

Christian Willisohn is one of the outstanding figures on today's music scene.

No matter where he performs, critics and audiences alike applaud his supreme musicianship, his creativity and his technical virtuosity.

In his own compositions, pianist and singer Christian Willisohn goes back to the roots of the blues, taking his listeners on a trip from the basics to the myriad facets of the music.

His musical career began in 1980 in the Munich clubs. Since that time he has enthused his audience in concert halls and clubs all around the world.

Festival appearances including Montreux, The Hague, Ascona, Nyon, Luzern, Copenhagen, Breda, Burghausen, Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Hamburg, Lyon, Paris, Barcelona, Cyprus, New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Sydney, Auckland and others assured him of an impressive international following.

His style of music was particularly influenced by longer stays in the United States, especially in Chicago and New Orleans – unmistakable in each of his concerts.



Christian Willisohn has collaborated with the following artists in the course of his career

Lillian Boutté, Boris van der Lek, Amos Garrett, Shannon Powell, Joseph "Smoky" Johnson, Irving Charles, Zora Young, Memphis Slim, Aron Burton, Margie Evans, Junior Wells, Louisiana Red, Sunnyland Slim, Johnny Little John, Abi Wallenstein, Henry Heggen, Nick Woodland, Ludwig Seuss, Peter Schneider, Dr. Will, Rick Hollander, Rocky Knauer, Prof. Herbert Wiedemann, Stefan Holstein, Vince Weber, Tommy Weiss, Axel und Torsten Zwingenberger many others.

Press comments:

„Christian Willisohn erfindet alte Stücke neu und schreibt die Pianoliteratur fort, inzwischen hat es sich herumgesprochen, dass es in unseren Breiten kaum einen gibt, der soviel über Bluespiano zu sagen hat.“

„Dieser Mann ist für die Konzertbesucher Legende, bevor er aufhört zu spielen...Die Tasten tanzen unter seinen Händen, er scheint mit dem Klavier zu verschmelzen, in Ekstase zu verfallen...Tonwerdende Emotionen...Ein Trance-Zustand wahrscheinlich...Den begeisterten Applaus, die gebanntten Gesichter, die strahlenden Augen muß man selbst erlebt haben, um die Faszination dieses Mannes zu verstehen.“

„Mit einer Virtuosität, die einem klassischen Pianisten in nichts nachsteht, spielte Willisohn den Blues nicht nur, sondern lebte ihn.“

Live TV shows: ARD, ZDF, ORF, BR, ARD Alpha, RTL, SAT 1, 3sat, SWR, Deutsche Welle TV, Onyx, CoxTV/New Orleans, M eins...

Live radio shows: WBGO New York, WWOX New Orleans, HR, BR, NDR, SWR, Radio Bremen, u.a.

Filmscore: "Der Sonnenstrategie" in collaboration with Titus Vollmer

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mit Titus Vollmer (guitar, vocals); Peter Kraus (drums, vocals), Alexander Haas (bass, vocals).

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Christian Willisohn & Prof. Herbert Wiedemann (on two pianos) "Blues meets classical music"

