



SCOTT TIXIER

"Mr. Tixier is a violinist whose sonic palette, like his range of interests, runs open and wide."

The New York Times

"...it reveals Tixier as not only a remarkable improviser, but also a cunning contemporary jazz composer"

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"Poignant and reflective"

THE VOICE

"Tixier swings with rare authority and ingenuity. An invigorating set from the future of jazz violin"

DOWNBEAT
Jazz, Blues & Beyond Since 1934

"Tixier impresses with both his stellar chops and fresh conceptual vision"

JazzTimes

"the French violinist is taking the jazz world by storm."

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BIOGRAPHY

Scott Tixier is a French-American violinist, composer, and professor recognized as one of the leading voices on his instrument today. A six-time GRAMMY® certificate recipient, Tixier has collaborated with icons across genres, from Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Adele, Pink Floyd, and Beyoncé to Hans Zimmer and Jon Batiste. In 2022, he was the featured soloist in Jon Batiste's American Symphony at Carnegie Hall, captured in the Netflix documentary American Symphony.

Tixier's artistry bridges jazz improvisation, cinematic sound, and contemporary composition. He has performed at the world's most prestigious venues - Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, the Apollo Theater, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and global festivals - and appeared on major television stages including The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Saturday Night Live, and the Golden Globes.

His new album Bonfire (Tixland LLC, 2025) represents a turning point: a fully improvised solo violin work recorded in one sitting, described as both raw and transcendent. Previous releases (Cosmic Adventure, Brooklyn Bazaar) earned international acclaim, with DownBeat Magazine naming Cosmic Adventure among the Best Albums of the Year and JazzTimes listing Brooklyn Bazaar in its Top 50 Albums.

An Associate Professor at the University of North Texas, Tixier created the Jazz Strings Program in Commercial Music - the first of its kind. He has presented masterclasses and residencies at Yale University, Princeton, UCLA, Manhattan School of Music, and abroad. His upcoming projects include a premiere with violinist Hilary Hahn at the Royal Conservatory in 2026.

Tixier has been praised by legends of the art form: Marcus Miller calls him "an international name with individuality and sound," while Pat Metheny hails him as part of "the elite community of New York jazz musicians."



NOTABLE COLLABORATIONS

Film & Television Work

John Wick (2014) – Composed and violin performance to the original soundtrack.

American Symphony (2023, Netflix) – Featured soloist for Jon Batiste’s symphony

The Lion King (2019) – Session work under Hans Zimmer for Disney’s Oscar-winning film.

TV Appearances

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,

Saturday Night Live, America’s Got Talent,

Late Night with Seth Meyers,

PBS Specials.

Collaborations & Featured Recordings & High Profile Clients

Stevie Wonder – U.S tour (2 years).

Adele, Beyoncé, Elton John, Pink Floyd (live and studio collaborations)

Jon Batiste (Symphony soloist and ongoing collaborations)

Chris Potter, Dave Douglas, Anthony Braxton, Lonnie Plaxico,

Natalie Cole, Gladys Knight, Christina Aguilera, Arianna Grande

Past Collaborations with Luxury Brands Includes:

Hermes, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, JBW,

SCOTT PERFORMANCES INCLUDES:

CARNEGIE HALL (NEW YORK)

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL (NEW YORK)

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN (NEW YORK)

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER (NEW YORK)

GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS (HOLLYWOOD)

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) (NBC)

BLUE NOTE JAZZ CLUB (NEW YORK & TOKYO)

THE APOLLO THEATER (HARLEM)

BARCLAYS CENTER (BROOKLYN)

LATE SHOW WITH STEPHEN COLBERT (CBS)

THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON (NBC)

LATE NIGHT WITH SETH MEYERS (NBC)

DAVID LETTERMAN – LATE SHOW (CBS)

PARIS PHILHARMONIC (PARIS)

FONDATION LOUIS VUITTON (PARIS)

UNITED STATES CAPITOL (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

AMERICA’S GOT TALENT (NBC)



SELECTED AWARDS

Grammy award for participation in
the [PJ Morton](#) album, Gumbo Unplugged, 2018

Grammy award for participation in John Legend A Legendary Christmas
Album, 2019

2 Grammy awards for participation in the Lion King soundtrack, Lion King
score by [Hans Zimmer](#), 2019

Grammy award for participation in John Legend album, Bigger Love, 2020

Grammy award for participation in Jon Batiste, American Symphony
(Netflix) 2025

DownBeat Critics' Poll – Rising Star Violin Winner 2018

JazzTimes Critics' Poll – Best New Artist (2013).

