

Biography FLORIAN ROSS

First and Last Name: Florian Ross
Date of Birth: 01. August 1972
Place of Birth: Pforzheim, Baden-Württemberg
Permanent Residence: 50937 Köln, Wichterichstr. 34
Citizenship: German
Marital Status: married, three children

School Education:

1982-1992 High School Hebelgymnasium Pforzheim, A-Levels (Graduation)
1989-1990 BA Senior High School, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, USA
Graduation: US High School Diploma

Musical Education, Studies:

1990-1993 Member of the Youth State Jazz Orchestra Baden-Württemberg
1992-1997 studied Jazz-Piano (Performing Arts as well as Education major) at the HfM Köln with Prof. John Taylor, second subject drums
Graduation: Diploma
1994 Student representative of the HfM Köln at the 5th Annual IASJ-Meeting in New York City, concerts at the UN and the JVC Jazz Festival
1995 GVL/GEMA-Scholarship for the Summer Jazz Workshop, Banff, Alberta, Canada
1995-1996 studied Jazz-Piano und –Composition at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London, with Simon Purcell, Eddie Parker, Scott Stroman and Django Bates
Graduation: Postgraduate Diploma
1997-1999 studied Jazz-Composition at the HfM Köln with Prof. Joachim Ullrich and Prof. Bill Dobbins
Graduation: Diploma
1999 active member of the BMI Jazz Composers' Workshop, New York
1999-2000 studied Jazz-Composition and –Piano at New York University (NYU) with Jim McNeely, Ron Sadoff and Don Friedman.
DAAD scholarship; Eubie Blake scholarship

Teaching and Bandleading Experience:

2000	student-teaching bandleading at New York University (NYU)
2001-2003	Lecturer for Jazz-Composition und –Piano ad the Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz
2001-2002	Jazz-Composition and -Ensemble-Workshops at the HfM Hannover and the Conservatorium van Amsterdam (Netherlands)
2003	Member of the jury at the Landes-Arbeitsgemeinschaft (LAG) Jazz, Niedersachsen
2004	Ensemble- and Composition-Workshop with String Orchestra and Jazz Quartet at the HfM Leipzig
2004-2005	Ensemble- and Composition-Workshops at the HfM Weimar
2004, 2009	Member of the Jury at the international Composition Competition of the Brussels Jazz Orchestra
2005	Guest- Composer and –Conductor at the Bundesjazzorchester
2005	Jazz-Composition and Ensemble-Workshops at the HfM Hannover
2006-2007	Lecturer for Ensemble-Methodology, Composition, Ensembles and Piano at the HfM Hannover
2006	Jazz-Composition and Ensemble-Workshops at the Sydney Conservatory of Music, Australia
2007	Jazz-Composition and Ensemble-Workshops at the Auckland Conservatorium, Neuseeland Member of the Jury at the Bundesbegegnung JugendJazzt, Halle
ab 2008	Lecturer for Jazzpiano, -Composition and –Ensemble at the HfM Köln
2008	Lecturer at the Bundesbegegnung JugendJazzt, Trossingen
2009	Workshop for Jazz-Komposition Jakarta, Indonesien (Goethe Insitute)

Prizes and Honors:

1987	1. Prize Landesrockfestival Baden-Württemberg, JazzRock
1988	1. Prize Jazz-Competition of the Jazz & Rockschule Freiburg
1989	Jazz-Award and Talent-Award of the BA High School, Oklahoma, USA
1993	1. Prize Jazz-Piano competition der Hochschule für Musik, Köln
1996	1. MCPS Composition Prize for the BBC National Big Band competition
1997	1. Prize International Jazz-Composition Award, Monaco
1998	1. Prize Big Band Composition Competition of the city of Berlin
1998	1. Prize Big Band Composition Competition of the HR; Scholarship of the Stiftung Kunst & Kultur, NRW
1999	2. Prize of the Jazz Composers' Alliance International Competition (USA) in the category large ensemble
2000	1. Prize International Thad Jones Competition of the Danish Radio Jazz Orchestra; Scholarship of the Stiftung Kunst & Kultur, NRW
2002	Stipend of the city of Köln
2002	2. Prize Composition Competition of Big Band Blechschaden, Hamburg
2003	Nominated for the SWR JazzPrize
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2006	WDR Jazz-Prize for Composition

Selected Publications:

- 1998 Florian Ross Quintet – Seasons & Places
feat. Matthias Erlewein, Nils Wogram, Dietmar Fuhr, Jochen Rückert
CD, Naxos-Jazz
- 1999 Florian Ross – Suite for Soprano Sax & String Orchestra
feat. David Liebman
CD, Naxos-Jazz, SWR Co-Production
- 1999 Brussels Jazz Orchestra – The September Sessions
CD, de Werf
- 2000 Florian Ross Brass Project – Lilacs & Laughter
feat. Claus Stötter, Ingolf Burkhardt, Nils Wogram, John Hollenbeck
CD, Naxos-Jazz, WDR Co-Production
- 2000 Made in Europe – The Naxos European Jazz Collection
"An overview of some of the most exciting artists on the current European scene...", CD, Naxos-Jazz
- 2004 Florian Ross Trio – Blinds & Shades
feat. Rémi Vignolo, John Hollenbeck
CD, intuition, WDR Co-Production
- 2004 Nils Wograms Nostalgia Trio – Daddy's Bones
with Dejan Terzic, Florian Ross (Hammond B3)
CD, intuition
- 2005 Florian Ross Quintet – Home & Some Other Place
feat. Matthias Erlewein, Claus Stötter, Dietmar Fuhr, Stéphane Huchard
CD, intuition, DLF Co-Production
- 2006 Florian Ross Trio - Big Fish & Small Pond
feat. Dietmar Fuhr, Stéphane Huchard
CD, intuition
- 2007 Florian Ross - 8 Ball & White Horse (Music for 5 Saxophones)
feat. Frank Vaganée, Felix Wahnschaffe, Jasper Blom, Wolfgang Fuhr, Niels Klein, Dietmar Fuhr, Jonas Burgwinkel
CD, intuition, DLF Co-Production
- 2008 Nils Wograms Nostalgia Trio – Affinity
with Dejan Terzic, Florian Ross (Hammond B3)
CD, intuition
- 2008 Jazzgroove Mothership Orchestra - Dream Wheel (live)
Big Band aus Sydney, Australien
CD, Birdland Records
- 2009 Trio 120
with Wolfgang Fuhr, Dietmar Fuhr
CD, Fuhrwerk Musik

Other Professional Work:

Concert tours for The German Goethe Institut to Croatia, Russia, Finland, Portugal, China, Hong-Kong, Australia, New Zealand, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mexico, Indonesia.

Commissions and Guest Conductor for the NDR Big Band, WDR Big Band, hr Big Band, Metropole Orchestra, Cologne Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, Brussels Jazz Orchestra, Bach Blech & Blues, RTE Irland, Scottish National Jazz Orchestra, BMI Orchestra, Königswerk, Orchester des Henri Mancini Institute, Danish Radio Jazz Orchestra, Big Band der Bamberger Symphoniker, Sunday Night Orchestra, Cecile Verny, Celine Rudolph, Joachim Schönecker, Frank Sackenheim.

Publication of 5 Compositions in the European Realbook.

Concert at the "Berliner Jazzfest 2007" mit "Florian Ross 8Ball"

Concert at the "German Jazz Festival" at the jazzahead trade-fair Bremen 2006 mit the "Florian Ross Trio"

Concert at the "German Jazz Festival" at the jazzahead trade-fair Bremen 2008 with "Florian Ross 8Ball"