- 1962** Born in Munich.
- 1974** Foundation of his first schoolband, at that time as a guitarplayer.
- 1976** Musical director of the Arthur Kutscher Theater.
- 1978** Professional education as stone mason and sculptor.
- 1980** First appearance in Munich Clubs (Muh, Liederbühne Robinson, Schwabinger Brettl, and others)
- 1986** Abandonment of his profession as a sculptor. Concerts in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- 1987** Christian Willisohn & Zora Young/USA (Tour BRD, A, CH, USA)
Christian Willisohn & Aron Burton/USA (Tour BRD, A, CH, USA)
Christian Willisohn & Louisiana Red/USA (Tour CH)
- 1988** Tourneen with Zora Young/USA, Aron Burton/USA and the Raindogs/CH (BRD, A, CH)
Recording session with the Raindogs „**CHICAGO CALLIN**“ as a special guest
Festivals: Montreux/CH, Ascona/CH, Nyon/CH, Frauenfeld/CH, Wien/A, Kempten, Hamburg, München
- 1989** **Bluesgiants Tour** (Christian Willisohn Band, Vince Weber, Zora Young/USA.) BRD, A, CH
Christian Willisohn meets Torsten Zwingenberger (Tour BRD, A, CH)
Festivals: Ascona/CH, Kempten, Gaildorf
- 1990** Christian Willisohn -solo- (Tour BRD, A, CH). Christian Willisohn meets Torsten Zwingenberger (Tournée BRD, A, CH)
Festivals: Ascona/CH, Wien/A, Wiehl
- 1991** Christian Willisohn meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, A, CH, USA)
Recording session Christian Willisohn -solo- „**BOOGIE WOOGIE AND SOME BLUES**“
Recording session with Lillian Boutté and the Fats Domino Rhythm Sektion „**LIPSTICK TRACES**“ in New Orleans/USA
Festivals: New Orleans/USA, Burghausen, München, Wiehl, Dreieich, Singen, Gronau
- 1992** Christian Willisohn New R&B Band (Tour BRD). Christian Willisohn meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, A, CH, USA). **Festivals:** New Orleans/USA, Kempten, Würselen, Mülheim
- 1993** Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek/NL (Tour BRD). **Live-Plattenaufnahme** with Boris Vanderlek/NL „**BLUES NEWS**“
Christian Willisohn -solo- (Tour BRD, F, USA). **Festivals:** New Orleans/USA, Gronau, Waldshut-Tiengen
- 1994** Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek/NL (Tour Jan/Feb BRD, März USA, CD-Presentation in New York)
Festivals: Breda/NL, Groningen/NL, Geeleen/NL, Terneuzen/NL, Copenhagen/DK, Gronau, München, Kempten, Itzehoe, Limburg, Berg. Gladbach, Neuburg, Leverkusen
- 1995** Christian Willisohn Trio/Int. meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD). **Recording session** Christian Willisohn Trio/Int. „**BLUES ON THE WORLD**“ Music book incl. CD „**THE REAL BLUES'N BOOGIE BUCH**“, ConBrio Verlag, Regensburg
Festivals: Högaden/B, Garching, Wendelstein, Passau, Landsberg, Günzburg, Neuburg, Limburg, Berg. Gladbach, Wiesbaden, Bundespresseball, Ball des Sports
- 1996** **Recording session** Christian Willisohn Band/Int. „**HEART BROKEN MAN**“. **Festivals:** Lyon/F, Kempten, Wendelstein, Waldshut-Tiengen, Neuburg, Vreden, Bayer. Rundfunk. Formation of the record label **ART BY HEART**
- 1997** **Recording session** with Lillian Boutté/USA „**COME TOGETHER**“. **Festivals:** Lichtensteig/CH, Zollikon/CH, Mülheim, Germering, Wendelstein, Passau, Bayreuth, Neuburg, Taufkirchen, Limburg
- 1998** Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, CH, USA)
Festivals: Sydney/AUS, Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, New Orleans/USA, Meilen/CH, Sargans/CH, Luzern/CH, Wiesbaden, Neuburg, Neubrandenburg, Bad Wörishofen, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Zweibrücken
- 1999** Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, CH)
The Spirit Of Louisiana Gospel-Tour (singers and musicians from USA, DK, GB - Tour BRD, B, L, DK)
Festivals: Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Oxford/GB, Famagusta/TK, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Rust (SWR-TV), Lahnstein (SWR), Mitte Europa, Furth i. Wald, Lauingen, Kulturtage Baienfurt
- 2000** **Recording session** Christian Willisohn Trio+1 „**Live at Marians**“. Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, CH). The Spirit Of Louisiana Gospel-Tour (Sänger & Musiker aus USA, DK, GB - Tour BRD, B, L, DK)
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- 2001** **Festivals:** Langenthal/CH, Einsiedeln/CH, Kempten, Fürth, Bad Mergentheim, Bad Salzungen/Thüringer Jazzmeile Kultursommer: Nordhessen (Kaufungen & Cornberg), Sasbachwalden
- 2002** **Festivals:** Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Bad Wildungen, Europ. Festspiele Passau, Fürth, Bad Salzungen, Aidlingen, Flein, Waldshut-Tiengen, St. Wendel, Unterföhring (BR), Kulturtage Baienfurt
- 2003** **Talking book-CD** „**OTTO KRAUSE HAT DEN BLUES**“ (Jacques Berndorf, Text – Christian Willisohn, music)
Festivals: Langenthal/CH, Lenk/CH, Berlin, Neusäß, Erding, Töging, Halle/Westf, Bonn, Daun Kriminale „Tatort Eifel“ Kulturtage: Sasbachwalden, Hauzenberg

