

DRIFT LAB 2



MANUELE MONTESANTI

SUNLIGHT

ROBERTO PORTA

MARCO PISTONE

DRIFT LAB

GUIDO DELLA GATTA



The debut album *Moonlight* propelled **Drift Lab** into the international spotlight, garnering acclaim from both critics and audiences within the contemporary fusion scene. However, labeling this project simply as "fusion" would be an understatement.

Drift Lab is the musical vision of **Manuele Montesanti**, composer, arranger, sound designer, pianist, and keyboardist. Since 2018, Montesanti has been crafting a sonic language where seemingly distant worlds coexist: the harmonic complexity of jazz and the precision of classical composition meet electronic textures, cinematic soundscapes, and the cutting-edge timbral experimentation of modern sound design.

The result is neither a jam session nor club-oriented electronica; nor is it orthodox jazz. It is music written with rigor but performed with freedom, where improvisation finds its home within intricate harmonic architectures. Each piece begins with a precise score, only to open up into sonic explorations that traverse genres without being confined by any of them.

Following the success of *Moonlight* with the original lineup, the project now enters its second phase. Montesanti leads a new lineup featuring **Roberto Porta** on drums, **Guido Della Gatta** on guitar, and **Marco Pistone** on bass, with **Alessio Meleo** overseeing sound engineering. Together, they are developing an evolving sound where every timbral detail carries as much weight as the harmony supporting it.

Drift Lab remains a project in motion, faithful only to its own quest: a sound that bridges jazz roots and contemporary imagery, instrumental virtuosity and electronic curiosity, composition and experimentation.

 www.driftlabmusic.com  info@driftlabmusic.com

 [@driftlabmusic](https://www.youtube.com/@driftlabmusic)  [driftlabmusic](https://twitter.com/driftlabmusic)  [driftlabmusic](https://www.instagram.com/driftlabmusic)  [DriftLabMusic](https://www.facebook.com/DriftLabMusic)  [@driftlabmusic](https://www.tiktok.com/@driftlabmusic)

MANUELE MONTESANTI

FOUNDER-COMPOSER
PIANO&SYNTHS



My musical adventure started as a game when, in 1985, my parents bought me a beautiful “toy”:
a piano.

I had classical training at the National Academy of St Cecilia in Rome, but I remember it was a very hard experience... and only after realizing that my world was a little bit different from everything I had studied until then, I decided to fully dedicate myself to synthesizers and to the “modern vision” of my piano...

So I specialized in Jazz/Contemporary Piano, Harmony, Comping, Composition and Arrangement at UM “Università della Musica di Roma”.

I am a “pianist, keyboardist, programmer and sound designer”. Today, I work as “session man” (live&studio), arranger, sound designer and producer both for musical productions (soundtracks, video games, apps, etc.) and for the development and the promotion of software and hardware products such as Yamaha Synthesizer, Steinberg, IK Multimedia, AudioThing etc.

I am a teacher and founder of my website lezionipianoforte.net.

Drift-Lab is my musical project: I produce the music I want with who I want.



© specialbiancospino | Saint L

GUIDO DELLA GATTA

GUITARS

GUIDO DELLA GATTA is an Italian guitarist, composer, and session musician known for his versatile command across contemporary Jazz, Pop, and Orchestral music. A distinguished graduate of the **Saint Louis College of Music**, Guido brings a rich blend of technical precision and expressive composition to the **Drift Lab** project.

Key Collaborations & Projects

Guido has been a core member of touring bands and ensembles for both international Jazz legends and major Pop figures:

- **Jazz Masters:** Shared the stage with figures like **Richard Bona** across prestigious festivals including the **Jarasum Jazz Festival** and the **KZN International Jazz Day Festival**. Also collaborated with acclaimed pianist **Aaron Parks**.
- **National Pop/Rap:** Session and touring guitarist for leading Italian Pop artists, including **Geolier** and **Rocco Hunt**.

