

# BLOUZOUKI'S BIOGRAPHY

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Having been born on the streets of Istanbul, BLOUZouki travelled all over Europe before settling in its current home, Lisbon. The band's latest album, "Uncle Joe", was recorded in Istanbul in 2019 with an ensemble of international musicians, many of them Turkish. To present that album and more to Lisbon audiences, Labattut is now joined by Daniel Ribeiro on guitar, Rafael Morgado on double bass and Alessandro Tomei on drums.