

Philipp Gerschlauer

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Philipp Gerschlauer started to play Saxophone at the age of seven. Shortly after he also picked up piano. His immense talent was soon recognized and by the age of 16 he was invited to study classical Saxophone at the Music University of Frankfurt/Main. He also became a member of the Youth Jazz Orchestra of the federal district of Hessen. His band »Besaxung« won the German national youth jazz competition and he also collected a special Soloist prize. He also won the Jazz award of the city of Heidelberg. In 2010 the German public broadcasting radio station appointed him to represent Germany in the "European Jazz Orchestra". Philipp Gerschlauer toured in more than twenty countries in the world. In the year 2012 he graduated at the famous Jazzinstitut Berlin where he studied with Peter Weniger, Greg Cohen and Kurt Rosenwinkel. In 2012 he was awarded with scholarships of the German National Academic Foundation, the German Student Exchange Service (DAAD) and the New York University and moved to New York. Since 2014 he is holding a master's degree in Jazz from the New York University, where he studied with drummer Tony Moreno, Saxophonists Chris Potter and Billy Drews as well as Vibraphonist Stefon Harris. He plays all saxophones, clarinet, bass clarinet and flute. He recorded several CDs as a leader and sideman. His latest CD project includes Jack DeJohnette, Dave Fiuczynski, Matthew Garrison and Giorgi Mikadze.

In his music Philipp Gerschlauer combines microtonal harmonies and scales with jazz rhythms and groove. He is dividing the octave into 128 notes based on the eighth octave of the overtone series. He developed a unique fingering chart for Saxophone which includes around 650 microtonal fingerings. He is teaching clinics for microtonal Saxophone at Universities such as the Berklee College of Music in Boston, the University of Arts Berlin, University of Dresden and the Jazzinstitut Berlin. Philipp Gerschlauer is considered to be one of the leading microtonal Saxophonists in the world.

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Awards:

1st prize at the „German Youth Jazz Competition“, incl. special soloist prize, 2009

Jazz award of the city of Heidelberg, 2010

Scholarships:

German National Academic Foundation

German Student Exchange Service (DAAD)

New York University „Talent’s Pool“

Miscellaneous:

Representing Germany as a member of the „European Jazz Orchestra“, 2010