

CV Stephan Mattner

tenor / soprano saxophone, clarinet, flute, composition



As a saxophonist, composer and arranger, he moves confidently between tradition and modernity.

He studied classical saxophone and instrumental pedagogy at the University of Music Dortmund and jazz saxophone at the Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen with Prof. Hugo Read and Matthias Nadolny. His training was supplemented by courses at the 'Days for New Music Darmstadt', among others.

During his studies, he was a member of the LandesJugendJazzOrchester NRW (North Rhine-Westphalia State Youth Jazz Orchestra) and worked as an assistant lecturer at the Dortmund University of Music.

His artistic activities have taken him to almost all major German jazz venues and festivals, as well as to Europe, Australia and India, with a wide variety of ensembles. International collaborations and concert tours have been organised in cooperation with the Goethe Institutes in France, Italy, Spain and India. At the Montreux International Jazz Festival, he reached the semi-finals of the renowned International Saxophone Competition.

Radio and television productions for WDR, MDR, BR and Deutschlandfunk document his wide-ranging musical activities. In addition to his artistic work, Stephan Mattner regularly serves as a juror, including at the Bundesbegegnung Jugend jazzt (Federal Youth Jazz Competition) and the Landes-Orchesterwettbewerb NRW (North Rhine-Westphalia State Orchestra Competition). He also teaches saxophone at the University of Siegen.

As a sought-after guest in large-scale jazz and contemporary ensembles, Stephan Mattner has been active in a wide variety of projects, including the WDR Big Band, the Cologne Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, the Christina Fuchs Big Band, the Thoneline Orchestra and other modern jazz formations.

Roland Spiegel: Bayerischer Rundfunk broadcast on June 27, 2014

"... is one of the outstanding soloists on the German jazz scene..."

Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, December 17, 2013

"... first-class instrumentalists..."

Union of German Jazz Musicians, August 29, 2006

"... With Stephan Mattner, a musician finally emerges who has found his way outside of the mainstream and current fashion trends...."

WAZ December 1, 2001

"...one of Germany's greatest talents..."