

INTERGALACTIC HUSO ORCHESTRA

Intergalactic Huso Orchestra (IHO) is a vehicle for the dynamic duo of *Jari Riitala* and *Jimbo Mäkeläinen* to blast out their vision of instrumental fusion jazz meeting progressive rock, with extra flavors from here and there.

'Spaced Out' is out

In May 2019, IHO has released their debut album 'Spaced Out' with more than a full hour of music. 'Spaced Out' is available as a real physical CD in the IHO CD store at iho.riitala.com/shop and in your favorite streaming service/store, including Spotify, iTunes, Deezer and dozens more.

...And it sounds like this

On 'Spaced Out', Jari's compositions lean on the traditions but always seem to come out a little bit odd-metered and offbeat to bring out new musical angles to the old views. Jimbo extracts rhythmic punch into the soup from his long hard rock drumming career but also manages to display many other sides in his playing, combining nicely into a cohesive whole.

Multi-instrumentalist Jari provides bass, keyboards and over half of the guitars while the other half comes from a roster of international guest stars, one more spectacular than the other, consisting of *Teemu Mäkelä*, *Kari Riihimäki*, *Ilkka Rantamäki* and *Steve Thornbrugh*. Icing on the cake on selected cuts is provided by *Bill Lieske* on flute, *Michael Lake* on trombone and *Jussi Mäkelä* splitting his personality into a full percussion group.



Band member history

IHO draws from a long and rich history and experience of playing music, both members having started their musical careers already in the 1980's.

Jari has been playing bass in dozens of bands of various styles and has composed for most of them as well. Recorded bands include *Jastam Kastam* (bass, most compositions), *Oktoplus* (bass, keys, backing vocals, some of the music) and *Lazybonez* (bass, backing vocals, some of the music and lyrics). He has also collaborated as a session musician, with all basses on the two brilliant albums by *Phil Streets* as a prime example. On top of all this, Jari also sports a multi-instrumentalist/singer solo artist career under the name *Riitala*, providing *everything* himself, with the exception of a few guest artist feats. All of these are available in Spotify, iTunes and most other streaming services.

Jimbo, Jari's rhythm section counterpart in *Oktoplus*, has been drumming on record also in *Ironcross* ('Too Hot To Rock' and the subsequent US tour), *House Of Mirrors* ('Nightflight To Paradise' and 'Desolation'), UK-based *Wildkard* ('Megalomania') and played live with *Lordi* on a European tour. He is currently working on *Jimbo's Garage*, an album of his own material, backed again by Jari and Kari Riihimäki, with various other musical luminosities.

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