

CV Christina Dahl

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Christina Dahl - Saxophonist, Composer, Bandleader

Christina Dahl is one of Denmark's most distinctive voices in contemporary jazz. As a saxophonist, composer and bandleader, she has spent more than three decades shaping a highly personal musical language that moves freely between jazz, contemporary composition and improvisation.

Dahl has released twelve albums under her own name and has toured extensively across Europe and internationally. Her work ranges from intimate trio and quartet settings to large ensemble and orchestral collaborations. As a composer she has written music for ensembles such as Aalborg Symphony Orchestra, Athelas Ensemble, DR ensembles, Danish Chamber Orchestra and numerous jazz and chamber groups.

Throughout her career she has collaborated with leading international artists including Marilyn Mazur, James Moody, Tim Hagans, Bob Brookmeyer, Jim McNeely, Bob Mintzer, Deborah Brown, Klaus Rifbjerg, Suzanne Brøgger a.o. and has appeared with DR Big Band and other major ensembles. Her projects also explore interdisciplinary collaborations with dancers, choreographers and visual artists.

Dahl is a dedicated educator and has taught at several Danish conservatories, including the Rhythmic Music Conservatory, RMC, as well as MGK programmes and music schools throughout Denmark and Scandinavia.

Her artistic work has been recognised with numerous awards, including the Ben Webster Prize, the Bent Jædig Prize, the DJBFA Honorary Award and in 2024 the Tivoli Jazz Prize by Beckett Foundation. In 2023 she was nominated for the Deutscher Jazz Preis in the category *Instrumental Album of the Year – International*.

As a composer she has composed music for ensembles a.o:

- DR Ensembles
- Danish Chamber Orchestra
- The Orchestra
- Athelas Ensemble
- Aalborg Symphony Orchestra
- C. Nielsen Quintet
- April Light Orchestra
- Ann-Sofi Söderquist & CN Quintet
- Christina Nielsen Quartet w. Alex Riel, Jesper Lundgaard & Carsten Dahl
- Christina Nielsen Quartet with Marilyn Mazur, Lars Danielsson & Carsten Dahl

- Heartbeats w. Kresten Osgood, AC, Kæv, Mads Hyhne, Jesper Riis a.o.
- Det Gyldne Landskab with painters
- Christina Dahl Trio with Jesper Lundgaard & Espen Laub von Lillienskjold
- Christina Dahl Quartet w. Niclas Knudsen, Jesper Lundgaard & Espen Laub von Lillienskjold
- Moving Moments w. dancers: Anne Nyboe & Joel Fritzon, choreography: Alexandre Bourdat, sound design: Martin Danielsen and Christina Dahl Quintet featuring Anders Filipen, Jesper Lundgaard, Niclas Knudsen and Espen Laub von Lillienskjold
- Ensemble w. Suwalski, Danstrup, Marstrand, Bruun & Dahl
- All You Need w. Dan Hemmer & Espen Laub
- Christina Dahl Quartet w. Niclas Knudsen, Niels Bosse Davidsen & Espen Laub von Lillienskjold
- Christina Dahl Trio with Simon Toldam & Peter Bruun

As a musician she has performed with a.o.:

- James Moody
- Ed Neumeister
- Dick Oatts
- Bob Brookmeyer
- Jim McNeely
- Deborah Brown
- Bill Dobbins
- Bob Mintzer
- DR Big Band
- Danish Chamber Orchestra
- Ann-Sofi Söderquist Quintet (SE)
- Tim Hagans Quintet
- Riel-Lundgaard-Dahl-Nielsen Quartet
- Marilyn Mazur, Lars Danielsson, Carsten Dahl og Christina Dahl Quartet
- Christina Dahl Trio Jesper Lundgaard, Espen Laub
- Heartbeats by Christina Dahl inspired by the legendary Ed Thigpen
- Klaus Rifbjerg "I den lille by" Ensemble
- Suzanne Brøgger "Den blå biografi"
- The Temptations
- Four Tops
- Band Ane & Marilyn Mazur Trio
- Christina Dahl, Jesper Lundgaard & Marilyn Mazur Trio
- Christina Dahl Quartet, Niclas Knudsen, Jesper Lundgaard & Espen Laub von Lillienskjold,
- Moving Moments w. dancers: Anne Nyboe & Joel Fritzon, choreography: Alexandre Bourdat, sound design: Martin Danielsen and Christina Dahl Quintet featuring Anders Filipen, Jesper Lundgaard, Niclas Knudsen and Espen Laub von Lillienskjold
- Shamania led by Marilyn Mazur
- All You Need w. Dan Hemmer & Espen Laub von Lillienskjold

