

Christian Willisohn - Biografia

Christian Willisohn si distingue come una personalità della scena musicale attuale.

Ovunque egli oggi si presenti, viene indicato sia dalla critica che dal pubblico come una delle più straordinarie presenze musicali fornite di creatività e virtuosismo.

Il pianista e cantante con le sue composizioni, che affondano nelle radici del Blues, conduce il suo pubblico attraverso le diverse sfaccettature di questa musica.

La sua carriera musicale inizia nel 1980 nei club di Monaco di Baviera. Da quel momento si è godato un pubblico entusiasta nelle sale dei concerti e i club in tutto il mondo.

Ai festival di Montreux, Ascona, Nyon, Lucerna, L'Aia, Copenhagen, Breda, Burghausen, Vienna, Monaco di Baviera, Berlino, Amburgo, Lione, Parigi, Cipro, Barcelona, New York City, Chicago, New Orleans, Sydney, Auckland etc. si è guadagnato un ampio numero di estimatori.

Il suo stile musicale è stato caratterizzato dai suoi soggiorni negli Stati Uniti, in particolare a Chicago e New Orleans – evidente durante ogni dei suoi concerti.



Christian Willisohn ha suonato e collaborato con i seguenti artisti nel corso della sua carriera.

Lillian Boutté, Boris van der Lek, Amos Garrett, Shannon Powell, Joseph "Smoky" Johnson, Irving Charles, Zora Young, Memphis Slim, Aron Burton, Margie Evans, Junior Wells, Louisiana Red, Sunnyland Slim, Johnny Little John, Abi Wallenstein, Henry Heggen, Nick Woodland, Ludwig Seuss, Peter Schneider, Dr. Will, Rick Hollander, Rocky Knauer, Prof. Herbert Wiedemann, Stefan Holstein, Vince Weber, Tommy Weiss, Axel und Torsten Zwingenberger e altri.

Commenti della stampa

„Christian Willisohn erfindet alte Stücke neu und schreibt die Pianoliteratur fort, inzwischen hat es sich herumgesprochen, dass es in unseren Breiten kaum einen gibt, der soviel über Bluespiano zu sagen hat.“

„Dieser Mann ist für die Konzertbesucher Legende, bevor er aufhört zu spielen...Die Tasten tanzen unter seinen Händen, er scheint mit dem Klavier zu verschmelzen, in Ekstase zu verfallen...Tonwerdende Emotionen...Ein Trance-Zustand wahrscheinlich...Den begeisterten Applaus, die gebannten Gesichter, die strahlenden Augen muß man selbst erlebt haben, um die Faszination dieses Mannes zu verstehen.“

„Mit einer Virtuosität, die einem klassischen Pianisten in nichts nachsteht, spielte Willisohn den Blues nicht nur, sondern lebte ihn.“

