# Laurent Courthaliac

BIOGRAPHY

Laurent Courthaliac is a renowned French jazz pianist, celebrated for his profound command of bebop, jazz standards and the music of Duke Ellington.

Initially self-taught, he later studied at the Conservatoire de Lyon. In the late 1990s, he moved to Paris, where he became a leading figure on the city's vibrant jazz club scene. Alongside his performing career, he further developed his craft under the guidance of American pianist Barry Harris, studying with him for a decade.

Throughout his career, he has recorded several albums as a bandleader, including *Pannonica*, featuring legendary bassist Ron Carter, and *All My Life*, which received the Académie du Jazz's French Album of the Year Award in 2016.

In 2018, he released *At Barloyd's*, a box set recorded in his Paris living room, bringing together nine of the most distinguished pianists on the French jazz scene.

A highly sought-after arranger, Courthaliac has arranged the three most recent albums by saxophonist Pierrick Pédron.

He is also co-producer of the LP345 Records label, which has released, among other projects, a solo piano album by Micah Thomas, recipient of the 2022 Prix Charles Cros.

His new album, a tribute to legendary crooner Frank Sinatra, will be released in October 2026. With this recording, Laurent Courthaliac offers an elegant and distinctive take on Sinatra's timeless hits. Both an inspired pianist and a refined arranger, he showcases two complementary facets of his artistry, brought to life by an exceptional line-up of musicians.