

# Chilly GONZALES

Chilly Gonzales, Grammy-winning Canadian pianist and entertainer currently living in Europe, is known as much for the intimate piano touch of best-selling albums *Solo Piano I* and *Solo Piano II* as for his showmanship and composition for award-winning stars. Gonzo, as he is known to close collaborators, aims to be a man of his time, approaching the piano with classical and jazz training but with the attitude of a rapper.

Chilly Gonzales holds the Guinness world record for the longest solo concert at over 27 hours. He performs and writes songs with Jarvis Cocker, Feist and Drake, among others. With *Never Stop*, Chilly Gonzales composed a global hit for the inaugural Apple iPad 2 campaign. In 2014 he won a Grammy for his collaboration on Daft Punk's Best Album of the Year and composed the best-selling book of easy piano pieces *Re-Introduction Etudes*. With his last album *Chambers*, Chilly Gonzales devoted himself to finding a modern take on chamber music.

2018 sees the return of Chilly Gonzales to the stage with an intimate hour of pieces from the *Solo Piano* album cycle, after which he is joined by Stella Le Page on cello and Joe Flory on drums to perform hits and hidden surprises from the rest of his repertoire, interspersed with his unique playful explanations about how music works.

## **STELLA LE PAGE cello, vocals**

[soundcloud.com/beaucorbeau](https://soundcloud.com/beaucorbeau)

Stella Le Page studied cello and piano at the Royal College of Music in London. She has worked recorded and toured with many artists including Plan B, Primary 1, Château Marmont, Benjamin Clementine and Chilly Gonzales. In 2013 she signed a publishing deal with Universal France and has since lived in Paris, producing and recording her own compositions and songs.

## **JOE FLORY drums, vocals**

[soundcloud.com/amateurbest](https://soundcloud.com/amateurbest)

Joe Flory plays the drums and lives in Birmingham. He sometimes releases music as Amateur Best, and is a big fan of drum machines and shorts.



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1999	<i>Gonzales Über Alles</i>	Kitty Yo
2000	<i>The Entertainer</i>	Kitty Yo
2002	<i>Presidential Suite</i>	Kitty Yo
2003	<i>Z</i>	Kitty Yo / Delabel
<p>The Berlin Hipster years  Self-declared President of the Berlin Underground  Daft Punk, Björk, Placebo and Chet Baker solo piano “remakes”  David Bowie’s Meltdown festival, Iggy Pop’s <i>Motor Inn</i></p> <p><i>Let It Die</i>, Feist, 500 000 copies</p> <p>Jane Birkin, Charles Aznavour... producer of</p>		
2004	<i>Solo Piano</i>	No Format / Universal Jazz
<p>16 Piano themes for left hand accompaniment and right hand melody  125 000 fans love this record</p>		
2006	<i>From Major to Minor</i> Double DVD	No Format / Universal Jazz
<p>Surrealist « Master Class », students Jamie Lidell, Feist, Daft Punk « White Gloves Concert » Jamie Lidell, Mocky, Feist followed by Chilly Gonzales concert footage, videos, television interviews, installation by Ninja Pleasure</p>		
2007	<i>The Reminder</i> , Feist, co-produced by Gonzo	Polydor France / Universal
<p>3 Juno Awards in 2008, Best Pop Album of the Year and Best Album of the Year  4 Grammy nominations, including Best Producer and Album of the Year  1 500 000 copies</p>		
2008	<i>Soft Power</i>	Mercury / Universal Music
<p>The misunderstood masterpiece</p>		
2009	What else?	
May 16-18	<i>Gonzales breaks Guinness Book’s World Record for longest solo concert</i>	
<p>No. 2 Twitter Trend, 85 000 people watched the webcast  TWENTY-SEVEN hours THREE minutes FORTY-FOUR seconds of piano  200+ different songs.  Marathon concert at film director Claude Lelouch’s Ciné 13 Theatre in Paris</p> <p>The hands of Serge Gainsbourg on the big screen  Joann Sfar <i>Une Vie Héroïque</i></p> <p>The musical inspiration of Pierre Gagnaire (3 star chef and owner of London’s Sketch restaurant, co-author of musical cookbook <i>Bande Originale</i>)</p>		