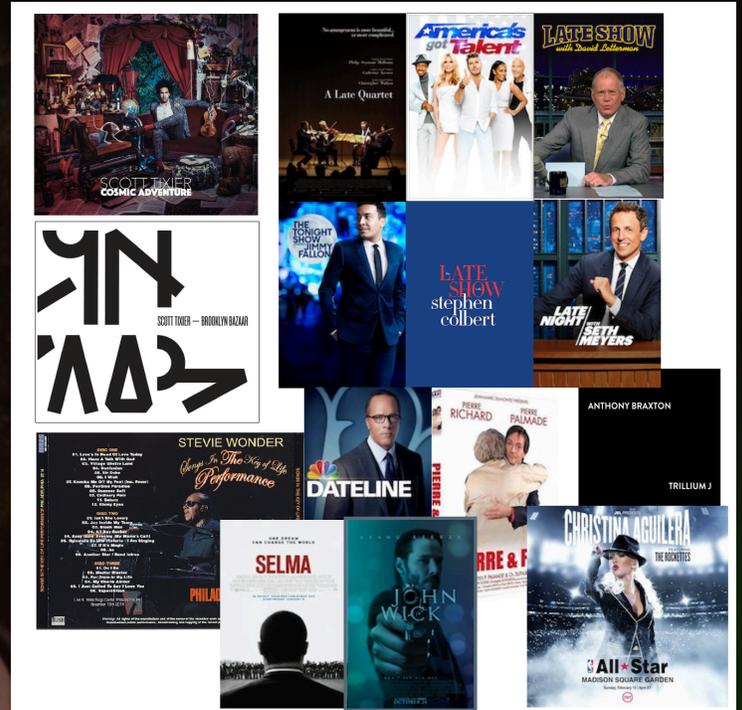
JazzTimes Critics' Poll – Top 4 Best Jazz Violinists (2017).

DownBeat Magazine – Best Albums of 2016 (Cosmic Adventure).

JazzTimes – Top 50 Albums of 2012 (Brooklyn Bazaar).

NPR "Song of the Day" – Featured internationally.

DISCOGRAPHY



As leader

Albums

- [Brooklyn Bazaar](#) (Sunnyside, 2011)
- [Cosmic Adventure](#) (Sunnyside, 2016)
- [Bonfire](#) (Tixland, 2025)

Singles

- [Black Magic](#) (Tixland, 2025)
- [Twin Power](#) (Tixland, 2025)

As sideman

Albums

- [Anthony Braxton](#), [Trillium J](#) (2014)
- [John Wick](#) Bande Originale, [Evil Man Blues](#) (The Candy Shop Boys) (2014) Lionsgate
- [Keyon Harrold](#), [The Mugician](#) (Sony, 2017)
- [John Legend](#), [A Legendary Christmas](#) (Columbia Records, 2018)
- [PJ Morton](#), [Gumbo Unplugged](#) (Morton Records, 2018)
- [Charnett Moffett](#), [Bright New Day](#) (Motema, 2019)
- [Hans Zimmer](#), [The Lion King \[2019 Original Motion Picture Soundtrack\]](#) (Disney, 2019)
- [Brian Tyler](#), [Charlie's Angels \(Original Motion Picture Score\)](#) (Sony Classical, 2019)
- [Tony Tixier](#), [I am Human](#) (Whirlwind Records, 2020)
- [Count Basie Orchestra](#), [Ella 100: Live at the Apollo!](#) (Concord, 2020)
- [Ben l'Oncle Soul](#), [Addicted to You](#) (Blue Note, 2020)
- [John Legend](#), [Bigger Love](#) (Columbia Records, 2020)
- [Terence Blanchard](#), [Da 5 Bloods \(Original Motion Picture Score\)](#) (Sony Music, 2020)
- [Adele](#), [30](#) (Columbia Records, 2021)
- [Brian Jackson](#), [Milton Nascimento](#), [Of Corners & Bridges](#) (Selo Sesc, 2025)