Solo Career & Composition

As a bandleader, Guido's focus is on deeply narrative, modern instrumental music:

- **Debut Album:** Released the acclaimed debut album, **"Close But Far"**, with his original **Quartetto della Gatta** project. The album was launched at Rome's prestigious **Casa del Jazz**, featuring special guest **Gianluca Petrella**.

Broadcast & Session Work

A seasoned professional in high-pressure studio and broadcast environments:

- **RAI Television:** Served as an orchestra musician for multiple national TV broadcasts and major annual events, including *Sanremo Young*, *L'anno che verrà* (New Year's Eve), and *Festival di Castrocaro*.



ROBERTO PORTA DRUMS

ROBERTO PORTA is a professional drummer, multi-instrumentalist, educator, whose unique style bridges the technical rigor of classical/symphonic percussion with the energy of modern genres like Jazz, Fusion, Rock/Progressive, Pop, and Funk. Recognized for his remarkable versatility, Roberto's career spans high-profile international tours and prestigious academic achievements, positioning him as a standout talent of his generation.

Career Highlights & International Stage

Roberto has established his authority through significant professional endorsements and performances alongside global icons:

- **Global Playalong Contest Winner:** Selected as the winner of the **Drum Channel / Roland Global Playalong Contest** (2023) by an iconic judging panel including **Terry Bozzio, Chad Wackerman, Gregg Bissonette, and Thomas Lang**.
- **PAS Finalist:** A finalist in the prestigious **PAS (Percussive Arts Society) Drumset Competition** (Indianapolis, 2022), where he performed for judges like **Dave Weckl, Aaron Spears** (Ariana Grande, Lady Gaga), and **Matt Greiner**.
- **Paul Gilbert (MR. BIG / Racer X):** Featured drummer on the summer tour in Italy (2025).
- **Jason Derulo:** Unexpectedly invited to perform the entire set with the global star during a Romanian tour (2023), playing in front of an audience exceeding 100,000 people.
- **Nicole Cherry:** Regular drummer for one of Romania's most popular pop singers (2023, 2024), opening for acts like **J Balvin, Jason Derulo, and Robbie Williams**.
- **Corrado Rustici:** Toured Italy with the internationally renowned guitarist and producer (2024).

Academic & Educational Excellence

A deep commitment to both classical and contemporary music defines Roberto's foundation:

- **Berklee "Best Talent":** Awarded "Best Talent" at the **Berklee Courses** during the Umbria Jazz Festival (2013), and subsequently selected by Maestro Giovanni Tommaso to open the Umbria Jazz Winter Festival.
- **Academic Distinction:** Holds a **Master's Degree** in Symphonic Percussion Instruments with **Highest Honors (Cum Laude)** from the **G. Rossini Conservatory of Pesaro** (2018).
- **Lizard Academy:** Received the **Highest Diploma** from the LIZARD International Music Academy (2017) and secured **First Place** in the national "**Lizard Expo 2018**" competition.
- **Educator:** Dedicated drum instructor for the professional drum course at the **LIZARD CMM Centro Musica Moderna**.

MARCO PISTONE

BASS



MARCO PISTONE is an Italian electric bassist, arranger, and composer. His playing is characterized by technical authority and deep stylistic versatility, ranging across Jazz, Fusion, Rock, and Orchestral Pop. Marco holds a **Master's Degree with Highest Honors (110/110 Summa Cum Laude)**, bringing an elite academic and professional background to the **Drift Lab** rhythm section.

Touring & High-Profile Session Work

Marco is a highly sought-after musician in the Italian and international live and studio circuits:

- **Queen at the Opera:** Served as the Principal Bassist for this major orchestral rock tribute, performing in prestigious Italian venues (Teatro Arcimboldi, Teatro della Conciliazione, etc.).
- **Studio Collaborations:** Recorded and performed alongside notable Italian artists, including **Ron** (featured on the album *Sono Un Figlio*), **La Scelta**, **Cassandra** and many other
- **Arrangement:** Beyond performing, Marco has contributed as an **Arranger** on studio projects, showcasing his comprehensive musical knowledge.

