

# BLOUZOUKI 'S BIOGRAPHY

## I (short)

BLOUZouki is an international band officially formed in 2012.

The singer songwriter Hugo Labattut is a guitarist and bouzouki player, admirer of Tom Waits and inspired by Blues music. His music and lyrics are inspired mainly by his travels.

## II (middle)

BLOUZouki is an international Alternative musical band formed in 2012.

The singer songwriter is inspired by blues music since his early days but his composition are filled with inspiration of his travels all around the world.

In 2012, Hugo Labattut, the singer & songwriter arrives in Istanbul and meets the future members of his band. Together they start playing in bars his new songs newly written with a few blues covers. After some month they record their first album "on the way to Istanbul".

In 2016, with the participation of 14 musicians, Blouzouki records his 2nd album : "Je Déménage" (I'm moving out). The band is still playing in Istanbul for various venues. In 2017 they record their third album "Hobos" as a live session at the Roket Sonik Studio in Istanbul.

The singer moves to Berlin in 2018 and play all around the city with different musicians. In 2019 BLOUZouki is back in Istanbul and prepares its new album that will be released in May 2019.

## III (long)

BLOUZouki is an international Alternative musical band formed in 2012. The band consists of Hugo Labattut lead vocalist, rhythmic guitarist, bouzouki player and songwriter, Ersin Erçin electric guitarist and banjo player, Alessandro Tomei drummer and percussion player, Nadi Gharibnavaz electric bassist and Arash Khodayari harmonica player.

The singer & songwriter is inspired by blues music since his early days but his composition are filled with inspiration of his travels all around the world.

In 2007 he meets the guitarist Ersin Erçin (turkey) in Poland and it's only 5 years later that he decides to come to visit him in Istanbul. The city full of musicians from all over the world allows him to meet the future members of his band. He will start to play some of his songs freshly written and some blues covers in the old bars of Istanbul. In march 2013, BLOUZouki becomes the official name of the band and they record their first album titled "On the way to Istanbul".

The singer leaves Istanbul for about a year and comes back in 2015 with more new songs. The band is formed again and in March 2016 they record their 2nd album titled "Je Déménage" (I'm moving out) with the participation of 13 musicians. The band is still playing in Istanbul for various venues. In 2017 they record their third album "Hobos" as a live session at the Roket Sonik Studio in Istanbul.

The singer moves to Berlin in 2018 and plays on the streets with a tuba player, Deniz Vural, and a soprano saxophone player, Malachi "Mike" Basden. In 2019, BLOUZouki is back in Istanbul and prepares its new album that will be released in May 2019...