

# BIOGRAPHY

One of his generation's extraordinary talents, Scott Tixier has made a name for himself as a violinist-composer of wide-ranging ambition, individuality and drive — *"the future of jazz violin"* in the words of **Downbeat Magazine** and *"A remarkable improviser and a cunning jazz composer"* in those of **NPR**.

The New York City-based Tixier, born in 1986 in Montreuil, France has performed with some of the leading lights in jazz and music legends from **Stevie Wonder** to NEA jazz master **Kenny Barron**; as a leader as well. Tixier's acclaimed Sunnyside album "Cosmic Adventure" saw the violinist performing with a all star band *"taking the jazz world by storm"* as the All About Jazz Journal put it. The Village Voice called the album *"Poignant and Reflective"* while **The New York Times** declared *"Mr. Tixier is a violinist whose sonic palette, like his range of interests, runs open and wide; on his new album, "Cosmic Adventure," he traces a line through chamber music, Afro-Cuban groove and modern jazz."* When JazzTimes said *"Tixier has a remarkably vocal tone, and he employs it with considerable suspense. Cosmic Adventure is a fresh, thoroughly enjoyable recording!"*

Tixier studied classical violin at the conservatory in Paris. Following that, he studied improvisation as a self-educated jazz musician. He has been living in New York for over a decade where he performed and recorded with a wide range of artists, including, **Stevie Wonder, Kenny Barron, John Legend, Ed Sheeran, Charnett Moffett, Cassandra Wilson, Chris Potter, Christina Aguilera, Common, Anthony Braxton, Joss Stone, Gladys Knight, Natalie Cole, Ariana Grande, Wayne Brady, Gerald Cleaver, Tigran Hamasyan** and many more

He played in all the major venues across the United States at Carnegie Hall, the Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden, Barclays Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Blue Note Jazz Club, the Apollo Theater, the Smalls Jazz Club, The Stone, Roulette, Joe's Pub, Prudential Center and the United States Capitol.

Grammy Award winning bassist Marcus Miller says that Tixier "is making an international name for himself. I heard him in France and was immediately struck by his individuality and his sound." Guitarist Pat Metheny says, "[Scott] has found a place for himself within the elite community of New York jazz musicians, no small feat." In an interview with the All About Jazz in 2010, violinist Mark Feldman called Scott "really up-and-coming and very talented." And Jean-Luc Ponty said "I have heard Scott's recordings, seen his live performances and I think that he stands above the crowd of current jazz violinists around the world."

In addition to performing in and out the jazz world, Tixier has been appearing in the house band on most of the TV shows in America such as The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon on NBC, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert as well as the previous format with David Letterman, The Late Night with Seth Meyers, America Got Talents for 3 seasons.

Tixier also been credited in many movies soundtrack including John Wick starring Keanu Reeves, Selma with the Golden Globe winner song "Glory", The Late Quartet starring Phillip Seymour and other short films and commercials



## PRESS QUOTES

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*"Scott Tixier swings with rare authority and ingenuity on Cosmic Adventure. An invigorating set from the future of jazz violin"* - **Downbeat Magazine**

*"The Rising Star of french violin, whose reputation and activity (alongside Kenny Barron, Anthony Braxton and Dave Douglas) has crossed the Atlantic for a long time."* -**Jazz Magazine**

*"Tixier has played at every esteemed venue in New York and several around the world, sharing the stage with luminaries across genres, including Gladys Knight, Christina Aguilera and Stevie Wonder, the latter of whom Tixier toured [...] His second album on Sunnyside Records, aptly named Cosmic Adventure, denoting his current attitude of openness and growth. Tracks such as "Dig It" featuring Pedrito Martinez are verdant with energetic percussion and piano melodies while "Troublant Bolero" are more more poignant and reflective"* -**The Village Voice**

*"Proclaimed as "Rising Star Violin," and "Best New Artist," by the premier jazz magazines, it is a wonder he found time to make this record. Then again, it is the accumulation of all the above that makes for adventuresome listening to the French violinist that is taking the jazz world by storm."* -**All About Jazz**

*"it reveals Tixier as not only a remarkable improviser, but also a cunning contemporary jazz composer"* -**NPR**

*"His originals are spark-worthy, setting off little explosions of group interplay amid sizzling soloing. Highlights include the closing "Beam Me Up To Mars" and "Mr. Tix" by French mouth harp player Yvonnick Prene who positively wails throughout, even engaging in some violin-harp conversations with Tixier bolstered by a smokin' rhythm section of pianist Glenn Zaleski, bassist Luques Curtis and drummer Justin Brown. This is perfect music"* - **Classicalite**

*"Cosmic Adventure" is more than a collection of tunes by masterful players, but a true testament to his abilities as a soloist, a band leader and a composer."* -**The Chimes**

