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## **MUSICAL CAREER & INTEREST**

Nils O'Swald was born in 1997 in Bremen, Germany, into a family of musicians. At the age of 7, his musical career began with classical piano, drums and percussion. In 2007 and 2009 he won the first prize at the "*Jugend Musiziert*" competition for solo drums and ensemble drums. Subsequently, he tried different instruments such as cello and marimbaphone. From the age of 12 he joined youth orchestras such as the wind orchestra "*Arte Mosso*" and the symphony orchestra "*Jugend sinfonie orchester Bremen*". As a percussionist and timpanist, he participated in their concert tours in 2013 in France and Spain, then in 2017 in Romania. At 16 he decided to take jazz lessons for piano and drums and from then on focused his attention on jazz and contemporary music. In 2018 Nils was selected by the school „*Hochschule für Künste Bremen*" where his main disciplines where jazz piano and drums. He also took courses in composition, arrangement, music theory and ensemble conducting. Within this environment he creates and participates in various jazz, fusion, and contemporary music projects among which he performs as a pianist, drummer, or composer. He graduated in 2023.

His work today covers live performances, studio recording, composition, ensemble conducting, teaching and music production for performing arts, movie and music videos. It is characterized by influences from jazz, classical music, and electronic. In May 2023 he received a grant to make a sound and video recording with his ensemble "*Charivari Collective*". He conducts and composes for this ensemble of 9 international musicians and explores the boundaries between classical music and jazz.

## WORK EXPERIENCES :

### DRUMMER

- « **Moreno Trio** » Jazz trio 2023.
- « **Auf Sendung** » Jazz band. Concert **bienfaisance Ukraine** 2021, Concert at the Jazzahead Festival Bremen 2022, at the **Fusion Festival Berlin** 2022, 2023.
- « **Paloma & The Matches** » member of the group from 2018 to 2023. 10 singles releases between 2018 and 2021. **Debut Album** 2021.
- « **Finn Lynden** » Quartet. **Jazz Open Festival Stuttgart** 2018.
- « **Minor Principles** » Jazz trio. 2017-2018.
- « **Achromatic Drumline** » Drum line. 2017-2018.
- **The symphony orchestra « Jugend sinfonie orchester Bremen »** Timpanist on tour: France/Spain 2013; Romania 2017.

### PIANIST

- « **Charivari Collective** » Ensemble based in Bremen. Concert February 2023, Studio Session June 2023.
- « **Orbit** » pop music. Concert Livestreame **Hannover** 2020, **Cologne** 2021 , Concert EP-Release « **Planetarium Berlin** » 2023.
- « **New Faces** » Jazz quintett. Supports Ukrainian saxophonist Rostyslav Voytko for **Jazzahead Bremen** 2022.
- « **Fred Freddys Hop** » swing band. Concert from 2018 to 2019.
- « **Neo.Fashion.Orchestra** » Multidisciplinary project. **Berlin Fashion Week** 2020.

### COMPOSITION, PERFORMING ARTS AND FILMS/VIDEOS

- « **Fortune teller** » dance piece Alexandra Llorens 2022, 2023.
- « **On Display** » **Residency at Lake Studios Berlin** 2022.
- « **DREAM** » by choreographer Alexandra Llorens, Live-Set. **Theater Bremen, Pusdorf studios, Perched Castle Festival** 2021, 2022.
- « **C U T E** » portrait of/by dancer Jordan Gigout. **Stadtstheater Kassel** 2021.
- « **DIANA 0752** » film by Luisa Eugeni. **Theater Bremen** 2021.
- « **Ballet Saal** », « **Fahrstuhl** » Music videos with Alexandra Llorens 2021, 2022.

### MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS

- « **Fictional Memories** » **Debut Album** 2022.
- « **Pussycat Kill Faster Kill!** » April track of the month for **Theater Bremen** 2020.
- « **EP INITIAL** » electronic music. With „**morimo**” and "**ARKE 925**" 2021.
- « **Breathing** » 2021.
- « **Wicked Game Cover** » feat. **Astrid Canales** 2021.
- « **La Flaka Remixed** » feat. **Elena Salguero** and **Astrid Canales** 2021.

### TEACHING

- **Freelance** since 2017.
- To the **intercultural and social association** « *Ein Haus für unsere Freundschaft e.V.* » Bremen 2016-2017.

## EDUCATION

- **Master class** « Art of Improvisation » with **Yaron Herman** at Musikfest Bremen 2022.
- Summer School « Beyond Repair » with Natascha Süder Happelmann. **German Pavilion at the Venice Biennale** 2019.
- **Bachelor of Music jazz piano degree** at **Hochschule für Künste** Bremen 2018 - 2023.
- **Abitur/Baccalaureate (Music and English)** at SZ Walle Bremen 2017.
- **Youth orchestra projects:**  
Wind orchestra « arte mosso » Bremen 2016-2017. Youth Symphony Orchestra **Tour**. 2013 **Spain, France, 2017 Romania.**
- **Jazz piano lessons** with Bernhard Schüler (**Triosence**) 2013-2017.
- **Classical piano lessons** with Claudia Schlüler 2005-2012.
- **Marimbaphone/Vibraphone course** with Gerhard Malcher 2006-2010.
- **Drum and percussion lessons**  
with Stefan Ulrich 2010-2018. with Gerhard Malcher 2004-2010.