

# PERICOPES



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**EMI VERNIZZI** Saxophone, electronics

**RUBEN BELLAVIA** Drums

**CLAUD VIGNALI** Piano, fender Rhodes, electronics

**Pericopes** is an acclaimed Italian jazz project whose style would best be described as "Crossover Jazz", with roots in European tradition, African-American music and improvisation, and an affinity for melody and compositional structure, mixed with other post-rock/prog/avantgarde/electronic influences.

**"UP"** (Losen Record) is their latest album, a musical journey into the social awareness of these times that encapsulates the powerful compositional maturity of the band through an acoustic sound mixed with electronic novelties, 3D melodies capable of transporting the audience in a unique environment sound experience.

Pericopes began in Italy in 2007 by **Emi Vernizzi** (sax) and **Alex Sgobbio** (piano), has released 4 albums (including the DVD *"Frames"* for the Japanese market) and participated to several jazz festivals in Europe - *UmbriaJazz Festival (IT)*, *ParmaFrontiere (IT)*, *BurgJazz (D)*, *Jazz Pas Grave* and *Unesco Int Jazz Day (FR)* – won the 1st prize in both Italian contests of *Umbria Jazz* and *Padova Carrarese* with nomination as toplist band both 2013 and 2022 by *Musica Jazz* magazine.

The project extends the collaborations over the years - with New York drummer **Nick Wight** - evolving into **Pericopes+1**, a power-trio that *"demonstrate power and intention"* (*Downbeat - USA*) plus grit and creativity that has earned recognition from both industry pros and fans. This *"cleverly unorthodox trio"* (*Musica Jazz - Italy*) has been described as *"an original, stylistically interesting"* (*Concerto - Austria*) cross-genre band that *"belongs to a new generation"* (*Jazz 'N' More - Switzerland*) of European jazz. From 2020 onwards the collaboration extended to drummer **Ruben Bellavia** and later to pianist **Claudio Vignali** forming the current line-up with co-founder saxophonist Emi Vernizzi.

Over the years, Pericopes has played hundreds of concerts with dozens of tours (**China, USA, UK, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Switzerland, Belgium, Czech Republic, Nederland**) including stages as the Gateshead Int'l Jazz Festival (UK), Sunside Jazz Club (FR), Unterfahrt (DE) to name a few and they released three studio albums. *Pericopes* project was mentioned in the Italian jazz history book, *"La Storia del Jazz"* as one of the most important/unique new-generation productions of the last years.



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## VIDEO LIVE (selected):

[Nebula Studio Milano](#)  
[Wangeliner \(DE\)](#)

[Live @Hayloft studio](#)

[Frankfurt \(DE\) - Die Fabrik](#)

[Ferrara \(IT\) – FerraraJazzClub](#)

[Paris \(FR\) - Sunset Sunside Club](#)

[Beijing \(CINA\) – JIM Festival](#)

[Budapest \(HU\) – Opus Jazz Club](#)

[Berlin \(DE\) - A-Trane](#)

[Groovefactory Studio](#)

[Live @QNote Studio](#)

[Munich \(DE\) - Unterfahart JazzClub](#)

[Festival Jazz on the Road](#)

[London \(UK\) - PX Live](#)

## VIDEOCLIP

[Pericopes VS SuperMario](#)

[Video EPK Album](#)

## AUDIO - Album “UP”

[Spotify - link](#)

[Apple Music - link](#)

## TOUR:

China, United States, England, France, Netherlands,  
Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Czech Rep,  
Slovenia, Croatia.

## LINK:

Website: [www.pericopes.it](http://www.pericopes.it)

Press: [Pericopes+1 reviews \(ENG\)](#)

Photo: [www.pericopes.it/photo-press/](http://www.pericopes.it/photo-press/)

Video: [www.youtube.com/@pericopes/videos](http://www.youtube.com/@pericopes/videos)

FB: [www.facebook.com/pericopes](http://www.facebook.com/pericopes)

IG: [www.instagram.com/pericopesmusic/](http://www.instagram.com/pericopesmusic/)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/pericopes](http://www.twitter.com/pericopes)

## RECENT VENUE

Guangzhou (CINA) – JIM Festival

Beijing (CINA) – 798 Arte Space

Paris (FR) - Sunset Sunside

Grenoble (FR) - Jazzclub Grenoble

Berlin (DE) - A-Trane

Kassel (DE) - Kassel Jazz Festival

Frankfurt (DE) - Jazz initiative

Dresden (DE) – Jazzclub Tonne

Dortmund (DE) - Domicil

Hamburg (DE) - Elbphilharmonie Kultur

Nurnberg (DE) - Jazz Studio

Munich (DE) - Unterfahrt

Weinstadt (DE) - Armer Konrad

Garmisch-Partenkirchen (DE) – Jazz Gap

Ludwigsburg (DE) - Jazzclub Ludwig

Singen (DE) - Jazz Club Singen

London (UK) - PizzaExpress JazzClub

Clitheroe (UK) - Ribble Valley Festival

Birmingham (UK) – Birmingham Jazz

NewCastle (UK) - Jazz North East

Budapest (HU) - Opus Jazz Club

Villach (AT) – Kulturforum

Linz (AT) - Gallensteine

Ferrara (IT) – Ferrara Jazz Club

Parma (IT) – Parma Jazz Festival

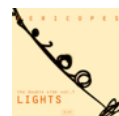
Piacenza (IT) – Milestones

Siena (IT) – Un Tubo

Trieste (IT) – Festival Trieste Love Jazz

Milano (IT) - Rai Radio3

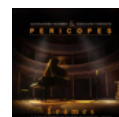
## DISCOGRAPHY



“The Double Side, VOL.1 – LIGHTS”  
(RAM Records)



“The Double Side, VOL.2 – SHADOWS”  
(RAM Records)



“Frames” CD, DVD version  
(PJF Records)



“These Human Beings”  
(ALFA MUSIC)



“Legacy”  
(AUAND)



“WhatWhat”  
(UNIT REC)



“UP”  
(LOSEN REC)