Ilya Gindin -short cv

Ilya Gindin is a professional musician and has been passionately playing the clarinet throughout his life. Whether performing classical music, klezmer, jazz, or free improvisation, he is constantly exploring new artistic possibilities with this remarkably versatile instrument. In addition to the clarinet, he also plays the alto saxophone.

For over 26 years, Ilya has been dedicated to klezmer music as both a performer and educator. He has participated in numerous international Jewish music festivals, including KlezFest London, KlezKanada, Ashkenaz Toronto, and Yiddish Summer Weimar, and has performed on stages around the world.

Ilya is widely known as a member and featured soloist of the internationally acclaimed band Dobranotch, with whom he has released seven CDs and one LP.

Alongside his work with various ensembles and guest appearances, he appeared as a soloist in the 2022 project Yellow Stars with the Academic Symphony Orchestra of the St. Petersburg Philharmonia, performing the Russian premiere of Wlad Marchulets Concerto for Klezmer clarinet. Later that year, he left Russia, settled in Berlin, and has since collaborated with a variety of international klezmer and swing projects across Europe. In 2024, he served as the musical director of the international project Find Common Language, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. In 2026, he was involved in the production of Alan Bern's oratorio Togbuch in Weimar, as well as Baruch Berliner's Genesis-Fusion project in Berlin.

In addition, in 2026, Ilya participated in the recording of the new album by Pavel Shalman & Boki Radenkovic – *Klezmer & Wir* and went on tour in Armenia and Georgia with his duo, Sapo-GI.

For several years, Ilya has been performing with the internationally renowned guitarist Dimitri Illarionov in a duo presenting a diverse classical repertoire arranged for guitar and clarinet. Their debut CD is scheduled for release in 2026.