



RACHEL YATZKAN

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ABOUT

Rachel Yatzkan is an award winning contemporary music composer and saxophonist. She is one of the two winners of the Danish Arts Foundation “Special price for female composers in 2010” for her orchestral work “Untitled”.

A characteristic of Rachel Yatzkans music is its texture and distinctly sensuous sonorities appearance: it is almost tangibly present in the room. In essence, however, it is as elusive as the substance thoughts, dreams and souls are made of.

Diploma degree in composition at the Royal Danish Academy of Music in Copenhagen. Studied with Hans Abrahamsen and Niels Rosing Schow.

OM

Rachel Yatzkan er en prisvindende komponist og saxofonist for nutidig musik. Hun er en af de to vindere af Statens Kunstfond **Specialpris for kvindelige komponister** i 2010 for sit orkesterværk “Untitled”.

Et kendetegn ved Rachel Yatzkans musik er **dens struktur og klare sanselige klangfuldhed**. Den er næsten håndgribeligt til stede i rummet. Essensen er imidlertid lige så flygtig som det stof tanker, drømme og sjæle er lavet af.

Rachel Yatzkan er en jazz og etnisk/world saxofonist, som udeover forskellige saxofoner også benytter klarinet, fløjte og stemme i sin egen musikalske performance.

Opvokset i Jerusalem med forældre med rødder i hhv. Persien og Bulgarien er det næppe overraskende, at der i Rachel Yatzkans musikalske udtryk er en understrøm af sydøsteeuropæisk og mellemøstlig folkemusik – og hendes måde at bruge sangstemmen på, er ofte nærmere en folkelig tradition end europæisk kunstsang.

UDDANNELSE

Diplomeksamen i komposition på Det Kongelige Danske Musikkonservatorium i København, 2003
(Studerede hos Hans Abrahamsen og Niels Rosing Schow)

Masters og BA i komposition ved Koninklijke Conservatorium i Den Haag, Holland, 1996-2001.
(Studerede hos Clarence Barlow, Diderik Wagenaar, Martijn Padding, Louis Andriessen og Gilius van Bergheid)

Rimon school of Jazz and Contemporary Music, Tel-Aviv, Israel,
(Studerede bla. saxofon, improvisation og komposition)

KOMPONIST, SAXOFONIST OG SANGER

Spiller saxofoner, klarinet, fløjte og stemme med duoen **Still Water Stone** sammen med pianisten Morten Ginnerup.
www.stillwaterstone.dk

Spillet i flere år med **Same Vibration** – a world music band.

Siden 2002 Spiller og synger i **Shir Hatzafon** – Det jødiske progressive samfund i Danmark.

QUOTES

Edition-S

“Music, understood as experience and reflection, arises between the ears of the listener. Through the work being realised in sound an ordered musical material is transported to the listener. In the work the composer’s ideas have found form through their being worked out in a musical material. Ideas arise out of the composer’s thoughts and mental/bodily perceptions; the music is a mirror in which the listener in an internally directed gaze gains access to a human fellowship. A characteristic of Rachel Yatzkan’s music is its physicality and decidedly sensual manifestation in sound: It is almost physically present in the room. In its essence it is however as intangible as the stuff that dreams and souls are made of.”

Links

<https://www.edition-s.dk/composer/rachel-yatzkan>

<https://www.edition-s.dk/news/world-premiere-of-solo-piece-by-rachel-yatzkan>

<https://www.edition-s.dk/music/rachel-yatzkan/en-eventyrlig-komposition-for-to-trommeslagere-og-en-ven>

<https://www.dr.dk/musik/kunstner/rachel-yatzkan/10279972>

Politiken

<https://politiken.dk/kultur/musik/art5655839/Flashy-japaner-greb-pinden-hos-dansk-orkester>

KOMPOSITIONER

Blandt de seneste års kompositioner kan nævnes...

Neduniya (2022) – en virtuos solo for alto saxofon

Sound Ripples (2021) en trio for violin, viola og contrabass – bestilt af Helge Slaatto

Togetherness (2021) for 4 renaissance blokfløjter til Sirena Recorder Quartet – bestilt af Kuno Kjærbye

Tuf (2020) for violin og viola – bestilt af Anette Slaatto

4 børnesange (2020) til athelas sinfonietta og kor – bestilt af Jesper Lützhøf

A-Bio-Genesis (2019) strygekvartet til Arild Strygekvartet – bestilt af Kuno Kjærbye

Hathor (2018) strygekvartet til Poseidon strygekvartet — bestilt af Kuno Kjærbye

Ethnistica (2016) solo klarinet for Giovanni Punzi for 4.33’ projekt med Copenhagen Phil.

MaGiKids (2017) for 8 elever fra Helsingør MGK til Suså festival.

The Lady, The Joker and the Sword (2015) en fuld længde opera baseret på den bibelske Esters bog.

Between Branches (2010-2020) et virtuost stykke for stemme og kontrabas.

Gaba’im for stemme og kontrabas. Samt for sopran sax og viola.

Sky Walk (2017) Guitar solo.

An adventurous composition for two drummers and a friend (2017) for 2 trommeslager og en narrator.

RECORDINGS

Music in Phases, 2011 (Mogimusic)



Sound Ripples https://youtu.be/s2ZXnQ_yCB4

Sky Walk <https://app.idagio.com/recordings/38100413>

Ethnisica https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWqnXeoWXEE&ab_channel=CopenhagenPhil

Sila Blå https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwYRBCkk0oo&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

A-Bio-Genesis https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5vihVA2ySY&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

Hathor https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZggHyKnEfc&list=UU_5-S3aLnBdKg-aoDvYwjgg&index=16&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

You Are The One I Love to Hold https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRFEAhFy404&list=UU_5-S3aLnBdKg-aoDvYwjgg&index=8&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan (med stryger kvintet og Irina Kalina Goudeva)

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Orion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YexG_R7hUE&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

You Are The One I Love to Hold https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw-QtJuXNn0&list=UU_5-S3aLnBdKg-aoDvYwjgg&index=23&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

Original Liturgisk musik

Lema'an Tizkeru https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PQBMR3_p6M&list=UU_5-S3aLnBdKg-aoDvYwjgg&index=31&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

Ashrey Yoshvey Beitecha https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gvK4sV7nWY&ab_channel=RachelYatzkan

UNDERVISNING

Underviser siden 2007 i saxofon, komposition/sangskrivning, teori/hørelære, sax ensemble, blæseorkester og forskellige combo på Lyngby-Taarbæk musikskole.

Flere af eleverne er gået videre til bl.a. MGK og musikkonservatorier i Danmark og andre steder i Europa samt USA.

STILLWATER STONE

Spiller i duoen Still Water Stone sammen med Morten Ginnerup.

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