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- 1962 Nato a Monaco di Baviera, Germania
- 1974 Fondazione del suo primo complesso musicale, allora ancora come chitarrista.
- 1976 Capo musicale del teatro „ Arthur Kutscher” a Monaco di Baviera.
- 1978 Formazione professionale come scultore.
- 1980 Primi concerti nei club di Monaco di Baviera (Muh, Liederbühne Robinson, Schwabinger Brettl, etc.)
- 1986 Rinuncia definitiva alla professione dello scultore a favore della musica. Concerti in Germania, Austria e la Svizzera.
- 1987 Christian Willisohn & Zora Young/USA (Tournée BRD, A, CH, USA)
Christian Willisohn & Aron Burton/USA (Tournée BRD, A, CH)
Christian Willisohn & Louisiana Red/USA (Tournée CH)
- 1988 Tournée con Zora Young/USA, Aron Burton/USA e i Raindogs/CH (BRD, A, CH)
Produzione del disco „CHICAGO CALLIN“con i Raindogs come special guest
Festivals: Montreux/CH, Ascona/CH, Nyon/CH, Frauenfeld/CH, Wien/A, Kempten, Hamburgo, Monaco di Baviera
- 1989 Bluesgiants Tour (Christian Willisohn Band, Vince Weber, Zora Young/USA e altri) - BRD, A, CH
Christian Willisohn meets Torsten Zwingenberger (Tournée BRD, A, CH) Festivals: Ascona/CH, Kempten, Gaildorf
- 1990 Christian Willisohn -solo- (Tournée BRD, A, CH)
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- 1991 Christian Willisohn meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, A, CH, USA)
Registrazione del disco Christian Willisohn -solo- „BOOGIE WOOGIE AND SOME BLUES“
Produzione del CD „LIPSTICK TRACES“con Lillian Boutté e la Fats Domino Rhythm Section a New Orleans/USA
Festivals: New Orleans/USA, Burghausen, Monaco di Baviera, Wiehl, Dreieich, Singen, Gronau
- 1992 Christian Willisohn New R&B Band (Tournée BRD)
Christian Willisohn meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, A, CH, USA)
Festivals: New Orleans/USA, Kempten, Würselen, Mülheim
- 1993 Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek/NL (Tournée BRD)
Registrazione del LIVE-CD con Boris Vanderlek/NL „BLUES NEWS“
Christian Willisohn -solo- (Tournée BRD, F, USA)
Festivals: New Orleans/USA, Gronau, Waldshut-Tiengen
- 1994 Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek/NL (Tournée Gen./Feb. in Germania, Marzo USA, CD-presentazione a New York)
Festivals: Breda/NL, Groningen/NL, Geeleen/NL, Terneuzen/NL, Copenhagen/DK, Gronau, München, Kempten, Itzehoe, Limburg, Berg. Gladbach, Neuburg, Leverkusen
- 1995 Christian Willisohn Trio/Int. meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD)
Registrazione del CD „BLUES ON THE WORLD“ - Christian Willisohn Trio/Int.
„THE REAL BLUES’N BOOGIE BUCH“, Casa Editrice ConBrio, Ratisbona
Festivals: Högaden/B, Garching, Wendelstein, Passau, Landsberg, Günzburg, Neuburg, Limburg, Berg. Gladbach, Wiesbaden, Bundespresseball, Ballo dello Sport
- 1996 Produzione del CD „HEART BROKEN MAN“ - Christian Willisohn Band/Int.
Festivals: Lyon/F, Kempten, Wendelstein, Waldshut-Tiengen, Neuburg, Vreden, Bayer. Rundfunk
Fondazione del etichetta musicale ART BY HEART
- 1997 Registrazione del CD con Lillian Boutté/USA „COME TOGETHER“
Festivals: Lichtensteig/CH, Zollikon/CH, Mülheim, Germering, Wendelstein, Passau, Bayreuth, Neuburg, Taufkirchen, Limburg
- 1998 Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, CH, USA)
Festivals: Sydney/AUS, Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, New Orleans/USA, Meilen/CH, Sargans/CH, Luzern/CH, Wiesbaden, Neuburg, Neubrandenburg, Bad Wörishofen, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Zweibrücken
- 1999 Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, CH)
The Spirit Of Louisiana Gospel-Tour (Sänger & Musiker aus USA, DK, GB - Tournée BRD, B, L, DK)
Festivals: Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Oxford/GB, Famagusta/TK, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Rust (SWR-TV), Lahnstein (SWR), Mitte Europa, Furth i. Wald, Lauingen, Kulturtage Baienfurt
- 2000 Produzione del CD Christian Willisohn Trio+1 „Live at Marians“
Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, CH)
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- 2001 Festivals: Langenthal/CH, Einsiedeln/CH, Kempten, Fürth, Bad Mergentheim, Bad Salzungen/Thüringer Jazzmeile
Kultursommer: Nordhessen (Kaufungen & Cornberg), Sasbachwalden

