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A portrait of a man with dark hair and a light beard, wearing a dark polo shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. His hands are visible in the foreground, resting on a reflective surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

APOLLO GIU

MUSICIAN & COMPOSER

Melancholy meets elegance

Solo piano & duo with violin

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Giuseppe Rapolla grows up in a place where Italy sounds like a struggle for survival: in Apulia, amidst dusty streets, eight siblings and constant uncertainty. No child prodigy, but a street urchin who learns early on to fend for himself. Only his grandfather recognises his talent, but Giuseppe doesn't listen – real life is louder. He goes off the rails, makes the wrong choices, loses himself in the wrong rhythm. The turning point comes with Germany, with Hamburg: new opportunities, several restaurants, a brief glimmer of hope – but no lasting success.

When everything comes to a standstill, his grandfather's voice returns: "You've got something." For the first time, he listens. Without a plan, teaching himself, he works his way back into music. Fragments, memories and instinct shape something of his own. His music becomes a homecoming – full of longing, ruptures and genuine emotion. Giuseppe Rapolla becomes Apollo Giu: not a trained composer, but one who sounds just as he has lived.

MUSICAL SIGNATURE

Apollo Giu reduces classical instruments to their essence. His music thrives on space, repetition and tension. Between modern classical and cinematic elements, an open musical language emerges without clear categorisation. Whether solo on the piano or with the violin – his concerts are deliberately intimate and focus on an immediate connection with the audience.

CONCERT PROGRAMMES

Title	Description	Duration	Cast
<i>Piano up close – solo programme</i>	Original compositions for piano—a focused program without distraction, reduced to instrument and space.	80 min.	Piano solo
<i>Between Heaven and Earth – Piano & Violin</i>	Duo program with violin—two voices that complement, intensify, and dissolve into one another.	80 min.	Piano & violin

REFERENCE

25 FEBRUARY 2018 **Piano concert**, Sprengel Museum Hannover

14 SEPTEMBER 2023 **Cavallo (Hannover)** – Lead Artist

'The music was simply magical.' – Visitor, Cavallo 2023

11 OCTOBER 2025 **'The special concert at the airport'**, Maritim
Airport Hotel Hannover (piano & violin)

'I closed my eyes and was transported to another world.'
– Visitor, Maritim concert 2025

Apollo Giu Up Close (solo)

13 MARCH 2026 Die Glocke Bremen

24 APRIL 2026 Rudolf-Oetker-Halle Bielefeld

"His music really moved me." – Visitor, Glocke 2026

"I was simply overwhelmed." – Visitor, ROH 2026



AUDIO & VIDEO SAMPLES

- CONCERT PROGRAMME - PIANO SOLO
- CONCERT PROGRAMME - DUO WITH VIOLIN

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