

Niels Klein - Saxophones, Clarinets, Composition

born **1978** in Hamburg, Germany

since 1998 studies in saxophone and composition at the Hochschule für Musik, Köln (Frank Gratkowski, Claudio Puntin, Bill Dobbins)

Concerts with many different bands and projects w/ WDR BigBand, Jeff Hamilton, Toots Thielemans, Nils Wogram, Underkarl, Victor Bailey, Albert Mangelsdorf, Charlie Mariano, Bob Brookmeyer a.o.

1998-2000 member of the German Youth Jazz Orchestra (BUJAZZO) as 1st tenor player and composer/ arranger.

his big band compositions were played by the BUJAZZO, Cologne Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, Summit Jazz Orchestra, Jazzorchester Niedersachsen a.o.

2000 winner of the „Jazzpodium Niedersachsen 2000“ Prize with his NIELS KLEIN OKTETT.

Performances in New Music / Improvised Music with the Tippet Ensemble, Cologne, in the „Klangkörper Schweiz“ (Swiss Pavillon at the Expo 2000 in Hannover) with Mike Svoboda, Ernesto Molinari, Joelle Leandre a.o., with the James Choice Orchestra, Cologne.

since 2001 steady member of the Band in the TV-Show TV TOTAL „The Heavytones“. With this band he played with international pop/ rock musicians as Lionel Richie, Anastacia, Busta Rhymes, Michael Buble, Mel C, and many others .The bands first album “heavytones no.1” appeared in May 2006.

2002 festival appearance at **Jazzbaltica Salzau** with the quartet „FIROMANUM“ (CD on schoener hoeren music)

2004 winner in the competition „jazzart crossing borders 2004“ as bigband composer and soloist.

2004 he received the NRW- Förderpreis.

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Release of his debut **CD “NIELS KLEIN TRIO“** with Dietmar Fuhr -bass and Nils Tegen - drums on Mons Records.

In June **2005** he put together his new Tentett for an studio-production of the WDR. This project was also presented on the Traumzeit Festival Duisburg, and the first jazzcologne-festival.

2005 Composition of a mass for choir and double wind quintet for the ensemble o:ton.

2005 he was chosen by the radio-station Deutschlandfunk as german representative in the EBU-European-Jazz-Orchestra for an extended tour in Europe and Canada.

November **2005** he was invited to the International Euroring Composers Workshop with Vince Mendoza. This was linked to a commission of a work for the Metropole Orchestra, Hilversum, Netherlands .

2005 he receives the "Förderpreis der Stadt Köln" for Jazz and improvised music. (Horst u. Gretl Will scholarship).

2006 composition of chamber music for the Helios Ensemble (Soprano, Piano, Cello, Trumpet).

2006 two concerts as conductor/composer with the Cologne Contemporary Jazz Orchestra in association with the composers Calle Rasmusson (Stockholm) and Nils Tegen (Cologne).

2006 Touring and Recordings with Underkarl "Goldberg Variations", Frank Wingold Quartet "Clairvoyance, Florian Ross "EightBall".