

## INTERVIEW WITH BLAI FORNS BY ALBERTO BATISTA.

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During the Jazzing Festival 2022 in Barcelona, I saw Blai Forn i Garcia again, one of the SAJB drummers, whom I met last year.

He will be 18 in November, and lives in Argentona near Mataro.

At home his parents listen to a lot of music. His dad plays the guitar self-taught, and when he was young he played in church.

From the age of 3, at nursery school, Blai took part in music lessons, based on musical awareness, percussion, etc... At the end of nursery school, there was a presentation of instruments. He wanted to choose the drums, but having suffered from arthritis since childhood, he was advised against it. He then chose the guitar, and began lessons when he entered primary school at the age of 6 at the Argentona music school.



However, his favorite instrument was the drums, and at the age of 10, on Sant Blai's Day, his parents offered him drum lessons, without leaving guitar lessons.

He continued to study guitar and drums at the Argentona music school for about 6 years.

He is also part of the Argentona musical group.

In 2021, after Jazzing, Blai was welcomed as a drummer in the Sant Andreu Jazz Band. He then stopped guitar lessons, because on the one hand entering the SAJB, and his 2nd year of baccalaureate no longer allowed him to do everything. He then continued drum lessons in Barcelona with Arnau Julià, who was the first drummer of the SAJB, and who continues to perform with the Sant Andreu Reunion Band.

With Arnau, he took up the technical bases that he had not yet acquired, and especially swing, the basis of Big Band rhythm.

In February of this year, Arnau Julià could no longer continue giving him drum lessons. Abril Sauri, former SAJB drummer, became his drum teacher.



Rehearsals with the SAJB rhythm section took place in principle every week, at the Jazz House, taking into account that Covid 19 was still relevant.

Rehearsals for the entire Big Band normally took place at the Nau Bostic, a cultural center in Sant Andreu, larger than the Jazz House, mainly for concerts

For tonight's concert, he will record for the second time with the SAJB, having recorded last year at the Palau de la Musica in Barcelona for the 15th anniversary of the SAJB.

He is starting his first university year at the “Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona” in the history section.

As for his future, things are quite clear for him. He will continue to make music all his life, but he will earn it by teaching history.

Good luck Blai!!!

