

PETER UGRIN - violin  
ALEŠ OGRIN - keys  
JAN GREGORKA - bass  
ANŽE ŽURBI Zurby - drums

The story of Artbeaters began in January 2011, when Peter Ugrin (violin) returned from his studies in New York and was invited to already established rhythm section who was searching for a front man. After the first months of intense rehearsals, the group reached a new level of their comprehensive and unique sound image.

A special feature of the group's music is the acoustic sound of the violin, often modified with the electronic effects of the synthesizers and the varied rhythms in the rhythm section support.

Since the members of the band are all educated jazz musicians, they respect their heritage, which is why jazz influence can be felt in the band's music, but it is never overwhelming in their own compositions.

Their original music can be identified as "world jazz" style which blends various musical genres. The band performs quality, innovative, modern and contemporary music. Artbeaters' arrangements of songs are stylishly diverse, ranging from spontaneous dance patterns to emotional ballads.

The year 2012 was extremely successful for Artbeaters. They won the first prize at the International Jazz Competition Europafest 2012 in Romania, outshining a tough competition of 160 groups from all over the world. Another one of the group's successes in 2012 was the recording of their live concert by Slovenian national television (RTV Slovenia) for "the Slovenian Jazz Scene" television show.

In January 2013 their first album "Garden of Adventure" was launched and positively reviewed by international jazz critics followed by many successful concerts in Slovenia, Austria, Croatia and Serbia, ranging from Jazz Festivals to Mainstream stages. Artbeaters have enclosed summer 2013 concert period by winning 3 prizes (best band, best composition, best performance) on the latest International Jazzinty Festival and Workshop in Novo Mesto, Slovenia.

Artbeaters had recently performed with one of the worlds greatest jazz violin player Christian Howes. On the other hand they regularly perform with young and progressive jazz soloists in Slovenia.