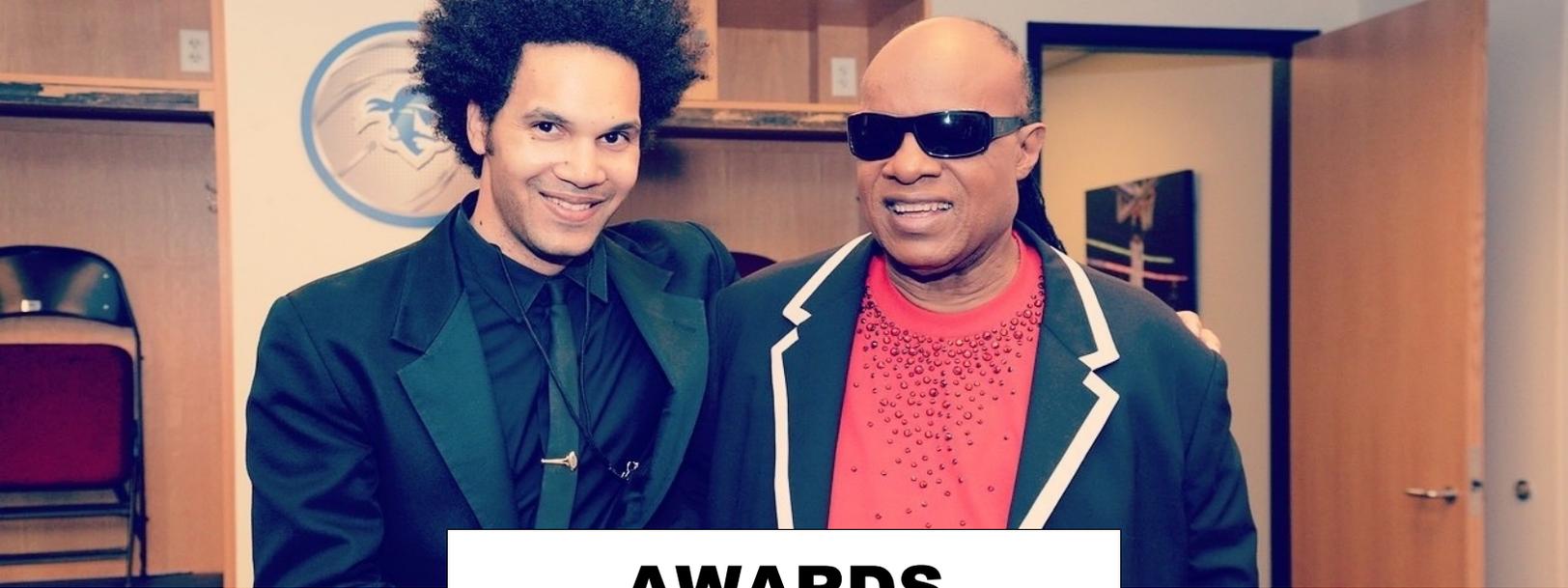
*"Its ebullient, expansive, expressive range is drenched in the sheer beauty of Tixier's rich tone, flawless, tensile strength intonation, fluent improvisations and flair for composing, showcased here by his six original compositions among the CD's nine selections"* - **WNPR**

*"This is a miraculous album, one in which Scott Tixier balances poetry with a deep sense of form and also, in one fell swoop, makes a case for the future of the Jazz violin."* -**Jazz Da Gama**

*"Tixier has a remarkably vocal tone, and he employs it with considerable suspense. Cosmic Adventure is a fresh, thoroughly enjoyable recording!"* -**JazzTimes**

*"In Cosmic Adventure, Tixier is able to place the cosmos on a spectrum, shifting from one mood to the next, and from intricate details to grandiose melodies without missing a beat."* -**Black Grooves**

*"Scott distinguished himself in these arrangements, as a brilliant musical reconstructor, creatively reinterpreting well-known standards and recreating the atmosphere in their versions of classic jazz language of modern jazz."* -**Jazz Quad**

