

Curriculum Vitae
Mik Keusen



Mik Keusen, pianist and composer from Bern, Switzerland, started taking classical piano lessons when he was eight years old. Later, he studied jazz piano and educational science at the Lucern University of applied Sciences and Arts. At that time, he has also started getting acquainted with Don Li's concept of "Tonus-Music", which leads to a direct collaboration with the musicians Sha and Zimoun, which in turn influences the music of the bands "Banryu" and Zimoun NÅ".

Since 2004, Mik Keusen has been working as a freelance pianist and composer at the „Progr – Zentrum für Kulturproduktion“ (Center for Cultural Production) in Bern.

2011	CD-Release Mik Keusen's Blau „Nalu“, Tonus Music Records
2010	Varanasi scholarship of the SSK/City of Bern for studies in India
2009	Finalist for the ZKB jazz prize with „Sha's Banryu“
2007	Appearance at the Festival „Exposition of New Music“ in Brno CZ Initiator and founder of the duo „Sha-Keusen“
2006	Launch of the trio „Davis-Keusen-Sartorius“ (GB/NL/CH)
2005/06	Tuesday-Residence at the Cargobar Basel with „Mik Keusen's Blau“
2005	Debut album „Mik Keusen - BLAU“, Tonus Music Records/DRS II Contract composer for the Paul Klee Center in Bern, (multimedia production)
2004	Graduate of the Lucern University of applied Sciences and Arts Recognition of certified musician by the "Axell and Max Koch-Foundation Lucern"
2003	Initiator and founder of the quartet „Blau“
2001 - 2011	Band member of „Sha's Banryu“
1999 - 2004	Band member of „Zimoun NÅ“

Discography

Mik Keusen's Blau „Nalu“, Tonus Music Records 2011
Mik Keusen's Blau „Blau“, Tonus-Music-Records 2005
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Sha's Banryu „Chessboxing Vol. II“, Ronin Rhythm Records 2011
Sha's Banryu „Chessboxing Vol. I“, Ronin Rhythm Records 2008
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Zimoun „Prepared I feat. Mik Keusen“, Leerraum 2007
Zimoun NA „feat. Don Li and Philipp Schaufelberger“, Tonus Music Records 2004
Zimoun Momental „Hans“, Ammoniac-Music-Records 2002
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Trummer „Dr ganz Wäg zrügg“, The bridge 2009
Trummer „Im Schatte vo däm Bär“, Fazerecords 2007
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Gus McGregor „Lifeline“, Sophie Records 2009
Mohamed Sawwah „Egyptian Mawal“, DJ Recording 2008

Other activities as sideman

2011	On tour with Trummer, „Fürne Königin“
2010	On tour with TARA Projekt Tour 2010
2009	On tour with Sha's Banryu
2009	On tour with Trummer, „Dr ganz Wäg zrügg“
2007/08	On tour with Trummer, „Im Schatte vo däm Bär“
2007	Collaboration with Mohammed Sawwah (Artist in Residence, ET)
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2006/07	On tour with Andra Borlo, „New York Diary“
2004	Band member of the „Kaffeehausorchester“
2002/03	On tour with „Zimoun NA“ feat. Don Li und Philipp Schaufelberger

Websites

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