

## RAN LIVNEH - BIOGRAPHY

Bassist, Musical Arranger and Composer **Ran Livneh** is one of the most promising musical voices emerging on the Jazz, Indie, Afrobeat and World music scenes today.

In his short time in the US, **Mr. Livneh** has gained international recognition as one of the most exciting and unique artists in the NYC music scene. **Mr. Livneh** has recorded, arranged, performed and toured with many world renowned musicians such as: Rock guitarist, songwriter and singer **Berry Sakharof**; Flamenco-Jazz drummer and percussionist **Marc Miralta**; Afrobeat band **Kaleta & Zozo Afrobeat**; **Grammy award Nominee composer JC Hopkins** ; Jazz-World-Afrobeat drummer **Tosin Aribisala**; the **Eco-Music Big Band**; Indie-Pop band **Friend Roulette**; **Grammy award Nominee** musician **Tali Rubinstein**; Jazz drummer and composer **Ari Hoenig** to name a few.

**Mr Livneh** is an extraordinary artist. His uniquely sensitive and receptive approach to the bass and captivating performances have quickly made him one of the most in demand Bassists throughout NY, Israel and the Middle East.

Born in Zichron-Ya'aqov, Israel, **Mr. Livneh** passion for music started at the age of 10, when he began his formal training in Classical Guitar at the local Conservatory. Upon entering Mevoot-Eiron, the leading High School for the Arts, **Mr. Ran Livneh** switched to the bass guitar and quickly became an integral part of the Israeli Jazz scene. At the age of 18, he began playing professionally in various jazz, pop, and folk bands all over Israel.

At the same time **Mr. Livneh** was gaining a reputation among studio producers and orchestra director/conductor as an original and unique Bassist.

**Mr. Livneh** continued his music studies at the *Rubin Academy of Music and Dance* in Jerusalem, where he studied double bass with Maestro Dr. Michael Klinghoffer (of the *Israel Symphony Orchestra*) and received his Bachelor of Arts in Double Bass Classical Performance. **He was chosen as 1st Chair and section leader** of the double bass section at the *Academy Symphony Orchestra*. **He also won 1st Place in many Jazz Ensemble Competitions - "Jazz Player of the 2010" and "Best Jazz Ensemble 2010"**.



In 2009, **Mr Livneh** played **Lead Bass** and wrote the **strings arrangements** for Israel's top Rock/Pop star - Singer and Guitarist **Berry Sakharof's** concert - "*Berry Sakharof and The Jerusalem Orchestra*", as part of the music festival "Sounds In The Deseret". The concert got raving reviews, and **Mr. Livneh's** arrangement was featured on the band's TV performance on "London and Kirschenbaum" - Israel's top daily current affairs news shows.

In 2013, **Mr. Livneh** formed, together with vocalist **Cara Dineen**, the band **Bellatonic (AKA The Brooklyn Sugar Stompers)** -a unique quartet, playing **Mr. Livneh's** original arrangements to popular songs. **Bellatonic** have played in stand-out venues around New York City ,such as the **Roxy Hotel** and **The Beacon Theatre**.

In addition, the **Mr. Livneh** and **Bellatonic** featured on a news story for the **ABC7 Television channel**, as an example of a successful New York band.

In the past 3 years **Mr. Livneh** has been working regularly as a Lead Bassist, Soloist and Arranger with prominent, luminary Afrobeat band - **Kaleta & Zozo Afrobeat**, a world renowned Afrobeat band from NY, lead by World-Music producer *Kaleta* . He performed for over 3 years with *Zozo Afrobeat* at some of the biggest and most important venues in New York (*Brooklyn Bowl, The Shrine, Pioneer Works* to name a few). In summer 2017, **Mr. Livneh** will perform with **Kaleta & Zozo Afrobeat** around the US and in Europe as well.

Since 2013, **Mr. Livneh** has been the Co-Leader, Arranger and Lead Bassist of "**Anbessa Orchestra**" (AKA **LIONS**). Ethiopian Funk Band - **Anbessa Orchestra** has been described by the New York Times as a "a bright young singer and guitarist with an ear for music of both folkloric and pop intention". The band has been performing regularly at the prestigious **Brooklyn Bowl**, where artists such as: Lady Gaga, Mumford & Sons, Gary Clark Jr., and Billie Joe Armstrong have performed there. The band will record its second album on 2017.

In September 2016, **Mr. Livneh** has toured USA with the eminent, distinguished Indie-Pop band - **Milan To Minsk**. **Mr. Livneh** performed with **Milan To Minsk** at the prestigious **Daytrotter** and **Color Me Bushwick Festival**.

In addition, **Mr. Livneh** has performed in important and prestigious venues/festivals in the US and Europe, such as: Lyon World Music Festival (France), *The Apollo Theatre* , "*92Y Street Festival*" , "*National Sawdust*" , "*Pioneer Works*" , "*Cornelia St. Cafe*" , "*Club Bonafide*" and many more.