

## Biography JORIS TEEPE (short version)

Joris Teepe is an acoustic and electric bassist from Amsterdam and has lived in New York since 1992. He has led his own groups for 30 years and recorded 20 CD's as a leader or co-leader and over 60 CD's as a sideman.

He has worked with such jazz legends as Benny Golson, Barry Harris, Bobby Watson, Sonny Fortune, Tom Harrell, Chris Potter, Billy Hart, and Randy Brecker. His longest stint was with Rashied Ali (John Coltrane's last drummer), with whom he recorded 5 albums and toured the world between 2000 and 2009.

In **2004** Joris Teepe was nominated for the Bird Award at the North Sea Jazz Festival in the category "Artist Deserving Wider Recognition".

Teepe has composed over 100 original compositions, including pieces for Symphony Orchestra & Small Jazz Group and Symphony Orchestra, Big Band, and Choir. He leads his own big band in New York, playing exclusively his own music, and performs his own repertoire as a guest soloist with local big bands.

One of his recent projects is the "Trio of Liberty", co-led by saxophonist Don Braden. Down Beat Magazine selected their CD "Conversations" as CD of the year in 2017. This release marks their 25<sup>th</sup> year of musical cooperation. Their 2021 CD "Chemistry" features drummers Jeff 'Tain' Watts and Louis Hayes. Another project is "In the Spirit of Rashied Ali" a book with a CD, drawing on the spirit of his experiences with this legendary drummer. This release was nominated in 2019 for an Edison (Dutch Grammy).

Teepe has established himself as a jazz educator, teaching at Queens College NY as well as serving as the Director of the Jazz Department at the Conservatorium in Groningen, Netherlands. He has also taught at Peter Herbolzheimer European Jazz Academy (Germany), Jazzinty (Slovenia), ChoJazz (Poland), JZ-School Summer Camp (China), and Litchfield Jazz Camp (Connecticut, USA).

Creativity is the trademark of this Dutch New Yorker. Every concert is a challenge for the audience and for himself, due to his swinging grooves and unique international experience!