

## Ioannis Vafeas

Drummer Ioannis Vafeas was born in Limassol, Cyprus in 1970. In 1990 Ioannis was accepted at Berklee college from where he graduated in 1994. In 1998 he graduated from the cooperative jazz masters program of The Boston Conservatory and Berklee College of Music. Ever since he has been an active musician and has been performing and teaching in Cyprus, Europe and Middle East. He has been a member of the group Mosthe who represented Cyprus at the Bienale festival in Rome and of the Cyprus Jazz Quartet. In 2008 Ioannis performed jazz/fusion with: Ari Roland, Gilad Atzmon, Rembrandt Frerichs, George Kontrafouris, Ilija Reijngoud, Adam Pieronczyk, Frank Harrison, Ofer Ganor and Mamelo Gaitanopoulos. He has also performed music of other styles along with Johnny Logan, the Moscow Symphony, the C.S.O, George Dalaras, Christos Thiveos, Maria Farantouri, Michalis Hatzigiannis and Miltiades Paschalides. Ioannis is also a founding member of the Jazz Fusion band The Petsteppers. Last May The Petsteppers released their first c.d "The Petsteppers 2008" and performed their music at the Cracow Jazz Festival. Ioannis is endorsing Zildjian Cymbals.