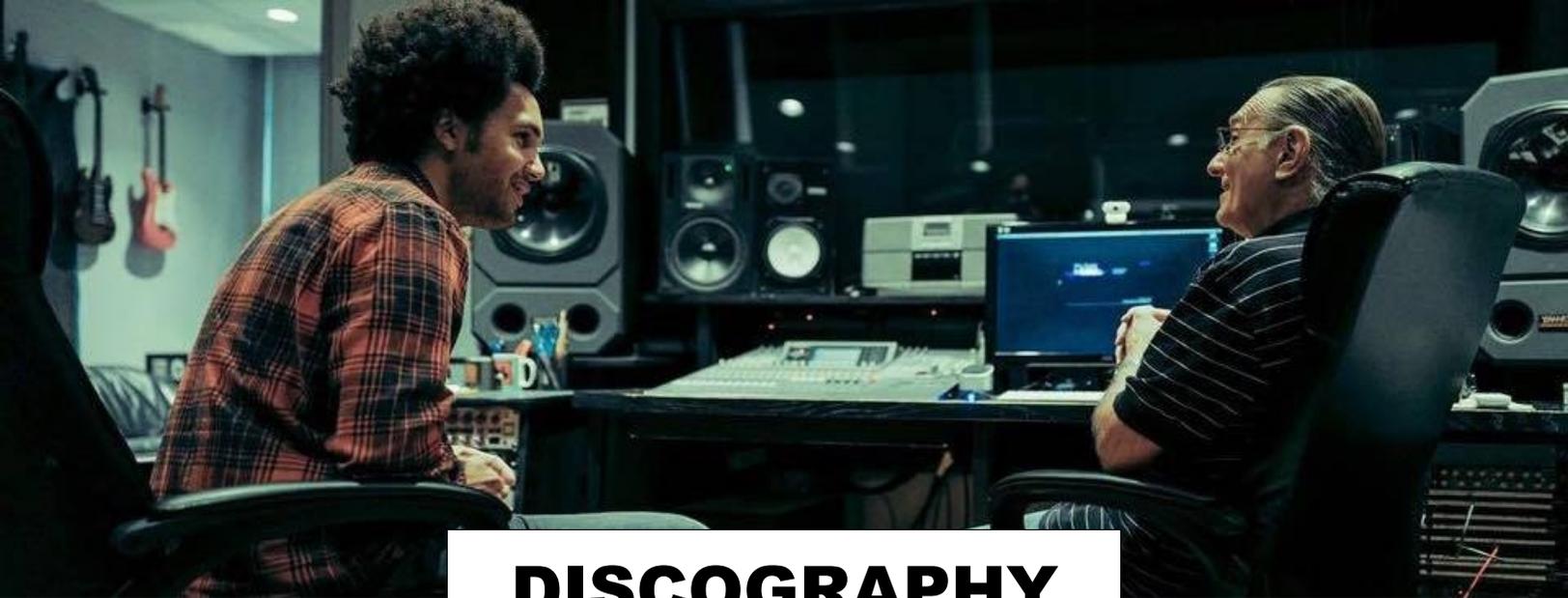


# AWARDS

In 2007, he was awarded the first prize of "Trophées du Sunside" in Paris, France. In 2008, Tixier moved to New York and has continued his career as both a sideman in the Lonnie Plaxico's band, Dave Douglas, Anthony Braxton, Numinous Ensemble and as a leader.

- In 2012, Tixier was nominated Rising Star Violin in the 60th Annual *Downbeat* Critics' Poll.
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- In 2015, Tixier was nominated Rising Star Violin in the 63rd Annual *Downbeat* Critics' Poll.
- In 2016, Tixier was nominated Rising Star Violin in the 64th Annual *Downbeat* Critics' Poll.
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- His second album *Cosmic Adventure* received favorable reviews by the general press including *The New York Times*; *The Village Voice*. As well as the specialized press such as *Downbeat* and *JazzTimes*. He is currently based in Brooklyn, New York.
- His CD *Brooklyn Bazaar* was listed in the *JazzTimes* magazine Critics' Top 50 CDs of 2012.
  - Tixier was picked by NPR as "Song of the Day" and was broadcast internationally.
  - *Cosmic Adventure* was selected as "**Best Albums Of 2016**" by *Downbeat* Magazine
- In 2017, Tixier was named in the Top 4 for "Best Jazz Violinist" in the *JazzTimes* Critics Poll .





# DISCOGRAPHY

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## As leader

- *Brooklyn Bazaar* (Sunnyside, 2012)
- *Cosmic Adventure* featuring Chris Potter, Pedrito Martinez (Sunnyside, 2016)

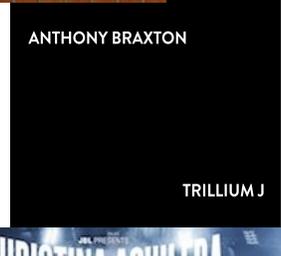
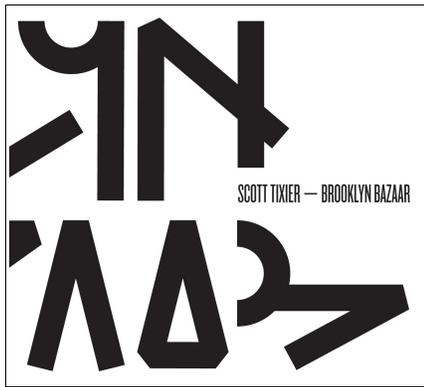
## As sideman