- 2002 Festivals: Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Bad Wildungen, Europ. Festspiele Passau, Fürth, Bad Salzungen, Aidlingen, Flein, Waldshut-Tiengen, St. Wendel, Unterföhring (BR), Kulturtag Baienfurt
- 2003 CD „OTTO KRAUSE HAT DEN BLUES“ (Jacques Berndorf, testo – Christian Willisohn, musica e canzoni)
Festivals: Langenthal/CH, Lenk/CH, Berlin, Neusäß, Erding, Töging, Halle/Westf, Bonn, Daun Kriminale „Tatort Eifel“
Kulturtag: Sasbachwalden, Hauzenberg
- 2004 Festivals: Festa New Orleans & Classics Ascona/CH, Blue Balls Festival Luzern/CH, Jazz & Bluesrally Luxembourg/L, Piano Festival Luzern/CH, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, SWR Bluesfestival Lahnstein, B & W Rhythm and Blues Festival Halle/Westf, Kulturtag Bruckmühl. SACD registrazioni per Stockfisch Records a Crear in Scozia.
- 2005 Bowers & Wilkins „Nautilustour 2005“ – grande tournée usando la nuova tecnologia degli altoparlanti della ditta B&W „Nautilus 801“.
Festivals: Festival du Piano Laroquebrou (France), Help New Orleans Kempten „Benefizgala“, Jazzband Ball Wiesbaden, Leipziger Gospelfestival, VW Festival Wolfsburg.
- 2006 CD-Live registrazione „Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté“. Musica Film „Der Sonnenstrategie“.
Festivals: SWR-Mainz, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Schwarzwald Musikfestival, Jazzfest Rottweil, Kieler Woche, Jazzfestival Großbottwar, Jazzfestival Uhdlingen, Bonner Sommer, Jazznacht Lengerich, Garching Bluesnacht, Jazzrendezvous Bad Wildungen, Philharmonie Luxembourg, Jazzfestival Bordeaux.
- 2007 Live-DVD „Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek“ Reflecting the Blues. Duo concerti con Sara K.
CD-Live registrazione „Christian Willisohn solo“ Live at Dixieland Jubilee. Festivals: Dixieland Jubilee Stuttgart, Bluesnight Hamburg, New Orleans Night München, Jazzfestival Neubrandenburg, Jazzfestival Uhdlingen, Schwarzwald Musikfestival, Jazzfestival Düren, Klassik meets Jazz Stuttgart, Tatort Eifel, jazz Weekend Bad Birnbach.
- 2008 Festivals: Piano Festival Berlin, Philharmonie Luxembourg, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, Konzertreise auf der Seacloud, Schwarzwald Musik Festival, Jazzfest Wiesbaden, Jazzfestival Uhdlingen, Jazz Night St. Wendel, Piano Nacht Tuttlingen, Jazz Tage Aidlingen
- 2009 Audiolibro-CD „Samiras Blues“ (Jacques Berndorf, Text – Christian Willisohn, Musik & Gesang). Tournée: Road show in occasione della presentazione della nave „Sea Cloud Hussar“ (D-A-CH-GB). Festivals: Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Jazzfestival Uhdlingen, Jazz Festival Ascona, Jazz Festival Bietigheim, concerti a bordo della Sea Cloud II, Musiktage Feldkirchen, Piano Festival Barcelona, Klassik meets Blues Lindenberg, Philharmonie Luxembourg
- 2010 Tournée del giubileo di 30 anni sul palco.
- 2011 L'album „Back in the limelight“ di Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek viene presentato.
La DVD in occasione del giubileo di 30 anni sul palco „30 years of Blues“ è pubblicata.
Festivals: Jazzfestival Uhdlingen, Jazz Festival Ascona, Lahnstein Bluesfestival, Den Haag, Jazzfestival Füssen
- 2012 Il 3. audiolibro „Nuttenbunker“ in collaborazione con l'autore Jacques Berndorf è pubblicato.
Festivals: Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Ahrensburger Musikknacht, Hamburg Gala für SOS Kinderdörfer.
- 2013 Tournée con Jaques Berndorf „Nuttenbunker“. Tournée con „Southern Spirit“ Paternità per „Scuola contro razzismo e pro coraggio“ Festivals: Jazzfestival Ascona, Pianofestival Lucerne, Boogie Woogie Festival Hamburg, Vince Weber Bluesgala Ahrensburg
- 2014 Festivals: internationale Jazzwoche Burghausen, Bluesfestival Leingarten, Ahrensburger Musikknacht, Kieler Woche, Tastival Raisting, 1. Piano Maraton Ottobrunn, Gottfried Boettger Blues Nacht
- 2015 Festivals: Kulturfestival Feldkirchen, Steirisches Boogie Festival, 1. Münchner Pianistenfestival, Jazzfestival Langenthal, Bluesfestival Hassfurt
- 2016 Festivals: Festival Kirchseeon, Jazzfestival Ascona, 2. Münchner Pianistenfestival, 3. Piano Maraton Ottobrunn

