

TIM HEINIGER

Biography

EDUCATION

Swiss jazz pianist Tim Heiniger was born in Burgdorf in 1998, the son of a violinist and a drummer. His preferences became apparent at an early age: As a graduate of the Burgdorf talent development program "Talenta", the talent development program of the Swiss Jazz School in Bern and the talent class of the Gymnasium Hofwil (BE), he sat much more often - and rather! - at the piano than in mathematics lessons.

In 2021 he graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Hochschule der Künste in Bern (HKB) and is about to complete a Master Music Performance Jazz degree at the HKB.

During his studies he received lessons from Ralph Alessi, Django Bates, Jim Black, Stefan Rademacher, Andreas Schaerer, Stefan Schultze, Dejan Terzic, Colin Vallon, Stewy von Wattenwyl and many others.

MUSICAL WORK

The collaboration with artists of different styles reflects Tim Heiniger's musical openness. He has played or worked with Django Bates, Gégé Telesforo, Alexey Marti, Ralph Alessi, Jim Black, Andreas Schaerer, Dejan Terzic, Frische Fische, Lama Lametta, Halunke, Dana, Andreas Carlsson, Orwell Trio, Flo Pfister's Tiny Orchestra, Marco Karrer Group, Carlo Bechtel Quartett and Tuwan, among others.

He is also not afraid of pop music: since 2022 he has been on tour as a pianist with the Swiss pop singer and songwriter Veronica Fusaro, and in the summer of 2023 he performed with singer Caroline Alves as the opening act for the world-famous band "Coldplay" at the Letzigrund Stadium.

With the Bernese funk band "Frische Fische" he was awarded several times, including the Prix Effort of the Burgergemeinde Bern in 2018 and the small Prix Walo in 2019.

Tim Heiniger also appears as a composer. As musical director of the fresh fish he writes and arranges a large part of the songs, supports the Zurich producer dezabel in writing sessions or composes pieces for his own trio.

CURRICULUM VITAE

MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2023: Concerts with Swiss-Brazilian singer Caroline Alves (including opening for Coldplay at the Letzigrund stadium).
- 2022/2023: Tour with the Swiss singer and songwriter Veronica Fusaro
- 2022: concerts with the Italian jazz and fusion musician Gegè Telesforo at the jazz festival "More Than Jazz" in Udine
- 2020/2022: Performances at the Festival JazzAscona, among others with "Frische Fische", Alexey Marti and Luca Stoll
- Since 2020: collaboration with the producer Dezabel
- 2019: Laureate of the small Prix Walo with "Frische Fische"
- 2018: Winner of the Prix Effort of the Burgergemeinde Bern with "Frische Fische"
- 2016: Foundation of the band "Frische Fische". In the same year final participation with the fresh fishes at the SPH band contest.
- 2011: Leading role in the musical „Cococimaka".

MUSICAL EDUCATION

- 2021 to 2023: Studies "Master Music Performance Jazz" at the University of the Arts in Bern
- 2018 to 2021: Study "Bachelor of Arts" at the University of the Arts in Bern; graduation with distinction
- 2019: Matura at the Gymnasium Hofwil (talent class music)
- 2012 to 2013: Talent Promotion Program (TFM) at the Swiss Jazz School in Bern
- 2011 to 2014: Talent promotion program "Talenta" in Burgdorf
- 2008 to 2016: Piano lessons with Marc Lehmann at the Burgdorf Music School
- 2006 to 2008: Keyboard lessons with Jürg Bernet at the Burgdorf Music School

WORK AS TEACHER

- Since 2023: Piano teacher at the music school Aaretal