

# FRANCESCO SOZZI

Born on 06 / May / 1979 in Piombino.

He studies from the age of fifteen at first classical guitar, and later electric guitar.

Lizard Music Academy graduated with honors, after following the theory courses, harmony and arrangement, he attended numerous specialization stages with some of the greatest guitar players of national and international fame as Mike Stern, Steve Vai, Michael Mellner, Alex Stornello.

He attends the "Berklee Clinics" in Perugia as part of Umbria Jazz, where in addition to following the various stages meets some of the most important names of the international jazz scene such as Bobby McFerrin and Alvin Jones.

He also studied with Umberto Fiorentino in Rome in the school "Percento Musica".

He carries out teaching activities since 1999, and since 2002 at the Woodstock Academy music school of Piombino.

In addition to live concerts with different groups since 1995 (Dark Quarterer, Soul Track, Due di Brisca, MRB, Pink Trolls, Etnopolis, Jingo Band, Zigzania, Moebius ...), he has placed his signature on various discs and DVDs.

2002 released "Violence" of Dark Quarterer.

In 2004, the DVD "UFIP 70th anniversary" where he plays in trio with drummer Luca Capitani among the best in the Italian teaching.

2007 released "Moebius 2012" of Moebius.

2008 released "Symbols" of Dark Quarterer.

2010 released "Under The Spell" live DVD of Dark Quarterer group.

2012 released "Dark Quarterer xxv anniversary" and "Double Respect" of the Soul Track.

2015 released "Ithaca" of Dark Quarterer, and "Full of Love" of Due Di Brisca.

He collaborates with artists of national and international fame as Viola Valentino, Vittorio De Scalzi (New Trolls), Walter Martino (Goblin), Paolo Pellegatti (Drummeria), Rob Lopez (Anna Oxa, Giorgia, Irene Grandi), Roberto Fiorilli (Los Inmigrantes ), Stefano Scalzi (Channel 5), Stefano "Cocco" Cantini (Billy Cobham, Michel Petrucciani, Ares Tavalazzi, Laura Pausini, Raf), Franco Santarnecchi (Jovanotti, Elisa).