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ABOUT ME

Ukrainian-born performing artist, pianist, and composer based in Berlin, Germany.

I am a composer and songwriter, my compositions span jazz, pop, soul, contemporary and R&B, showcasing modern sounds and unique harmonic changes. I am a freelance musician and play piano and keyboards in different bands and also perform solo on grand piano. As a creative multi-dimensional musician with improvising skills, I play in diverse musical styles with true artistic energy.

MY STORY

In 2016 I graduated with a Master degree from the R.M.Glier Kyiv Institute of Music. Based in the Jazz department there, I studied with the best Ukrainian musicians, and also took private lessons from other jazz pianists abroad.

I started playing piano at the age of 7 and never stopped. My performing career began at 15, playing in the Mykolayiv protestant church as keyboardist in a full band with choir. While attending musical college, I was invited to play with the Mykolayiv Philharmonic Variety Orchestra. I later was based in Kyiv from 2009, playing on different stages and discovering new musical horizons. I received invitations to perform in other countries such as; Switzerland, Norway and Dubai .

When the war started I evacuated to Germany and began to re-create my musical career here. In the short time I've been in Berlin, I have appeared often on stage, attended many live sessions, sought out interactions with other musicians and made new connections, and I am increasingly in demand.

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PERFORMANCE

I have performed on all kinds of stages, in concerts, events and musical festivals; and collaborate regularly on live sessions as well as doing studio recordings with other musicians. Engagements to play my own original compositions include musical concerts and festivals, such as: XJazz!; Berliner Hoffest; Welziner Kultursommer, Greven Music Festival, Berlin Fluxbau. Other gigs as a piano player included: JIB Big Band; keyboardist with Feven Yoseph, Sedric Perry, on tour with artist Lune, original music in jazz club Donau 115; Lindenfels Festival and Cock am Ring Festival with Lisa Who, German singer songwriter.

CREATIVE PROJECTS

I have performed with a variety of artists in house bands in SwagJam and SoulJam, on stage in Badehaus, at Notagallerysession, The Reed sessions and collaborations at Pankestudios. Currently, I am working on the final arrangements for my new Album called "I know you", which I plan to promote in the second half of 2024. I am making the definitive choices for all the instruments and sounds involved and bringing together musicians for the final recordings.

[https://youtu.be/UvIv3DvFtWo?
si=9Ahr32izHbRrpDK3](https://youtu.be/UvIv3DvFtWo?si=9Ahr32izHbRrpDK3)

<https://on.soundcloud.com/gAbHFnmYrfah3CLTA>

<https://on.soundcloud.com/BcQuQk3yHV3bBFTL7>