



BIO

swing à la django



## 'django pop / gypsy swing'

Swing à la Django is an innovative six-membered band, who have created a special style-mix in their music harmonizing gypsy swing, authentic bossa nova, Hungarian folk music, French chansons, tango and jazz. This has resulted in a unique style that they call 'django pop' based on virtuoso instrumental improvisations mixed in many genres.

Their music is originally inspired by legendary Django Reinhardt, following the footsteps of Reinhardt by evoking the atmosphere of the 30s-40s and transfer it to today's modern music milieu.

## the very beginning

Every story has a beginning and most beginnings are hard. The path to success leads through many and difficult attempts. On the road you will have companions who help you and envious who won't. But all the people who know what his purpose is and are willing to make sacrifices to achieve it, fate will bring the fulfillment of desire. This makes us believe!

In early 2000's Pal (Lombos) studied classical double bass as a student of Debrecen University of Music. He was the first musician in his family with no predestination from this side. But regardless, he has no doubt what he wanted to do with his life. He already had a completely definite idea about his future, which his companions sometimes smiled at, sometimes did not understand.

The dream was simple - one day he has to stand on the same stage with his idols - Roby Lakatos, Margit Bangó and Stochelo Rosenberg. The goal was clear, but the road was long and difficult, through several different experiments and formations. He met many good musicians, got to know many exceptional people, and finally, in 2014, it seemed that there was light at the end of the tunnel, the band Swing à la Django was formed.

The inspiration was there - who could be more inspiring for an artist than Django Reinhardt, the guitarist who overcame the laws of physics and created something so unique that it is now considered one of the greatest classics by the profession and the jazz fans.



## the Swing à la Django story

It was an idea of Pal Lombos, the head of the band Swing a la Django, in the Summer of 2014, to orchestrate the band's songs to a „big band formation“ as this kind of music has not been played in Hungary before, and very rarely performed in other countries as well. The orchestration was successful, so the big band formation could debut in the great concert hall of MÜPA in Budapest, on the 22nd of January 2015. Following this event the formation was immediately asked to give a concert of their own at Városmajor Open Air Theatre. Since then the formation has had great and even bigger success. The parts of the big band are, apart from the Swing a la Django's members, the Budapest Saxophone Quartet, the Corpus Trombone Quartet and the trumpeters of the Dohnányi Orchestra from Budafok.

## the band

The band members previously worked with Sting, Zubin Mehta, Andrea Bocelli, Stochelo

Rosenberg, Zoltan Kocsis, Gabor Hollerung, Kobayashi Kenichiro, Ivan Fischer, Balazs Havasi, Roby Lakatos and many more...

They played in Carnegie Hall, New York (USA); Opera Hong Kong; Royal Albert Hall, London (UK); Montreux Jazz Festival, Switzerland and at the Montreal International Jazz Festival, Quebec; Musikverein, Wien (AT) & main event venues of Hungary etc.

## line-up

Pal Lombos - founder & double bass

Janos Dani - solo guitar & violin

Vilmos Seres - clarinet & saxophone

Robert Gallyas-Lakatos - piano

Norbert Dani - rhythm guitar & double bass

Nandor Weisz - percussion



the band members...

Pal **LOMBOS**

founder & double bass



Janos **DANI**

solo guitar & violin



Norbert **DANI**

rythm guitar & double bass



Vilmos **SERES**

clarinet & saxophone



Robert **GALLYAS-LAKATOS**

piano



Nandor **WEISZ**

percussion



## major concerts & festivals

### 2022

Papp László Sportaréna - feat. Margit Bango (HU)  
Margaret Island Open-Air Theater - feat. Victor Solomon (USA)  
TV2 Gala event feat. Hungarian mainstream pop stars  
X-Faktor (HU) live performance  
A Dal Hungarian Music Competition 2022 - finalist  
Lovarda Grand Opening Gala  
Hungarian Bankholding Gala Hungexpo  
MKB Bank Gala Várkert Bazár  
Baroque Rendez-vous Festival Royal Palace Gödöllő

