



Heinz Geisser (*1961 in Zurich, Switzerland) musician and composer studied classical guitar with Ermano Maggini and classical percussion with Horst Hofmann at the Zurich Music Conservatory. By his mid-twenties he was awarded the soloist diploma on classical guitar. Self-taught on jazz guitar his first recording was in 1988 with Swiss saxophonist Urs Blöchliger. In the early 90's however, drums and percussion became his main instrument and further on he has been focusing on improvised music. During an extended visit to New York City he formed the Collective 4tet with Mark Hennen, Jeff Hoyer and William Parker in 1992. Their half a dozen albums on Leo Records have received outstanding reviews including several four star ratings in the Penguin Guide to Jazz. For the last two decades Heinz Geisser has performed and recorded with many leading artists in the USA, Europe and Asia including Guerino Mazzola, Sirone, Mat Maneri, Rob Brown, Arthur

Brooks, Scott Fields, Shiro Onuma, Eiichi Hayashi, Takayuki Kato, I Wayan Sadra, among many others. Heinz Geisser has produced over 25 albums released on US and EU Labels such as Leo Records, Black Saint, Music&Arts, Silkheart Records, Cadence Jazz Records, Ayler Records etc. A collaboration with Indonesian film director Garin Nugroho has led to the music documentary "Teak Leaves at the Temples". The movie premiered at the international film festivals Rotterdam and Hongkong in 2008. 2012 marks the release of his first album with Ensemble 5 on Leo Records.

Press:

"Geisser is one of the best drummers in post bop music."

Robert D. Rusch, Cadence Magazine

"...the incredible Swiss drummer Heinz Geisser."

Village Voice NYC

"Heinz Geisser most certainly is a virtuoso. His ability to imply multiple tempi (thereby feeding the other players the widest possible range of rhythmic options), his timbral prescience, and his manifest energy place him on a level with the best free drummers."

Chris Kelsey, One Final Note

"His style is complex, multi-layered, subtle, and telepathically attuned to timbral contrasts."

Bill Barton, Signal to Noise

"Geisser's compelling free-form drumming poses a holistic backdrop. Even when he's providing subtle asymmetrical accompaniment, he manages to devise subliminal beats that are regimented and deceptively complex."

Glenn Astarita, All About Jazz

"...Heinz Geisser is terrific on percussion throughout."

Steven Loewy, All Music Guide

"Geisser masterfully balances sensivity to group dynamics with a forceful, propulsive, free rhythmic energy; prodding and buffeting the improvisations along their extended trajectories."

Michael Rosenstein, Cadence Magazine

Selection of Recorded Documentation:

1993	Dreamcatcher	Collective 4tet (with Michael Moss - reeds, omit Jeff Hoyer)	Stork Music 1007
1994	Ones+Zeros	Mark Hennen - Toby Kasavan - Heinz Geisser	Stork Music 1016
1994	Bindu	Collective 4tet (with Michael Moss - reeds, omit Jeff Hoyer)	Stork Music 1015
1996	The Ropedancer	Collective 4tet	Leo Records LeoLab 021
1996	Yavapai	Q4 Orchestra	Creative Works CW 1028
1996	Fuego	Mathias Rissi - Guerino Mazzola - Heinz Geisser	Creative Works CW1029
1997	Orca	Collective 4tet	Leo Records LeoLab 031
1997	Orbit	Rob Brown - Guerino Mazzola - Heinz Geisser	Music&Arts CD-1015
1998	Live at Crescent	Collective 4tet	Leo Records LeoLab 043
1998	Toni's Delight - Live in Seoul	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Duo	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1090
1999	Maze	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Quartet w. Scott Fields, Matt Turner	Quixotic Records 5002
1999	The Knit Concert	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Quartet w. Scott Fields, Mat Maneri	Knitting Factory Liquid Audio Download
2000	Heliopolis	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Quartet w. Scott Fields, Mat Maneri	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1122
2001	Tierra	Mathias Rissi - Guerino Mazzola - Heinz Geisser	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1130
2001	Folia - The UNAM Concert	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Duo	Silkheart Records SHCD 153
2002	Agua	Mathias Rissi - Guerino Mazzola - Heinz Geisser	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1150
2003	Synopsis	Collective 4tet	Leo Records LR 380
2004	Someday	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Duo	Silkheart Records SHCD 154
2004	Chronotomy	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola Quartet w. Scott Fields, Mat Maneri	Black Saint 120173-2
2004	Moving Along	Collective 4tet	Leo Records LR 418

2007	Live at Airegin	Heinz Geisser & Guerino Mazzola featuring Takayuki Kato and Yuki Saga	Ayler Records ayIDL-056
2008	Aire	Mathias Rissi - Guerino Mazzola - Heinz Geisser	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1208
2008	Live at Yokohama Little John	Heinz Geisser - Shiro Onuma Duo	Leo Records LR 514
2009	Liquid Bridges	Guerino Mazzola - Heinz Geisser - Jeff Kaiser - Sirone	Springer, Berlin & Heidelberg (in: Mazzola G & PBCherlin: Flow, Gesture, and Spaces in Free Jazz. Computational Music Science Vol.1, Heidelberg 2008)
2009	In Transition	Collective 4tet	Leo Records LR 529
2009	In Circles	Heinz Geisser - Takayuki Kato - Yuki Saga - Eiichi Hayashi	Yokohama Airegin Records STM-008
2009	Rain of Light	Heinz Geisser - Shiro Onuma Duo	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1228
2010	On Bashamichi Avenue	Heinz Geisser - Eiichi Hayashi - Takayuki Kato - Yuki Saga	Leo Records LR 583
2012	Dancing the Body of Time	Heinz Geisser - Guerino Mazzola - Shiro Onuma	Cadence Jazz Records CJR 1239
2012	Solstice	Ensemble 5	Leo Records LR 649
2014	Conversations About Thomas Chapin	Stefano Leonardi - Stefano Pastor - Fridolin Blumer - Heinz Geisser	Leo Records LR 702
2014	The Summary of 4	Ensemble 5	Leo Records LR 694
2014	The Summary of 4 Vol.2	Ensemble 5	Leo Records LR 710