

# Saul Zaks

INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTOR, MUSICIAN

## Profile

Argentinian-born (1961), Argentinian & Israeli-raised, Danish citizen.

Grammy Award Nominee conductor (*Best Tango Album*, 2016) and Danish Grammy Award Nominee (*Best Classical Album 2006, P2 Prisen*) along with the University of Southern Denmark Symphony Orchestra and the National Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir.

Performed with international artists such as Daniel Binelli, Julio Botti, Pablo Mainetti, Lelo Nika, Martín Palmeri, Ariel Ramírez, Mercedes Sosa, César Stroschio and Pablo Ziegler.

Currently the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival and the Misatango Festival in Vienna.

## Career

### **Member of the Academic Committee, Department of Tango Music**

Universidad Nacional de las Artes

Buenos Aires, Argentina

2023- Present

### **Artistic Director & Conductor at The Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival**

Vienna, Austria

2018 – Present

### **Artistic Director & Conductor at the Misatango Festival**

Vienna, Austria

2017 – Present

### **Artistic Director & Conductor of the Musicology Students' Choir**

Aarhus University

Aarhus, Denmark

2017 - 2018

**Founder & Director Tango Work/Life**

Aarhus, Denmark

2011 - Present

**Chorus Master Danish Broadcasting Corporation**

Copenhagen, Denmark

2003 – Present

**Founder, Artistic Director & Conductor of the University of Southern Denmark Symphony Orchestra**

Odense, Denmark

2002 – 2016

**Examiner in the subject of Music at the Danish Ministry of Education**

Denmark

2002 - 2006

**Artistic Director & Conductor of the University of Southern Denmark Chamber Choir**

Odense, Denmark

2001 –2016

**Founder, Artistic Director & Conductor ARoS Camerata & Vocal Ensemble at ARoS Art Museum**

Aarhus, Denmark

2001 - 2004

**Conductor & Lecturer at Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance**

Jerusalem, Israel

1998 - 2001

**Recordings, Honors and Awards**

2023

Album *Roce de Partida*– Blanco, E., Cobian, J.C., Mainetti, P., Piazzolla, A., Pirotti, A. , Sandullo, D. y Troilo, A. along with Ensamble Tango XXI.

2016

Latin Grammy Award Nominee for Best Tango Album – Cobian, J.C., Piazzolla, A. y Ziegler, P. *Sax to Tango*, along with Julio Botti, Franco Pinna, and Pablo Ziegler (Astor Piazzolla's Quintet), and the University of Southern Denmark Symphony Orchestra.

Zoho Records (USA)

2006

Danish Grammy Award Nominee (P2 Prisen) for Best Classical Album. Hamerik, A. *Asger Hamerik's Choral Symphony No.7. Op. 40* (1906) and Hamerik, A. *Asger Hamerik's Requiem, Op. 34* (1887) along with the Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra & Choir.

DaCapo Records (Denmark)

2006

Recording of the Month in Europe, Music Web International; Hamerik, A. *Asger Hamerik's Choral Symphony No.7. Op. 40* (1906) and Hamerik, A. *Asger Hamerik's Requiem, Op. 34* (1887) along with the Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra & Choir.  
DaCapo Records (Denmark)

## **Academic Studies**

### **Master of Arts Degree, Conducting**

Royal Danish Academy of Music  
Aarhus, Denmark  
September 1989 - July 1995

### **Master of Arts Degree, Music Theory**

Royal Danish Academy of Music  
Aarhus, Denmark  
September 1989 - July 1995

### **Master of Arts Degree, History of Western Music**

Royal Danish Academy of Music  
Aarhus, Denmark  
September 1989 - July 1995

### **Advanced Studies in Orchestral Conducting**

Prof. Mendi Rodán  
Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance  
Jerusalem, Israel  
1997 - 1999

### **Advanced studies in the field of Early & Baroque Music**

Andrew Parrott (*Taverner Choir, Consort and Players*)  
Oxford, United Kingdom  
1995-1996

### **Advanced studies in the field of Orchestral Conducting**

Prof. Jorma Panula  
Helsinki, Finland  
1995- 1996

### **Advanced studies in the field of Orchestral Conducting**

Prof. Jin Wang  
Gothenburg, Sweden  
1995- 1996

## **Scholarships**

Yitzhak Rabin Scholarship from Denmark  
Ezra Jack Keats Foundation for Excellence in the Arts (USA)  
Tytte and Lillemor Faurschou's Memorial Grant  
Joseph and Regine Nachemsohn  
Beckett Fund  
Unidanmark Fund  
Augustinus Fund  
Carl Nielsen and Anne Marie Carl Nielsen Fund  
Danish-Finnish Scholarship  
Danish Council's Scholarship  
Scandinavian Music Council's Scholarship

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Coach**

Pathfinder  
[www.stifinder.com](http://www.stifinder.com)  
Denmark  
January 2016 - October 2018

### **Fundraiser**

Upfront Europe  
[www.upfronteuropa.dk](http://www.upfronteuropa.dk)  
Denmark  
January 2013 - January 2014

## **Social profiles**

The Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival Vienna  
[www.scifestival.org](http://www.scifestival.org)

Misatango Festival Vienna  
[www.misatango.com](http://www.misatango.com)

Tango Work Life  
[www.tangoworklife.dk](http://www.tangoworklife.dk)

Linkedin  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/saul-zaks-59457317/>