### 2021

Pancho Aréna (Felcsút) Mészáros Group Gala  
MKB Bank Christmas Gala  
Takarékbank Private Banking Gala  
FEI World Championship musical background performance  
Campus Festival  
Szegedi SZIN Festival



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Szegedi SZIN Festival  
VOLT Festival  
Paloznaki Jazz Piknik  
Balkan Tour feat. Tompos Kátya Csíkszereda (RO)  
Budafoki Borfesztivál  
Városmajori Szabadtéri színpad  
A Dal Hungarian Music Competition - finalist  
Baroque Rendez-vous Festival Royal Palace Gödöllő

### 2020

Csíkszereda International Jazz Festival (RO)  
Paloznaki Jazz Piknik  
VeszprémFest feat. Roby Lakatos  
Baroque Rendez-vous Festival Royal Palace Gödöllő

### 2019

Musikverein feat. (AT) feat. Roby Lakatos  
Beijing Tour (CH)



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Soho Tour, London (UK)

Sziget Festival (HU) feat. Roby Lakatos

Erste Bank 200th Anniversary Gala / MÜPA (HU)

Takarékbank Christmas Gala / MÜPA

Ball of the Golden Age / Pesti Vigadó feat. Dohnányi Symphonic Orchestra

VeszprémFest

Baroque Rendez-vous Festival Royal Palace Gödöllő

## 2018

Városmajori Szabadtéri Színpad feat. Stochelo Rosenberg

Prima Primissima Award Gala / MÜPA feat. Roby Lakatos

OTP Bank Christmas Gala Papp László Sportaréna

Papp László Sportaréna feat. Dohnányi Symphonic Orchestra & Roby Lakatos

Ball of the Golden Age / Vigadó feat. Dohnányi Symphonic Orchestra

Paloznaki Jazz Piknik

Baroque Rendez-vous Festival Royal Palace Gödöllő