- Christina Dahl Quartet w. Niclas Knudsen, Niels Bosse Davidsen & Espen Laub von Lillienkjold
- Christina Dahl Trio w. Simon Toldam & Peter Bruun.

Education

- MI University, 1984-88
- Rhythmic Music Conservatory, RMC, 1988–1992
- Sibelius Academy, 1990
- 3rd Vejle Workshop, 1994–1996 w. Bo Holten, Hans Abrahamsen, Per Nørgård, Pelle Gudmundsen Holmgren a.o.
- Composition , Rhythmic Music Conservatory, RMC, 1996–1998 with Bob Brookmeyer & Svend Hvidtfelt Nielsen.

Awards and nominations

- Ben Webster Prize, 1994
- Prize for Best Composer at the Europe International Jazz Contest, 1994
- 2nd Prize at the Europe International Jazz Contest, Belgium, 1994
- Bent Jædig Prize, 2010
- Honorary Award, DJBFA, 2011
- Walther Klæbel Memorial Grant, 2012
- Nominated for Deutscher Jazz Preis 2023 in the category “*Instrumental Album of the Year – International*”
- Tivoli Jazz Prize by Beckett Fonden, 2024

Discography (the red text are all released in the name of Christina Dahl).

- The Orchestra – *Not as Softly*, Music Mecca, 1993
- **Christina Nielsen – *From This Time Forward*, Stunt Records, 1995**
- The Orchestra – *Smoke Out*, db Production, Sweden, 1996
- Sophisticated Ladies – *To You*, Music Mecca, 1997
- **Ann-Sofi Söderquist / Christina Nielsen – *Heartflower*, 1998**
- The Orchestra – *Noxx*, Dacapo, 1998
- **Christina Nielsen – *A Touch of Happiness*, Stunt Records, 1999**
- Henriette Clemens, Henrik Metz & Christina Dahl, 1999
- **Carsten Dahl & Christina Nielsen – *Lys på Himlen*, Dacapo, 2000**
- The Orchestra – *New Skies*, Dacapo, 2001
- Sophisticated Ladies – *Strange Party*, Music Mecca, 2002
- **Christina Dahl – *Heartbeats*, Stunt Records, 2003**
- The Orchestra – *Beats & Big Band*, Calibrated, 2003
- **Carsten Dahl & Christina Dahl – *Det Gyldne Landskab*, 2005**
- **Christina Dahl Heartbeats – *Free Your Mind*, Stunt Records, 2006**
- Sophisticated Ladies & Christina Dahl – *S.L. Plays Ellington*, Music Mecca, 2007
- **Christina Dahl – *Now Is Now*, Storyville Records, 2010**
- Sophisticated Ladies & Christina Dahl – *In Spirit*, 2012

- Christina Dahl Quartet – *Life's Carousel*, Storyville Records, 2014
- Christina Dahl Quartet – *Childish*, Storyville Records, 2017
- Christina Dahl Quartet – *Quintesse*, Storyville Records, 2019
- Christina Dahl Trio – *Souls of the Wind*, 2021
- Sophisticated Ladies, Christina Dahl & Kaare Munkholm – "Limelight", Gateway, 2026

As an educator:

- Conservatories: RMC – Rhythmic Music Conservatory, North Jutland Conservatory, West Jutland Conservatory.
- MGK (Music Preparatory Course) – The Capital Region of Denmark, Frederiksberg, Sankt Annae High School, Copenhagen.
- Music schools: Kokkedal Music School, Ishøj Music School, Halsnæs Music school, Hillerød Music School and others.
- Workshops & Clinics in Denmark and Scandinavia including, Sweden, Norway and the Faroe Islands.