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Tomasz Stanko and All That (Polish) Jazz



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Tomasz Stanko is a Polish jazz trumpeter who has released a new CD, *Lontano*. Stanko has had a full career including a recording at the Taj Mahal and featured music in films by Roman Polanski.

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Tomasz Stanko is a Polish musician and composer who has followed in the footsteps of jazz trumpet pioneers such as Miles Davis and Chet Baker.

Stanko has collaborated with many artists over the years, from fellow Pole Krzysztof Komeda to Finnish drummer Edward Vesala to Americans Cecil Taylor, Howard Johnson and Chico Freeman.

Though he rarely appears in the United States, he and his quartet are touring to promote the release of their newest recording, *Lontano*.

Stanko talks with Liane Hansen about the difference between American and European jazz and how Polish jazz reflects his culture.

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