## 2017

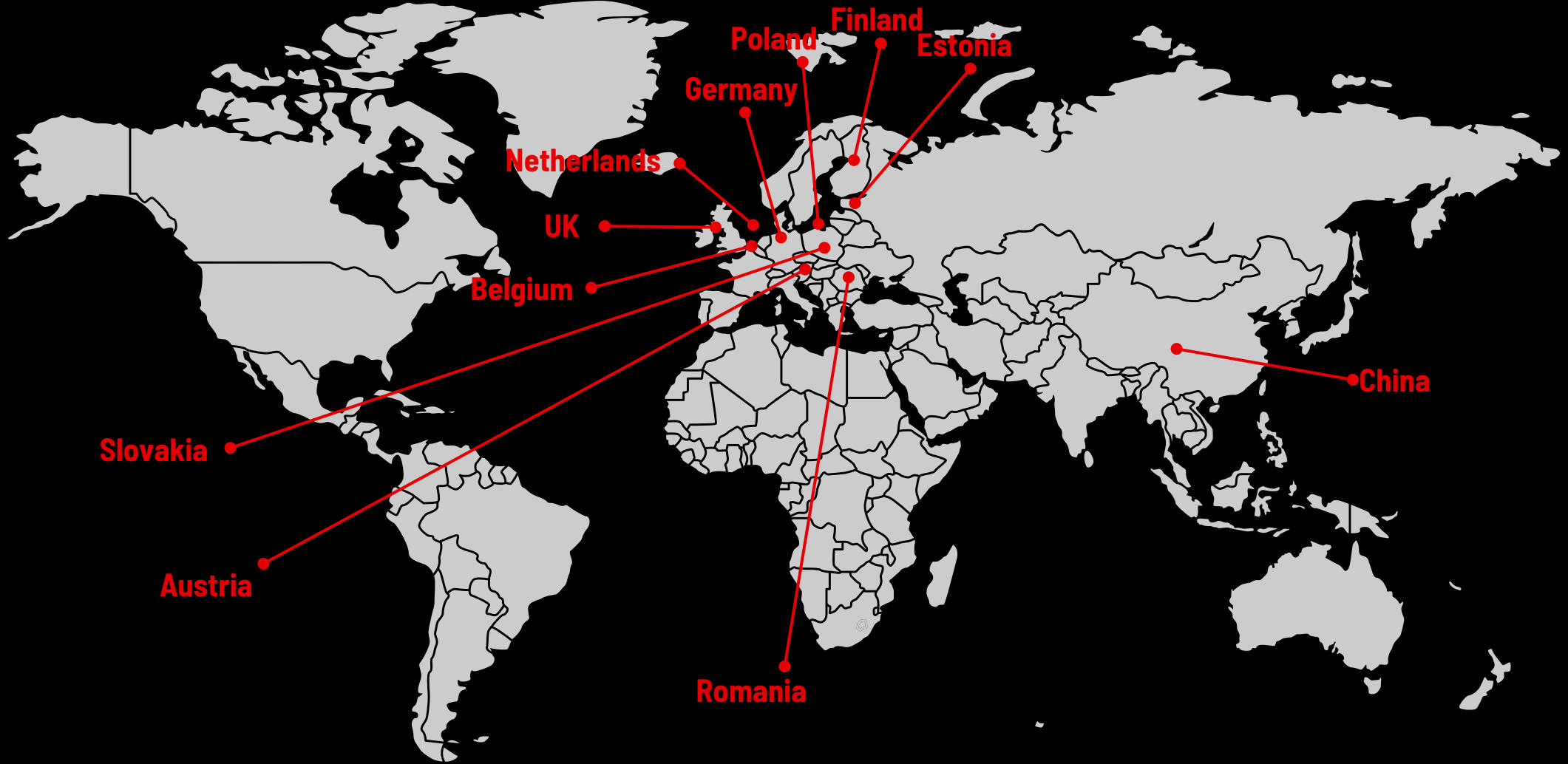
BMC feat. Roland Szentpali & Bence Szepesi & Heureka Big Band premiere

Margaret Island Open-Air Theater FilmMusic concert

Ball of the Golden Age / Pesti Vigadó feat. Dohnányi Symphonic Orchestra



major tours





## major collaborations

Tudom, hogy bolond vagyok - Dohnányi Symphonic Orchestra feat. Kökény Attila [LINK](#)

Gyémánt - Lotfi Begi & Tarján Zsófi (Honeybeast) & Curtis - Mahasz annual radio top list No. 25. [LINK](#)

Ciao Bella - Swing à la Django feat. Attila Kökény & Krisztian Burai & Sárközy Gypsy Fever [LINK](#)

Spirit of Life feat. Talamba in Musikverein [LINK](#)

Bangó Margit - full concert (HU) [LINK](#)

Roby Lakatos (HU) [LINK](#)

Stochelo Rosenberg (NL) [LINK](#)

Talamba Percussion Group (HU) [LINK](#)

Call on me cover feat. Heureka Pop Orchestra & Infusion Trio (HU) [LINK](#)

Utazás feat. Koszika (RO) live video [LINK](#)

Maradok - Herrer Sára (HU) official video [LINK](#)

Ugye, hogy nem felejtesz el - Szőke Nikoletta (HU) winner Motreaux Jazz Festival [LINK](#)

Live and let die feat. Szabó Ádám (HU) & Heureka Big Band (HU) [LINK](#)

Micheller Myrtill (HU) [LINK](#)



## crossover scenic productions

Swing me Amadeus feat. Juli Horanyi & Balint Magyar (actual, running)

MúviLáv feat. Nora Trokan & Viktor Klem (actual, running)

Szépernő jazz opera feat. Eszter Balla & Tamás Szabó Kimmel (actual, running)

POPera (previous)

## social engagement

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