

Short Biography of Christian Jacob

Born in Lorraine, France, Christian Jacob began playing classical music at age 4 and became immersed in the music of Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel. After graduating with "First Prize" from the Paris Conservatory Christian took the risk of going to America to study jazz.

While at the Berklee College of Music Christian won a number of awards, including the Oscar Peterson Jazz Masters Award, the Great American Jazz Piano Competition and "Downbeat" magazine's distinction as Top Collegiate Jazz Soloist.

Maynard Ferguson plucked Christian from the ranks of an early 1990s edition of Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau band to be the first featured artist in the "Maynard Ferguson Presents" series on Concord Records. He produced Christian's first two trio recordings: "Maynard Ferguson Presents Christian Jacob" and "Time Lines".

After leaving Maynard Ferguson's band Christian quickly began performing and recording with many of today's jazz legends: Flora Purim and Airto Moreira, Randy Brecker, Miroslav Vitous, and Bill Holman to name just a few.

By the mid 1990's Christian teamed up with vocalist Tierney Sutton, drummer Ray Brinker and bassist Trey Henry to record their first CD together, "Introducing Tierney Sutton". They developed into a tightly knit group that recorded seven critically acclaimed CDs for Telarc Jazz. The latter three were each nominated for a Grammy Award.

Christian released his third trio CD, this time on his own independent label WilderJazz. The 2004 release, "Styne & Mine", is a tribute to the music of Jule Styne. "Contradictions" in 2006 pays homage and offers another look at the original compositions of renowned pianist Michel Petrucciani. Due to these recordings Christian was asked to tour and record in Japan. The resulting CD "Live in Japan" was released in November 2008.

At present Christian Jacob continues to divide his time between his two bands (The Tierney Sutton Band and The Christian Jacob Trio) and arranging and composing for various artists, orchestras and big bands. He continues to grow and transform with each project always striving for something new.

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