

About

"...a world where the past is ever-present and music knows no borders. FOUR STARS" – The Courier Mail

"MZAZA are a six-piece band with an Australian-European line-up and an aesthetic that recalls the free-spirited romanticism of Lhasa de Sela or redoubtable France-based collective Lo'Jo, who also blend Gypsy music with jazz, French chanson and Spanish and North African rhythms using a swag of instruments from all over. FOUR STARS" - Songlines

Two-time Queensland Music Award winners MZAZA are committed to delivering Balkan-French inspired sounds to folk lovers around the world... Led by enchanting French-Sephardic vocalist Pauline Maudy, this group of musicians from around the world has been mesmerising audiences with powerful and inspired performances.

The impressive musicianship of MZAZA – deftly realised with accordion, violin, percussion, double bass and Flamenco guitar – embraces diversity, the old and the new, the familiar and the foreign, through timeless melodies. It is the timelessness of the music and stories that fuels an intense live show, an unforgettable musical journey, that has enraptured audiences at MONA FOMA, Queensland Music Festival, Cygnet, National and Woodford Folk Festivals, and visited airwaves internationally. Jaw-dropping technique, unique compositions and captivating shows have earned Mzaza supports for the likes of the Violent Femmes (USA) Yasmin Levy (Israel), Melbourne Ska Orchestra (AUS), Baba Zula and Baro Banda (Turkey), and DJ Click (France).

In 2020 MZAZA released their third studio album, *The Birth & Death of Stars*. Recorded at Sierra Studios in Athens, Greece, the twelve-track album is accompanied by a critically acclaimed theatre show devised by lead singer Pauline in collaboration with director Benjamin Knapton (Circa) during COVID lockdown.

In 2015 MZAZA released *Ghosts*, an album mixed by ARIA-nominated engineer Robin Mai and featuring a collection of impressive musical collaborators. With much of the original material in French or English and inspired by Balkan music, *Ghosts* spent three weeks in the AMRAP Metro Charts, was feature album on Melbourne's PBS and spent five weeks in 4ZZZ's top 20.

HIGHLIGHTS

New theatre show, *The Birth & Death of Stars*, premiered at Brisbane Festival to sold out audiences (2020) + return season (2021)

20 date Qld tour (2020)

European tour & recording (2018)

18 date Qld tour (2017) with the support of Artour and Arts Qld

20 date European tour (2016) inc. 4 festival appearances

2 successful crowdfunding campaigns (total \$18,000 AUD raised)

2 Queensland Music Awards (2015, 2016) + 6 tracks Highly Commended (2011, 2015, 2016) + 2 tracks finalists (2019, 2020)

Album of the Week on Kanaliena Radio (Greece)

Supports for the Violent Femmes (USA), Melbourne Ska Orchestra, Yasmin Levy (Israel), Baro Banda (Turkey) and DJ Click (France)

Australian shows at Woodford Folk Festival, MONA FOMA, Qld Music Festival, Brisbane Festival and more

Airplay on ABC Classic, Radio National, Triple J, SBS, Qantas, Virgin, Kanaliena Radio (Greece) and more

Feature Album with PBS

3 weeks in the AMRAP Metro Charts

5 weeks in 4ZZZ top 20

1 EP and 3 albums released

Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ali4fM97qNs>
<https://youtu.be/fDjAmFoe8Vg>
https://youtu.be/ntj8g_pZJ_k

Music

<https://open.spotify.com/track/4ZulrGBARLoJ6k2EymIXjg?si=1519cb0d7d784b22>
<https://open.spotify.com/track/1QXljpQgHi3sYc1T0kBzGE?si=8a832f937e4c421c>
<https://open.spotify.com/track/3s1CrFc7ZLyOFjpUVbadme?si=9b0e60c7b0b746a6>

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