulos Athanasopoulos
- 1997 – 2000 Electric Guitar, Attikon Conservatory Ilioupolis - Stauros Papadopoulos
- 2006 Percussion, Private Lessons in Ioannina - Kostas Dimitriou
- 2007 Drums, Private Lessons in Ioannina - Panagiotis Kokkinis
- University of Arts Helsinki, Sibelius Academy
Global Music (GLOMAS), Bachelor and Master of Music (3yr + 2,5yr)

From 2000 till 2007 I have participated in several Choirs

- Attikon conservatory choir
- Arsakeio Lyceum Choir
- Municipal Choir of Ioannina

Musical Experience:

From 1999 to 2010 I have participated in several bands (Punk rock, classic rock, ska, reggae, ethno, folk, Balkan, fusion)

- 1998 Destroy (Punk Rock as guitar player)
- 1999-2000 Öeh (Punk Rock as guitar player and backing vocals)
- 2000-2001 Hoax (Punk rock as guitar player and backing vocals)
- 2000 2002 Pea-kiss (ska and reggae as guitar player and backing vocals)
- 2001-2003 Razors Edge (Classic Rock as Bass player and backing vocals)
- 2003-2005 Kostopoulos acoustic trio (alternative rock as bass player and backing vocals)
- 2006-2008 Adieksodo house band (Rock as bass player and backing vocals)
- 2008-2009 Off the record house band (Rock as bass player and backing vocals)
- 2008-2009 Balkan project 5 (Balkan fusion as bass player and backing vocals)

- 2009-2010 Teaching guitar and bass for starters in Nosotros Free social space of Athens (free lessons)
- 2008-2010 A-Bang (Fussion as bass player and backing vocals)
- 2011-2015 Antama Rempetiki kompania (Greek Rempetiko music, greek traditional music and minor Asia traditional music)
<https://www.facebook.com/Antama.Kompania/>
- 2015 Melody box, (Entertaining and Dancing international pieces)
- 2015 Project Creta (Cretan Traditional Music)
- 2014-2017 Anna Dantchev Band (Bulgarian ethno Fusion)
<https://www.facebook.com/annadantchevband/>
- 2015-2017 Lemonades (Greek Fussion)
<https://www.facebook.com/lemonades.band/>
- 2014 Greek-Turkish Project (Traditional common songs, in Turkish and Greek, from minor Asia Area, Istanbul and Greece)
- 2016 Greek-Turkish Project 2 (Traditional common songs, in Turkish and Greek, from minor Asia Area, Istanbul and Greece)
- 2016 Participation with Nefes Band in the second Middle eastern Festival in Helsinki
- 2016 Ulysses trio (the Pistachios of Aegena) (Oud, bass percussion trio)
- 2016 Rempetiko trio (bouzouki, guitar, baglama)
- 2016 Ne-Ne-Ne (Oud, Bass, Percussion, Ney/Clarinet)
- 2017 Tamam – Project Izmir (Traditional music of all the cultures of Izmir)
- 2018 Chiotis tribute (Tribute to Manolis Chiotis bouzouki Pioneer who combined Greek music with Latin Rhythms)
- 2018 Wanchrivas (Pop culture through global music prism)
- 2016 - today Rebetinkatu (Traditional and Rebetiko Greek music trio)
- 2018 Rebetiko 2.1 (Fusion between Rebetiko Music and Caribbean and south American Rhythms)

Since my studies in Sibelius Academy I am part of the following ensembles:

- Global choir (2017-2018)
- Global Orchestra (2017-today)
- Transcultural ensemble (2017- today)
- Afro-Cuban ensemble (2018)
- Afro Brazilian ensemble Karakatum (2018-today)

Big Gigs

During the years I have participated in numerous Solidarity concerts for: Refugees, Immigrants, Gender Equality, Anti-racist, Fund-raisers and trans-cultural events always trying to promote freedom, equality and awareness through music.

Some of the Venues I have performed are:

In Greece:

- Fakanas Conservatory 2003 (Razors Edge)
 - Gallery Papagiannakis, Ioannina 2007 (Balkan project 5)
 - Polytechnical school of Athens, 2009 Anti-racist Festival (A-Bang)
 - Law school of Athens, Gender Equality Festival 2009 (A-Bang)
 - Academy of fine Arts of Athens, B-Fest (A-Bang)
 - Botanical Garden free social space of Petroupolis, Against Police Violence (A-Bang)
 - Nosotros Free social Space of Athens, Solidarity event (A-Bang)
 - Law school of Athens, Solidarity gig, Legalisation of 300 Immigrants on Hunger Strike
- Several bars, taverns, pubs and clubs.

In Finland:

- Caisa Cultural center 2013 (Antama rempetiki kompania)
- World village festival 2013 (Antama rempetiki kompania)
- World village festival 2014 (Antama rempetiki kompania and friends)
- Etno-Espa 2014 (Antama rempetiki kompania)
- Vuotalo greek Turkish project 2014 (Antama rempetiki kompania + Yonca Kurtoglu Ermutlu and Murat Ermutlu from Nefes)
- Faces Festival 2015 (Friends against Discrimination one time gig)
- Haapavesi folk Festival 2015 (Anna Dantchev band)
- Vuotalo, 2015 (Anna Dantchev band)
- Sibelius academy restaurant, 2015 (Anna Dantchev band)
- Savoy theatre, 2015 (Anna Dantchev Band)
- Lava klubi, 2015 (Anna Dantchev Band)
- Dipoli Hotel Espoo, 2015 Melody box
- Musiikkitalo (Anna Dantchev Band)
- Middle Eastern Festival 2016, Kaisaniemi Park
- World Village festival 2016 (Lemonades, Kassandra choir)
- Vuotalo, 2017 (Tamam Project Izmir)
- Global Fest 2017 (Sibelius Academy)
- Vuotalo, 2018 (Tribute to MAnolis Chiotis)
- Global Fest 2018 (Sibelius Academy)
- WHS Teatteri Union, Week Against Racism Mirrrors to windows
- Global Fest 2019 (Sibelius Academy)

Several bars, taverns, pubs, clubs and hotels.

During the same time I have always been working to support my music passion in the following positions:

2003-2006 D.J in Several bars in Ioannina Greece

2007-2009 Session Bass player in music stages

2009-2010 Teaching Physics in School students

2011-today Marin cargo Surveyor

2010-today Self-employed Technical Inspector at various vendor sites in Finland, Sweden and Estonia

2011-2015 Construction sector.

2015 - today Employed as the head of tourist Agency Baltic Gateway Helsinki brand.

Hobbies and Interests:

Music playing and listening, Reading, language studying, certifying my theoretical knowledge and gain practice on it, broaden my knowledge horizons.