Oscar Barcelli
DRUMMER | COMPOSER | AFRO-PERUVIAN JAZZ INNOVATOR
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BIOGRAPHY

Oscar Barcelli is a Los Angeles–based Afro-Peruvian jazz artist, drummer, composer, and bandleader whose work reimagines Afro-Peruvian musical traditions through a contemporary jazz and fusion lens. Rooted in cultural heritage and driven by rhythm as a compositional language, Barcelli's music places groove, identity, and collective expression at its core—bridging ancestral traditions with modern improvisation and global influences.

Barcelli's artistic foundation was shaped through formal studies at Souza Lima in São Paulo and Berklee College of Music in Boston. During his time at Berklee, he was awarded the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Scholarship for three consecutive years, later being named an ambassador of the Foundation—recognition that reflects both his artistic excellence and commitment to cultural preservation and innovation.

As a bandleader and composer, Barcelli leads an evolving ensemble that integrates traditional Afro-Peruvian instruments such as cajón, cajita, and quijada with modern harmony, improvisation, and groove-driven forms. He released his debut album King's Lockdown in 2021, followed by the singles "Kilka" and "Novos Caminhos" in 2023, further defining his distinctive artistic voice.

Barcelli has performed on prominent stages including The Latin GRAMMYs, NAMM Show, Lima Jazz Fest, Disney California Adventure, and the Berklee Performance Center. His artistic journey has also included performances and collaborations with renowned artists such as Alain Pérez, Issac Delgado, Sofia Carson, Eva Ayllón, Aníbal Seminario, and others. Through his work as an artist and bandleader, Oscar Barcelli continues to expand the global presence of Afro-Peruvian jazz—honoring its roots while pushing its language forward.

— Oscar Barcelli

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PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- The Latin GRAMMYs – (Las Vegas, NV)
- NAMM Show – (Anaheim, CA)
- Lima Jazz Fest – (Lima, Peru)
- Disney California Adventure – (Anaheim, CA)
- Berklee Performance Center – (Boston, MA)
- Saban Theatre – (Los Angeles, CA)
- MGM Grand Conference Hall – (Las Vegas, NV)
- The Tiny Room – (Los Angeles, CA)

DISCOGRAPHY

ALBUM

KING'S LOCKDOWN (2021)

Debut album blending Afro-Peruvian rhythms with contemporary jazz fusion.

SINGLES

KILKA (2023)

Afro-Peruvian jazz fusion single.

NOVOS CAMINHOS (2023)

A cross-cultural collaboration exploring jazz and Latin American traditions.

FEATURED TRACKS

KING'S LOCKDOWN

OSCAR BARCELLI

2021 - 7 songs - 39 min 42 sec

KILKA

OSCAR BARCELLI

2023 - 1 song - 5 min 53 sec

NOVOS CAMINHOS

OSCAR BARCELLI

2023 - 1 songs - 4 min 22 sec

VIDEOS

TEEN TOWN – OSCAR BARCELLI

REGINA'S DREAM – OSCAR BARCELLI

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PRESS & TESTIMONIALS

"In addition to his talent and musicality, Oscar has a great work ethic and he always strives to excel as a musician and as a person. He is a great Global Ambassador for the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation."

— The Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Board

"Mr. Quilca's encyclopedic knowledge of traditional Peruvian music has made him an extraordinary and irreplaceable percussionist and drummer for my band, Peru Mestizo, contributing greatly to its critical and commercial success. I truly believe Mr. Quilca's contributions to the music industry establish him as a major presence and as one of the best musicians of his generation."

— Oscar Stagnaro, 6x Latin GRAMMY Award-winning bassist, composer, and educator

"Mr. Quilca Barcelli embodies talent, dedication, and hard work and has developed a signature sound that others could only aspire to. He would be a tremendous addition to the Latin Jazz community of the United States and his accomplished work as a composer and performer is a valuable asset for the future of Jazz."

— Tony Succar, 2x Latin GRAMMY Award winner & GRAMMY nominee

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