



Robert Menzel Bio

Robert Menzel was born in Dresden, Germany. After the early end of a quite promising career in Basketball, he decided to pick up the tenorsaxophone at the age of 17 and soon after started his studies at the Dresden College of Music. Some years later he moved to Brussels on a scholarship granted by the german academic exchange service (DAAD) to study at the „Koninklijk Conservatorium van Brussel“ with John Ruocco, from where he holds a Master’s degree in jazz performance.

He currently lives and works in Berlin.

Being a fellow disciple of „The School of Spontaneous Melodism“ he is working in the fields of modern jazz/improvised music.

For his wide-angled improvisational concept he was awarded the „Carl Maria von Weber Grant“ by the city of Dresden. He played concerts all around Europe with both his own groups (Robert Menzel Quartet, cholesterol damage, schulbus, aldimenz,) and as a sideman with a.o. Richie Beirach, Till Brönner, Joachim Kühn, Albert Vila, Günter „Baby“ Sommer, Gunter Hampel, Erik Vermeulen, Matthias Schubert.

He most recently released his debut CD „Robert Menzel - Alchemy“ with the english Label Two Rivers Records. The album received critical acclaim from both the german and international press and was a featured artist in Jazzpodium’s february edition.

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