

Yaroslav Likhachev
Saxophonist/Composer

Born in Russia (1991) and Cologne(Germany) based, saxophonist and composer Yaroslav Likhachev began his musical education at the age of 6 with classical piano lessons. At the age of 15 he started playing the saxophone at the Jazz Club Helicon in his hometown Novokuznetsk in far Siberia. After graduating from high school, he studied jazz saxophone from 2008 to 2012 at the College of Music in Novosibirsk and took part in the various international music competitions and jazz festivals.

In 2012 he moves to Cologne and studies at the Cologne University of Music(HfMT Köln) Bachelor Jazz Saxophone with renowned Professors Wolfgang Engstfeld and Frank Gratkowski. He also attended master classes and workshops by Mark Turner, Branford Marsalis, Scott Robinson, Rudresh Mahanthappa etc.

He regularly performs with his own quartet as well as with various bands in some important jazz clubs, (Loft, Stadtgarten, Jazz-Schmiede "New Faces", Domicil Dortmund, Bunker Ulmenwall Bielefeld, Schlot Berlin etc.) and festivals (Moers Festival 2019, Avignon Jazz Festival 2019(FRA), Krokus Jazz Festiwal 2019(PL) JazzTube Festival Bonn, Cologne Music Night, Karlovy Vary JazzFest (CZ), Theatre Plzeň (CZ) etc.).

At the present time Yaroslav Likhachev is finishing his Master Studies at the Folkwang University of the Arts (Folkwang Universität der Künste) in Essen, under the tuition of Prof. Matthias Nadolny and Robert Landfermann.

In the year 2018, the Yaroslav Likhachev quartet was awarded a scholarship by the Werner Richard-Dr. Carl Dörken Stiftung.

Best Instrumentalist Prize(Prix du Meilleur Instrumentiste) - Tremplin Jazz d'Avignon 2019, France.

Individual Soloist Award(Nagroda Indywidualna) - Krokus Jazz Festiwal 2019, Poland.