

Benoît Keller

Bass

born 1974 Chalons/Saône FRANCE

Spent three years in Salon-de-Provence at the Professional Music Institute where he studied electric bass and jazz with Michel Zenino, André Franco, Gildas Boclé, Brian Bennett. Thereafter enrolled in the conservatory at Chalons-Sur-Saone. There he studied upright with Michael Martin, Pierre Sylvan, Yves Rousseau and participated in workshops with none other than BrunoTocanne and Pierre Tiboum Guignon. There he received a gold medal in his discipline in 1998 and has since appeared in many jazz groups in the region, most notably clarinetist Nicolas Fargeix and the Chlaon-Bourgogne Big Band.

Current projects

- **ANIMOTs.** New cross-culture project by producer Luke Gilliam. Trio Resistances + Fred Roudet and compositions by canadian pianist Adam Daudrich.
- **Trio Resistances** with Bruno Tocanne and Lionel Martin.
- Various creations from the members of the imuZZic network, among them Catherine DeLaunay, Denis Badault, Sophia Domancich, Patrick Chabonnier, Frederic Roudet, Xavier Garcia and Lucia Recio.
- Trio with accodeonist Jacky Lignon and Catherine Delaunay.
- **Slate.** Trio by Will Menter awarded by jazz migrations 2005 by the AFIJMA

In 2002 he formed a quintet comprised of Bruno Tocanne and Lionel Martin as well as guitarist Serge Lazarevitch and Bulgarian Trombonist Gueorgi Kornazov. The group was (missione???) by the Regional Jazz centre in Bougogne, France

Other musicians he has played with include:

Louis **Sclavis**, Jean-Marc **Padovani**, Bertrand **Renaudin**, Francois **Corneloup**, Antoine **Hervé** (UMJ la Villette), Charles **Loos**, Pierre **Tiboum Guignon**, Jeff **Sicard**, Alain **Blesing**, François **Verly**, Franck **Tortillier**, François **Laizeau**...

Festivals:

Cluny, "jazz à Couches", Festival de Loches, Festival de Vilette, Grenoble Jazz Festival, Reims jazz festival, Montreal OFF festival (Canada), festival de Ioannina (Greece).

Press:

(translated by Emil Rusu)

"Keller punctuates and unites the ensemble with maturity and finesse" Jazzman

"Benoit Keller: a bassist-composer of melodic flair" Jazz Break

"A bassist with a big sound, and the ability to take it to the edge and back again" Jazz Hot

"Benoit Keller's round sound and Tocanne's finesse at the drums make for a very surprising music, full of interesting turns and wild improvisations". Lyon Capitale

Discography

- **Etats d'Urgence** -Trio Résistances. Tocanne, Martin, Keller. Cristal Records 2006.
- **Global Songs**- Trio Résistances. Tocanne, Martin, Keller. Cristal Records 2004.
- **Résistances**- Trio Résistances. Tocanne, Martin, Keller. Cristal Records 2001.
- **Rue des Halles**- duo Nicolas Fargeix, Benoit Keller.