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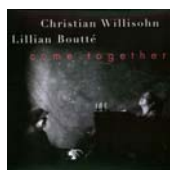
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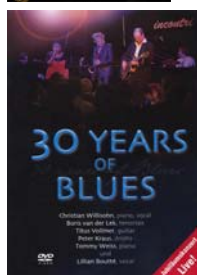
Lillian Boutté & Christian Willisohn – 1998
„Come Together“ Audio CD
 Lillian Boutté vocal,
 Christian Willisohn piano, guitar, vocal



Christian Willisohn -2000
„Live at Marians“ (2 CD-Box) Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn (piano, vocal),
 Rocky Knauer (bass, background vocals),
 Rick Hollander (drums, background vocals),
 special guest:Titus Vollmer (guitar)

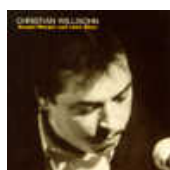


Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek -2011
„Back In The Limelight“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn (piano, vocal),
 Boris van der Lek (tenor saxophone)

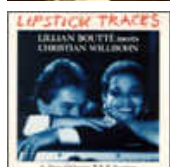


Christian Willisohn – 2011
„30 years of Blues“ DVD
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal
 Lillian Boutté,vocal;
 Boris van der Lek,saxophone
 Titus Vollmer,guitar, vocal;
 Peter Kraus,drums, vocal;
 Jacques Berndorfreading;
 Tommy Weiss, piano

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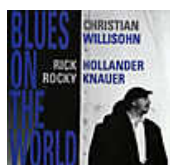
Christian Willisohn – 1990
„Boogie Woogie and some Blues“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal



Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté – 1991
„Lipstick Traces“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano,
 Lillian Boutté vocal und
 The Fats Domino Rhythm Section



Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek – 1994
„Blues News“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano, vocal
 Boris Vanderlek tenorsaxophone



Christian Willisohn Trio – 1995
„Blues On The World“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano, vocal
 Rocky Knauer bass, Rick Hollander drums



Christian Willisohn Band – 1996
„Heart Broken Man“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano, vocal
 Rocky Knauer bass, Rick Hollander drums,
 Titus Vollmer guitar, Stephan Holstein
 saxophone, Ludwig Seuss organ und guests.

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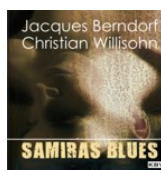


Christian Willisohn - 2004
„Hold On“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn (piano, vocal),
**SACD Hybrid mit DSD-5.1- /
 DSD-Stereo- / CD-Audio-Layer.**

TALKING BOOKS



Jacques Berndorf & Christian Willisohn - 2004
„Otto Krause hat den Blues“ Audio CD
 A story by Jacques Berndorf, music by
 Christian Willisohn



Jacques Berndorf & Christian Willisohn - 2009
„Samiras Blues“ Audio CD
 A story by Jacques Berndorf, music by
 Christian Willisohn



Jacques Berndorf & Christian Willisohn - 2012
„Nuttunbunker“ Audio CD
 A story by Jacques Berndorf, music by
 Christian Willisohn

BOWERS AND WILKINS RECORDINGS



Photo-Book and Concert-DVD
B&W Rhythm'n Blues Festival 2003
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal u.a.



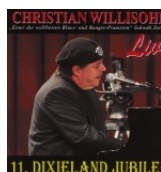
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B&W Rhythm'n Blues Festival 2004
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 Lillian Boutté u.a.

MUSIC BOOKS



Christian Willisohn
„The Real Blues'n Boogie Buch“
Sheet music book inkl. Audio CD
 Blues und Boogie Woogie Piano for
 advanced learners.
 112 pages inkl. CD (52:37 min) with 14
 originals by Christian Willisohn, solo
 transcriptions and exercises.

CHAOS RECORDS



Christian Willisohn - 2007
„Live at Dixieland Jubilee“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal