

Klaus Graf – jazzmusician

beginning

1974 first musical steps on the clarinet, 2 years later on the saxophone

study

1986 – 1991 studying Jazz and Pop at the college of music Cologne (line Professor Jiggs Whigham) with James Towsey and Heiner Wiberny

bands and orchestras

1983 youth jazzorchestra Baden-Wuerttemberg

1983 Jazzgroup Cornichon

1987 youth jazzorchestra Rhineland-Palatinate

1987 start playing with the Bobby Burgess Big Band Explosion Stuttgart

1988 member in the new created federal youth jazz orchestra under the direction of Peter Herbolzheimer

1991 start playing with Peter Herbolzheimers Rhythm Combination & Brass and South Radio Big Band under the direction of Erwin Lehn

1991 German Jazz Orchestra

1992 Timeless Art Orchestra

1993 Mario Adorf Band („Al Dente“)

1994 Shirley Bassey Orchestra

1995 Chaka Khan Band

1996 Rias Big Band

1997 SDR All Star Quintett, Nordic Pocket Big Band (Norwegen)

1998 European Jazz & Swing Collection

1999 start playing with SWR Big Band

1999 Leader of the Daimler Big Band

2000 Geir Lysne Listening Ensemble (Norwegen)

2001 Klaus Graf Jazzquartett Salsafuerte

2002 Paul Kuhn Orchestra

2003 Paul Kuhn Quintett

2005 Sir Charles & the Groovemasters

2006 Bobby Burgess Big Band Explosion Stuttgart

2008 Liza Minnelli Orchestra

2011 United Jazz & Rock Ensemble 2nd Generation

2014 Jazz & More Collective

2015 Leadership Youth Jazz Orchestra Baden-Württemberg

2017 Trio Organic News

teaching activity

1989 - 2001 Saxophone teacher at the Music School Stuttgart and leader of the Music School Stuttgart Big Band

1992 - 2001 Teacher for Jazz Saxophone at the Meistersingerkonservatorium Nuremberg

2001 Professor for Jazz Saxophone at the College of Music Nuremberg

Lecturer with various Jazz Workshops

broadcast, tv and record/cd productions

Peter Herbolzheimer RC&B, SWR Big Band, NDR Big Band, RIAS Big Band, WDR Big Band, Paul Kuhn Orchestra, Bill Holman, Bob Mintzer, Sammy Nestico, Rob McConnell, Clark Terry, Phil Woods, Michael Brecker, Maria Schneider, Geir Lysne, Chaka Khan, Phil Collins, Al Jarreau, Mario Adorf, PUR, Joy Denalane, Brosis, Angelika Milster, Dieter Reith, Wolfgang Dauner, Bujazzo, Jugend Jazz Orchestra Baden Württemberg, Cornichon, Timeless Art Orchestra, Bobby Burgess Big Band Explosion, Salsafuerte, Klaus Graf Quartet and much more...

concert tours and festivals

East Africa (Goethe Institut), Northern America, Brazil, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Finland Jazz Baltica, Montreux Jazz Festival, Berliner Jazztage, Jazzsommer Graz, Jazzfestival Port Townsend (USA-Seattle), Jazzfestival Mexico-City, Festspiele Harstad, Tromsø, Vadsø (Norway), South-India Tour Klaus Graf Jazz Quartet, and much more....

jazz awards

Youth Jazz Award of Baden Württemberg 1985 with Combo „Cornichon“

Youth Jazz Award of Baden Württemberg 1983 and 1987 with Big Bands

Jazz Award of Baden Württemberg 1991

4 times Grammy nominated with the SWR Big Band