

# ***Oleg Kireyev***

## **Bio**

Oleg Kireyev has always been fascinated by Bashkir folklore and was the first musician in Russia to practice ethno-jazz incorporating Bashkirian folk instruments and guttural singing techniques.

In 1985, as world music was gaining in popularity, Oleg formed a band called Orlan which became a phenomenal success in Russia. In the early 1990's he spent three years in Poland and took part in the Jazz Jamboree in Warsaw and played with members of the Miles Davis rhythm section. Almost every night he performed in the best jazz clubs with Poland's high caliber jazz musicians. At the same time he was artistic director of a jazz club in Krakow called Ogrudek.

In 1994, Oleg won a scholarship to Bud Shank's jazz school and came to the U.S. where he was a soloist in the All Stars Students Band and gained additional experience playing with professional jazz musicians.

In 1996, the Oleg Kireyev Quartet was invited to perform at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland where he was awarded a diploma for outstanding performance and received international recognition.

Oleg performed at the Birmingham Jazz Festival and the Earling Jazz Festival in London in 1997 and has toured England annually since then. His CD *Love Letters* was recorded in 2000 and had excellent sales in England.

After numerous experiments in the area of world music, Oleg created the Feng Shui Jazz Theater that includes folk influences from all over the world. The CD *Mandala* was released in Russia in 2004 and is now being released in the US on the New York based label, Jazzheads.

The Feng Shui Jazz Theater is the result of Oleg Kireyev's creative explorations into music that combines traditional swing, Bashkir guttural singing, Moldavian tunes, African rhythms, and improvisational jazz.

## **Discography**

### **Bashkir Legends**

Orlan led by Oleg Kireyev  
(LP) 1989 (Russia)

### **Romantik**

(Tape) 1989 (Russia)

### **Song for Sonny**

(CD) 1995 (Poland)

**Romantics of Jazz**

(CD) 1998 (Russia)

**Love Letters**

(CD) 2000 (Russia)

**A British Concert**

(CD) 2002 (UK)

**Tea Art**

(CD) 2003 (Russia)

**Mandala**

Feng Shui Jazz Theater

(CD) 2004 (Russia)

**Galaxy**

(CD) 2006 (Russia)

**Eurasia**

(CD) 2007 (Russia)

**International Jazz Festivals**

1987 Jazz Juniors (Poland)

1988 Solo Duo Trio (Poland)

1989 Jazz Jamboree (Poland)

1993 Seattle Jazz Festival (USA)

1996 Montreaux Jazz Festival (Switzerland)

1997 Birmingham Jazz Festival (UK)

1997 Earling Jazz Festival (UK)

2001 Jazz Festival, Lodz (Poland)

2003 Torfaen Jazz Festival (UK)

2005 Ethno Jazz Festival (MD)

2006 Interzone (SC)

2007 SXSW Festival and Conference (USA)

2007 Klaipeda International Jazz Festival (LT)

2007 Koktebel International Jazz Festival (UA)

2007 Jazz Improv Live! (USA)

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