

BIO EWOUT ENGLISH

ewout (°halle, march 8 1978) was born in a musical family, with his dad being a great saxophone player in his own right and his mom being a talented painter. from a very young age he started playing piano and alto saxophone. he got a classical training at the music academies of halle and gooik, where he graduated in 1996. after that he chose for the piano and continued his studies at the jazz department of the lemmensinstituut in leuven, where he was taught by great dutch pianist ron van rossum, and by the biggest names in belgian jazz, like frank vaganée, dré pallemmaerts, bert joris and peter hertmans. he graduated in 2001. at this moment he's a teacher himself, mainly at de!kunsthumaniora (antwerp) and the conservatory of ghent.

he plays piano in the band of south african singer tutu puoane and in t-unit 7, a new project of saxophonist tom van dyck. he's been the pianist of jazzisfaction (the quartet around german trumpet player peer baierlein) for ages now. he's the regular pianist of a new big band project called 'tuesday night orchestra'. as a leader he has his own trio (ep3).

ewout also plays keys in the rockproject upperlip orchestra and he's busy as a sideman in several projects, among which 'goddam: a tribute to dr. nina simone', a hit show in belgian and dutch theatres in 2006/2007. he played concerts with a.o. toots thielemans, frank vaganée, erwin vann, kurt van herck, bart defoort, bert joris, philippe aerts, dré pallemmaerts, martijn vink... he played on major festivals such as the blue note festival ghent (joost zweegers sings chet baker, 2005), jazz middelheim (maria schneider big band workshop, 2001), gaume jazzfestival (jazzisfaction, 2004), park jazz kortrijk (tutu puoane quartet, 2004 and jazzisfaction, 2006), broselia (toots thielemans 4-tet, 2006), jazz in 't park ghent (new groove sextet, 2005 and ep3, 2006) and the klara festival van vlaanderen (erwin vann invites, 2007). in 2004 he toured south africa with the tutu puoane quartet. ewout is named as one of the promising belgian young jazz pianists.