

Jarmo Saari

Composer - Musician

Composer-musician **Jarmo Saari** is the leading Finnish guitarist of his generation. Since receiving his masters degree in jazz composition from the Sibelius Academy in 1999, Saari has carried out his musical vision in diverse environments – be it his adventurous solo act Jarmo Saari SOLU, the world jazz group ZetaBoo or the lyrical fusion band XL.

Saari has collaborated as a musician and/or composer with Trilok Gurtu, Avantii, Pekka Kuusisto, Tapiola Choir, Anna-Mari Kähärä, Don Huonot, UMO Jazz Orchestra, Nils Landgren, Rajaton and Tuomari Nurmio to name a few. His sonic landscapes and often multi-layered real-time sound processing – created by the electric guitar, human voice or several odd instruments including theremin and glassharp – have enriched the sound of many jazz combos, rock groups, chamber ensembles and big bands.

Saari has made distinctive studio albums as a dedicated producer for a dozen top Finnish artists varying from jazz to tango, pop, rock or electronic music. His highly visual composition style is well documented in his works for Finnish cinema, theatre and television. In 2007 he started collaborating with Tero Saarinen Company on *Next of Kin*.

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