



Claude Diallo Situation · Trio

Piano, bass and drums, in two formations

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Claude Diallo, piano

Luques Curtis, bass

Andy Bauer, drums

Túpac Mantilla, drums and percussion

THE TRIO

Claude Diallo Situation (CDS) is the flagship ensemble of Swiss pianist, composer, and bandleader Claude Diallo, dedicated to performing his original music through an ever-evolving collaborative format. Founded in 2007 in Boston at Berklee College of Music, the jazz piano trio first established its identity with electric bassist Laurent Salzard (France) and drummer Massimo Buonanno (Switzerland), who formed the core rhythm section until 2016. Over the years, CDS has featured a variety of exceptional drummers, including James Williams, Louis Cato, Mark Whitfield Jr, Jonathan Barber, Ari Hoenig, Eliot Zigmund and since 2016 counts Andy Bauer and since 2021 Túpac Mantilla to the new core formation, while bassist Luques Curtis became an increasingly important collaborator before joining the group as a core member in 2015. Other bass player collaborations in the past included Martijn Vanbuel (Belgium), Rosario Bonaccorso (Italy), Curtis Ostle (USA) or Lukas Stocker (Switzerland). Today also exists a Swiss youngster formation featuring 21 year old bass prodigy Leon Frei and 23 year old drummer genius Laura Schäfer.

Over the years the trio has featured and recorded with special guests such as tenor sax legend Andy McGhee (Lionel Hampton and Woody Herman), Canadian award winning jazz singer Denzal Sinclair, New York based harmonica virtuoso Hendrik Meurkens, French jazz singer Anne Evenou, Swiss jazz legend and electronic music pioneer Bruno Spoerri on saxofon, American all-star sax player Brad Leali, Swiss jazz singer Sarah Abridada, trombone prodigy Sophie Bright, portuguese singer and guitarist Marta Duarte d'Almeida among others and just recently in 2025 recorded a new quintet album with two jazz all stars of the contemporary scene Igmar Thomas (trumpet) and Godwin Louis (saxofon).

With the American record label Dot Time Records the trio released several albums since 2020 of which two albums, I found a new home in 2021 and 11:11 2023 were selected within the ballot of the pre-selection for nomination of the Grammys. Andy Bauer's Animation's Contemplation made it into the soundtrack of Jesse Eisenbergs Hollywood director's debut When You Finish Saving the World. Two records were released accompanying Swiss Jazz legend Bruno Spoerri.

Blending contemporary jazz, improvisation, and global musical influences, Claude Diallo Situation has performed internationally in clubs, concert halls, and festivals, continually evolving while remaining rooted in artistic creativity, collective interaction, and Claude Diallo's distinctive compositional voice.

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