

BIOGRAPHY JORIS TEEPE – SHORT VERSION

JORIS TEEPE (acoustic and electric bass) is an international working artist from Amsterdam and has been living in New York since 1992.

He has been (and still is) working with many Legends & Stars in Jazz such as Benny Golson, Barry Harris, Bobby Watson, Sonny Fortune, Tom Harrell, Chris Potter, Billy Hart and Randy Brecker. His longest stint was with Rashied Ali (John Coltrane's last drummer), with whom he recorded 4 CDs and toured the world for 9 years, between 2000 and 2009.

Joris Teepe has been leading his own groups for 30 years, has recorded 19 CD's as a leader or co-leader and about 60 CD's as a sideman.

In **2004** Joris Teepe has been nominated for the Bird Award at the North Sea Jazz Festival in the category "Artist deserving wider recognition".

Teepe has composed over 100 originals, including pieces for Symphony Orchestra & Small Jazz Group and for Symphony Orchestra, Big Band & Choir. He leads his own Big Band in New York, performing exclusively his own music. He also performs his own repertoire as a guest soloist with local Big Bands.

One of his latest projects is the "Trio of Liberty" co-led by saxophonist Don Braden. Down Beat Magazine selected their CD "Conversations" as CD of the year 2017. This release marks their 25th year of musical cooperation. Their 2021 release "Chemistry" features drummers Jeff 'Tain' Watts and Louis Hayes. Another project is "In the Spirit of Rashied Ali" which is a book that includes a CD, which is all in the spirit of his experiences with this legendary drummer. This release was nominated in 2019 for an Edison (Dutch Grammy).

Teepe also established himself as a jazz educator (Queens College NY and Director of the Jazz Department in Groningen, Netherlands). Other teaching projects include Peter Herbolzheimer European Jazz Academy (Germany), Jazzinty (Slovenia), ChoJazz (Poland), JZ-School Summer Camp (China) and Litchfield Jazz Camp (Connecticut, USA)