

## **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**

Zois Scholarship (2001–2009)

HSP Hyugens (2006–2009)

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

Working Scholarship, Slovenian Ministry of Culture (2014)

### **Awards and selections**

Young VIPs on Tour (2015)

EPTA Frans Schreuder Prijs (2013)

12 Points! Plus (2011)

Deloitte Jazz Award (2009)

Jazzon (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

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

**Santos–Silva/Draksler duo** Susana Santos Silva– trumpet, composition; Kaja Draksler– piano, composition

**To Pianos** Eve Risser, Kaja Draksler– piano and composition

**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*

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

## as a sidewoman:

*Ab Baars' Fish–Scale Sunrise*

*Michael Moore Bigtet*

## Past projects

**(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 Krajnčan– drums, composition

**(2005–2009) Katarchestra** Florinda Piticchio–voice; Rodica Ioan–oboe; Petra Klementova– flute; Rosolino Marinello– clarinet; Kristijan Krajnčan– 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 teacher worked at:

Boben in Lajna Summer Jazz Workshop, Ljubljana, Slovenia 2012

Creative Jazz Clinic Velenje, Slovenia, 2016 and 2017

## 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)