Awards & Recognition

His technical prowess has been formally recognized on the international stage:

- **Best Bassist Award:** Winner of the **Best Bassist Award** at the international final of the **Taubertal Festival** in Germany (2017).

Academic Background

Marco's advanced musical knowledge is built upon a rigorous academic path:

- **Master's Degree:** Graduated with **Highest Honors (Summa Cum Laude)** in Jazz Musical Disciplines (Interpretive, Compositional, Executive) from the "**O. Respighi**" **Conservatory** of Latina.
- **Mentorship:** Studied with leading figures in Italian contemporary music, including **Massimo Moriconi**, **Toni Armetta** and **Marco Siniscalco**.

ALESSIO MELEO

SOUND ENGINEER



Alessio Meleo is a **sound engineer**, **music producer**, and an **official user** for the professional studio monitor manufacturer **ADAM Audio**. He has been active in the professional audio industry since 2016. As the technical mind behind the sound of **Drift Lab**, Alessio handled both the mixing and mastering stages, ensuring a bold, modern sound that reflects the project's originality.

Audio Philosophy and Expertise

Alessio's approach is characterized by a rare combination of technical precision and musicality, rooted in his background as a **classically trained pianist**.

- **Studio Recording:** Founder of **Ground Lift Studio**, where he manages recording, mixing, and mastering for both national and international artists.
- **Signature Sound:** Renowned for his meticulous attention to detail, particularly in capturing drums and vocals during the recording and post-production phases.
- **Modern Workflow:** Specialized in staying at the forefront of audio technology, utilizing the latest high-definition remote mixing and mastering techniques.

Education and Technical Authority

His expertise is backed by a solid academic background and partnerships with industry-leading brands:

- **Academic Path:** Graduated in **Sound Engineering** from the "L. Refice" Conservatory in Frosinone.
- **Industry Collaborations:** In addition to being an official ADAM Audio user, he collaborates with brands such as **Yamaha**, **Zildjian**, and **Meinl**, demonstrating his active role in the development and demonstration of audio products.



SONG	CREDITS	STREAM LINKS
Sunlight	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Yellow Fire	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Bump	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
A-M-M-I-M	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Serendip	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Carlo Maria Micheli: Sax Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Chaste Countrywoman	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Bleep	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Bypolar	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano &Synths. Marco Pistone: Bass. Guido Della Gatta: Guitars. Roberto Porta: Drums. Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	
Evolving	Manuele Montesanti: Producer, Composer, Arranger, Piano&Synths, Sound Design Alessio Meleo: Sound Engineer Mix & Mastering.	

DIGITAL STORES



 bandcamp

 YouTube Music

 amazonmusic

 TIDAL

 Spotify®

 MUSIC

 iTunes

 DEEZER

PROMO VIDEOS





A photograph of four men in a dark studio with smoke in the air. They are all wearing black leather jackets. The man on the far left is bald with a beard and a gold chain. The other three have short hair and are smiling. They are in a crouching or kneeling pose. The background has some vertical light bars.

DRIFT LAB

MARCO PISTONE • GUIDO DELLA GATTA • MANUELE MONTESANTI • ROBERTO PORTA



A photograph of the same four men standing in a studio. They are all wearing black leather jackets. The man on the far left is bald with a beard and a gold chain. The other three have short hair and are smiling. They are standing in a row. The background has some vertical light bars.

DRIFT LAB

MARCO PISTONE • GUIDO DELLA GATTA • MANUELE MONTESANTI • ROBERTO PORTA



DRIFT LAB

ROBERTO PORTA • MANUELE MONTESANTI • MARCO PISTONE • GUIDO DELLA GATTA



DRIFT LAB

MARCO PISTONE • GUIDO DELLA GATTA • MANUELE MONTESANTI • ROBERTO PORTA