



## PROFILE

Johnathan Batista dos Santos, a Brazilian-born, Dublin-based composer, arranger, and performer, is known for his ability to connect and collaborate. His work, which ranges from contemporary concert music to jazz, has been enriched by his collaborations with artists in different fields, a testament to his ability to inspire and be inspired.

His engaged practice includes co-founding a Theatre of the Oppressed group in Dublin with theatre maker Orla Devlin, based on Augusto Boal's methodologies. This initiative, supported by the Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme and mentored by socially engaged artist Dana Olărescu, has been a cornerstone of his work.

His projects include a collaborative musical piece created with non-musicians and a new play currently developing through a collective creation process. These experiences have profoundly shaped his artistic vision and informed his approach to community-centred and participatory art.

In 2021, Johnathan Batista was commissioned by LASC (Latin America Solidarity Centre) to write and record music commenting on Ecosystem Restoration; since then, the group has performed the music in places such as "The Kildare Jazz Festival" and the "Lulu Jazz Club" in The Whelan's.

As the leader of the Johnathan Batista Group, one of the most exciting new ensembles emerging from the Irish Jazz scene, he brings a unique approach. The group strives to find a dialectical balance between contemporary art music and popular postmodern music, using improvisation not just as a means of developing musical form, but as a powerful vehicle for artistic expression.

# JOHNATHAN DOS SANTOS

Composer, arranger, performer and socially engaged artist.

## SOCIALLY ENGAGED ARTIST

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- **'Estrangeira' - Theatre of the Oppressed Group (2024)**

(Workshop facilitator - exploring the emergence of new myths as coping mechanisms against systemic oppression).

- **Goal's NextGen Youth programme (2024)**

(Workshop facilitator - exploring the themes of gender, climate and conflict)

## COMPOSER

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(Johnathan Batista Quartet)  
Band Leader, composer, arranger, and guitarist.

- **Lulu's Jazz club "Songs from Earth Justice Project" – June 2023**
- **Jazz in Whelan's – December 2022**
- **Kildare Jazz Festival – September 2022**
- **LASC Festival "Defending the Territory, Defending the Earth" – August 2021**

Composition (Solo Classical Guitar Piece: Cabaça)

- **An Evening of the classical guitar: A Recital by Darren Loughran – September 2023 – Smock Alley Theatre.**

Composition, Sound engineering.

- **Atlantica – Video-Poem Thaís Muniz– July 2020**
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## ARRANGER AND PERFORMER

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(Luisa Annibali's Band)  
Musical director, arranger and guitarist.

- **Bray Jazz Festival – May 2024**
- **Summer Jazz Sessions – July 2023**
- **Bray Jazz Festival – April 2023**
- **Italian Fusion Festival – October 2022**
- **Electric Picnic – September 2022**

(Brazilica)  
Arranger and guitarist of the jazz and Bossa Nova Duo.

- **Global Village Festival – November 2022**
- **Brazil Day at Trinity University – November 2019**
- **Carnival Party in Wigwam – February 2019**

## AWARDS

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- **CREATE's Artist in the Community Scheme – With Mentoring (2024)**

## EDUCATION

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- **MA (Hons) Music Composition (first-class)**  
**Maynooth University**  
2021 – 2022

- **BA (Hons) Jazz Performance**  
**Dublin City University (Former Newpark Jazz College)**  
2016 – 2020