

Kaja Draksler CV

Pianist/composer

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Education

2010-2013 Masters studies in Classical Composition, *The Conservatory of Amsterdam*, The Netherlands, principal teacher: Richard Ayres

2005-2009 Bachelor studies in Jazz Piano, *Prince Claus Conservatory*, Groningen, The Netherlands. principal teacher: Marc van Roon

2009 Private lessons with Vijay Iyer and Jason Moran, New York, USA

2008 Exchange program (jazz piano) at SUNY *Purchase Collage* in New York, USA

2001-2005 *High School for Music* (jazz piano), Ljubljana, Slovenia

2001-2005 *Diocesan Classical Gymnasium*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Scholarships

Work Scholarship, Slovenian Ministry of Culture (2014, 2018)

Scholarship for studies abroad, Slovenian Ministry of Culture (2011-2013)

HSP Hyugens (2006-2009)

Zois Scholarship (2001-2006)

Awards and selections

Paul Acket Award (2018)

Young VIPs on Tour (2015)

EPTA Frans Schreuder Prijs (2013)

12 Points! Plus (2011)

Deloitte Jazz Award (2009)

Jazzon Composition Award (2007)

Current projects

Solo Kaja Draksler- piano, composition

Kaja Draksler Octet- Laura Polence, Björk Níelsdóttir- voice; Ada Rave, Ab Baars- reeds; George Dumitriu- violin & viola; Kaja Draksler- piano, composition; Lennart Heyndels- double bass; Onno Govaert- drums

PUNKT.VRT.PLASTIK Kaja Draksler- piano, composition; Petter Eldh- bass, composition; Christian Lillinger- drums, composition

Hearth Susana Santos Silva- trumpet, Ada Rave, Mette Rasmussen- saxophone, Kaja Draksler- piano *improvised music*

To Pianos Eve Risser, Kaja Draksler- piano and composition

Czajka & Puchacz Kaja Draksler- piano and percussion, Szymon Gasiorek- drums, percussion and electronics *semi-improvised music*

Feecho Kaja Draksler- piano; Onno Govaert- drums; *improvised music*

Santos-Silva/Draksler Susana Santos Silva- trumpet, composition; Kaja Draksler- piano, composition

as a sidewoman:

Ab Baars' Fish-Scale Sunrise

Michael Moore Bigtet

Past projects

(2013-2016) *I/O* Thanasis Deligiannis- voice, composition; George Dumitriu- guitar, electronics, violin; Kaja Draksler- piano, composition; Roelof Pothuis- scenography, light; Kieran Klaasen- programming *music theatre*

(2014-2017) *Čudars-Draksler duo* Matiss Čudars- guitar, composition; Kaja Draksler- piano/Fender Rhodes/ organ, composition

(2010-2016) *BadBooshBand* Kaja Draksler- piano, composition; Mattia Magatelli- bass, composition; Luca Marini- drums, composition

(2006-2014) *Kaja Draksler Acropolis Quintet* Sanem Kalfa- voice; Kaja Draksler- piano, composition; George Dumitriu- guitar, electronics, composition; Mattia Magatelli- bass, composition; Kristijan Krajncan- drums, composition

(2005-2009) *Katarchestra* Florinda Piticchio-voice; Rodica Ioan-oboe; Petra Klementova- flute; Rosolino Marinello- clarinet; Kristijan Krajncan- violoncello; Leonardo Grimaudo- guitar; Atanas Popov- percussion; Kaja Draksler- piano/conducting

As a composer commissioned by:

Doek/Tricentric Foundation, Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra, Metropole Orchestra, EMJO, Looptail, Big Band RTV Slovenia, Italian Instabile Orchestra, and others.

As a teacher worked at:

Doek Improvised Music Workshop 2018

Creative Jazz Clinic Velenje, Slovenia, 2016 and 2017

Boben in Lajna Summer Jazz Workshop, Ljubljana, Slovenia 2012

Curator:

Suture Soven music festival (co-curating)

Doek Festival (co-curating)

A member of (collectives):

Doek

I/O

Discography:

Kaja Draksler, Eve Risser: *To Pianos* (CF448CD, 2017)

Kaja Draksler Octet: *Gledalec* (CF417CD, 2017)

Kaja Draksler, Susana Santos-Silva: *This Love* (CF353CD, 2015)

Čudars-Draksler duo: *Miniatures from our Living Room* (2015)

Feecho: *Bums* (eNR032, 2015)

BadBooshBand: *The Best Of* (ZKP, 2014)

Kaja Draksler Solo: *The Lives of Many Others* (CF286, 2013)

European Movement Jazz Orchestra: *Live in Coimbra* (Clean Feed, 2011)

Kaja Draksler Acropolis Quartet feat. Sanem Kalfa: *Türkü* (DruGod, 2009)

Kaja Draksler: *Akropola* (Goga, 2008)

Katarchestra: *Katarchestra* (Celinka, 2007)

as composer:

Janez Dovč & Slovenska filharmonija: *Philharmonika* (SF, 2007)