

**Pascal Schumacher**, a profile

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Pascal, born in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and currently living and working in Luxembourg and Brussels, is an established representative of the new generation of jazz musicians and holds master's degrees in musicology of the University "Marc Bloch" of Strasbourg (F) and in jazz music at the **Koninklijk Conservatorium of The Hague (NL)**.

He is a **composer, vibraphone player and band leader of his own 4tet**. He surrounds himself with the strongly talented German piano player Franz von Chossy (living and working in Amsterdam) and with the excellent rhythm section composed of the Belgian double bass player Christophe Devisscher and the German drummer Jens D ppe. Up to now the band was playing on 5 continents and in many countries reaching the hearts of thousands of people. The 4tet released three albums for IGLOO Records: *Change Of The Moon* (2004), *Personal Legend* (2005), and *Silbergrau* (2007).

Pascal is further co-leading a **Duo with Jef Neve** (Universal Music Artist) a real acrobatic poet on the grand piano. Jef was, until June 2008, as well a member of the Pascal Schumacher 4tet and contributed largely to the success of the 4tet.

Since 2003, Pascal orientates himself more and more towards composition and writes for film, theater, dance, chamber music, children, big band and percussion ensembles.

In August 2004 the Pascal Schumacher Quartet wins the **First Prize** as well as the **Public Prize at the famous Tremplin Jazz Avignon (F)** and in November 2005, Pascal Schumacher wins the **Belgian Django d'Or Award** in the category "New Talent".

In February 2006, Pascal Schumacher Quartet's *Personal Legend* was selected "Disque du jour" on the French jazz radio station TSF 89,9.

In January 2007 the band was invited by the Luxembourg ministry of culture to play a show case at the world music fare in Cannes in the hotel Majestic and Pascal was further a nominee at the European Django d'Or Awards in December of the same year.

Album *Silbergrau* is chosen **Best Belgian Jazz Record of the year 2007** by cultural magazine Knack.

Beginning of 2008 Pascal becomes a Yamaha artist.

In July 2008 Pascal signed a recording agreement with **ENJA Records** and is currently preparing 2 albums to be released in 2009 and 2010.

In summer 2008 Pascal has been selected for the 2009-2010 "**Rising Stars**" program organized by the European Concert Hall Organization (ECHO) grouping together the most famous concert halls as well as the Carnegie Hall in New York.

Pascal Schumacher is further an appointed teacher at the Conservatoire de Luxembourg and gave clinics and workshops for example in the conservatories of Sydney, Canberra (AUS), Hanoi (VIE), Antwerp (B) and Echternach (L).

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