And always: time to write, to produce  
Mocky, Peaches, Jamie Lidell, Tiga

Chilly Gonzales affirms his independence.  
Gentle Threat, the wholly-owned and operated record label is created in time for 2010's first release  
*Ivory Tower*

2010 *Ivory Tower* Gentle Threat  
The Album, born in the electro-piano universe  
Produced by Boys Noize, Written by Chilly Gonzales and Boys Noize  
  
*Ivory Tower* Gentle Threat / Première Heure  
The Film, an existentialist sports comedy about chess and success  
Directed by Adam Traynor  
Written by Chilly Gonzales and Celine Sciamma  
Starring Chilly Gonzales, Tiga and Peaches  
  
"Mention Spéciale du Jury" Filmmakers of the Present Competition  
Locarno International Film Festival 2010  
  
Apple's world-wide iPad 2 campaign with the *Ivory Tower* single  
*Never Stop*

2011 *Ivory Tower* nominated in Canadian Music Award JUNOs'  
BEST ELECTRONIC ALBUM category  
Gonzo opens the broadcast in a duo with Drake

*The Unspeakable Chilly Gonzales* Gentle Threat  
The world's first-ever all-orchestral rap album and live show

2012 Gonzo finally agrees to a Live DVD Gentle Threat  
*The Unspeakable Chilly Gonzales Live with Orchestra*  
All the hits are there

*Solo Piano II* reaches 100 000 fans in its first year

2013 Drake, Feist, Daft Punk all call Chilly Gonzales to collaborate

2014 Gonzo gets a Grammy: his piano finds itself *Within*  
Daft Punk's *Random Access Memories* 2013 Album of the Year

*Octave Minds* Gentle Threat / Boys Noize Records  
Chilly Gonzales and Boys Noize collaborate on an ethereal piano meets electronica album that comes to life in the first ever concert at Teufelsberg in Berlin, the USA's graffiti-laden cold war spy station

*Re-Introduction Etudes* Gentle Threat / Editions Bourges R.  
a book of 24 easy-to-master, fun-to-play piano pieces specifically designed to unlock musical mysteries for those who gave it up. The unexpected sheet music hit of summer 2014 inspires 25 000 people to pick up the piano again.

2015 Music pundits and fans worldwide turn to Gonzo as their "musical scientist", the great explainer of music theory to the uninitiated. Web series *Pop Music Masterclass* (WDR) fires up the internet and he anchors documentaries on *Classical Connections* (BBC) and *The History of Music* (Arte).

*Chambers* Gentle Threat  
Chilly Gonzales re-imagines Romantic-era chamber music as today's addictive pop in new album *Chambers*. Gestures from rap, ambient, easy listening and the avant-garde co-exist as always in Chilly Gonzales' musical universe - this time with strings attached.

2016

Gonzo pens several newspaper and magazine opinion pieces and is called upon by the likes of BBC Radio 1 in the UK, 1Live in Germany, and the CBC in Canada to comment upon our ever-expanding musical universe. Apple Music's Beats1 broadcasts radio show *Music's Cool with Chilly Gonzales* in which Gonzo's unique analysis introduces listeners the theory and the fun of entire musical genres through the work of one exemplary artist (Daft Punk for electronic music, Weezer for Indie Rock...) in a 2-hour monthly broadcast.

***Room 29***

Gentle Threat / Deutsche Grammophon

Written with Jarvis Cocker, *Room 29* is a song-cycle about a Chateau Marmont (LA) hotel room with a piano in it, the first album on Deutsche Grammophon with a "parental advisory" logo

2017

A year of Concerts and other Collaborations

Jarvis Cocker, Kaiser Quartett, Stella Le Page, Joe Flory, Ibeyi, Francesco Tristano, Daniel Hope, Toddla T, Leonard Cohen Tribute, Bugzy Malone and others... ends with a bang.

Gonzo makes a Call to Entry for his very own music school, *The Gonzervatory*

An all-expenses-paid residential music performance workshop in Paris, Spring 2018. Six selected students win a trip to Paris for a week of intensive coaching, masterclasses and rehearsals, living together in musical immersion and culminating in a public concert led by Chilly Gonzales himself.

Together they will explore *Musical Humanism*, audience psychology and what it means to be a performing musician in 2018.

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