- *Introducing*, Yvonnick Prene Group (2006)
- *Roll the Dice*, Yvonnick Prene Group (2007)
- *Sangatsu*, Keiichi Murata (Tsumori, 2010)
- *When We Arrive*, Foldersnacks, Jesse Elder (2010)
- *Ephemera – Distance* (Live at Lofish Studio Manhattan New York), Christian Ravaglioli (2011)
- *Lofish Studios Session*, Tony Middleton (2011)
- *Like a Road Leading Home*, Sofia Laiti; James Weidman (2011)
- *The Candy Shop Boys* featuring Sophia Urista (2013)
- *Talking Strings*, Darius Scheider (2013)
- *Wonderful World*, Yvonnick Prene Group (2014)
- *John Wick* soundtrack, Evil Man Blues (The Candy Shop Boys) (Lionsgate, 2014)
- *Trillium J*, Anthony Braxton (2014)
- *North & South*, Shareef Clayton (2015)
- *America Got Talent* (Original Cast Season 8,9,10)

## Filmography

- 2017 **Clovehitch** (concert master: violin)
- 2017 **Late Night with Seth Meyers** (TV Series) (concert master - 1 episode) - Morgan Freeman/Keeley Hawes/Mikaela Shiffrin/Bastille
- 2016-2017 **The Late Show with Stephen Colbert** (TV Series) (violin - 2 episodes)
  - Christine Baranski/Hans Zimmer (2017)
  - Emilia Clarke/Shiri Appleby/Cynthia Erivo (2016)
- 2016 **The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon** (TV Series) (musician - 1 episode)
  - Warren Beatty/Naomie Harris/Robbie Robertson/Aminé (2016)
- 2016 **Raining Octopuses: GE** (TV Mini-Series) (violin)
- 2013-2015 **America's Got Talent** (TV Series) (strings - 10 episodes)
  - Semifinals: Week 2 (2015) ... (strings: violin)
  - Semifinals: Week 1 Results (2015) ... (strings: violin)
  - Quarterfinals: Week 3 Results (2015) ... (strings: violin)

- Quarterfinals: Week 3 (2015) ... (strings: violin)
- Quarterfinals: Week 2 (2015) ... (strings: violin)
- 2015 From Venice with Love (TV Movie) (strings: violin)
- 2015 2015 **NBA All-Star Game** (TV Special) (music: violin - Christina Aguilera performance) / (musician: Christina Aguilera) / (strings: violin)
- 2015 **Dateline NBC** (TV Series documentary) (strings - 1 episode)
- Dateline NBC: Countdown to the Globes: John Legend and Common Exclusive Performance (2015) ... (strings: violin)
- 2014 **Selma** (dvd bonus: "Glory") / (strings: violin)
- 2014 **John Wick** (original soundtrack: violin - soundtrack)
- 2013 **Late Show with David Letterman** (TV Series) (strings - 1 episode)
- Episode #20.63 (2013) ... (strings: violin)
- 2012 **A Late Quartet** (violin consultant - uncredited)
- 2012 FoxNews.Com Studio (TV Series) (musician - 1 episode)
- Performance of the Week: Dilia Jelen (2012) ... (musician: violin solo)
- 2005 **Pierre et fils** (Video) (strings: violin)





# CREDITS

## Collaborations

Stevie Wonder  
Kenny Barron  
Cassandra Wilson  
Lizz Wright  
Christina Aguilera  
Chris Potter  
Anthony Braxton  
Gladys Knight  
Natalie Cole  
Common  
John Legend  
Pedrito Martinez  
Jon Hendricks  
Kevin Spacey  
Ariana Grande  
Wayne Brady  
Andra Day  
Josh Groban  
Chrisette Michele  
Charnett Moffett

Maceo Parker  
The Isley Brothers  
Tommy Sims  
Edwin Hawkins  
Ray Chew  
Zedd  
Clifford Adams (Kool & the Gang)  
Chris Walden  
Gregg Field  
Dave Douglas  
Tigran Hamasyan  
Lew Soloff  
Joss Stone  
Janet Cardiff  
Imani Uzuri  
Greg Pillinganes  
Rob Lewis  
Doug E. Fresh  
Lonnie Plaxico  
Brian Jackson

## WHERE

Carnegie Hall | The Radio City Music Hall | Madison Square Garden | Jazz at Lincoln Center | Golden Globes | SNL | Blue Note Jazz Club NY | The Apollo Theater | Barclays Center | Smalls Jazz Club | The Stone | Roulette | Smoke Jazz | Hammerstein Ballroom | Joe's Pub | PBS | Williamsburg Music Center | United States Capitol | David Letterman Late Night | Late Show with Stephen Colbert | The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon | Fondation Louis Vuitton | America's Got Talent | Late Night with Seth Meyers