- 2004 Festivals:** Festa New Orleans & Classics Ascona/CH, Blue Balls Festival Luzern/CH, Jazz & Bluesrally Luxembourg/L, Piano Festival Luzern/CH, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, SWR Bluesfestival Lahnstein, B & W Rhythm and Blues Festival Halle/Westf, Kulturtage Bruckmühl. **SACD recording session** for Stockfish Records in den scottish highlands (Crear). „**Hold On**“
- 2005** Bowers & Wilkins „**Nautilustour 2005**“ big tour in Germany, sound set up by B&W using highend seakers „Nautilus 801“ und Classé ower amplifiyng. **Festivals:** Festival du Piano Laroquebrou (France), Help New Orleans Kempten „Benefizgala“, Jazzband Ball Wiesbaden, Leipziger Gospelfestival, VW Festival Wolfsburg.
- 2006 CD-Live recording** „Cristian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté“. **Filmscore** „Der Sonnenstrategie“. **Festivals:** SWR-Mainz, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Schwarzwald Musikfestival, Jazzfest Rottweil, Kieler Woche, Jazzfestival Großbottwar, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Bonner Sommer, Jazznacht Lengerich, Garching Bluesnacht, Jazzrendezvous Bad Wildungen, Philharmonie Luxemburg, Jazzfestival Bordeaux.
- 2007 Live-DVD recording** „Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek“ **Reflecting the Blues**. Duo concerts with Sara K. **CD recording** „Christian Willisohn solo“ **Live at Dixieland Jubilee**. **Festivals:** Dixieland Jubilee Stuttgart, Bluesnight Hamburg, New Orleans Night München, Jazzfestival Neubrandenburg, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Schwarzwald Musikfestival, Jazzfestival Düren, Klassik meets Jazz Stuttgart, Tatort Eifel, jazz Weekend Bad Birnbach.
- 2008 Festivals:** Piano Festival Berlin, Philharmonie Luxemburg, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, Konzertreise auf der Seacloud, Schwarzwald Musik Festival, Jazzfest Wiesbaden, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Jazz Night St. Wendel, Piano Nacht Tuttingen, Jazz Tage Aidlingen
- 2009 Talking book-CD „Samiras Blues“** (Jacques Berndorf, Text – Christian Willisohn, music). Tour: **Road show** for the new **Sea Cloud Hussar** (D-A-CH-GB). **Festivals:** Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Jazz Festival Ascona, Jazz Festival Bietigheim, Konzertreise auf der Sea Cloud II, Musiktage Feldkirchen, Piano Festival Barcelona, Klassik meets Blues Lindenberg, Philharmonie Luxemburg
- 2010** Tour on the occasion of his **30th. Stage annyversary**.
New instrumentation of the **Christian Willisohn “Southern Spirit”** : Boris van der Lek (saxophone), Titus Vollmer (guitar), Peter Kraus (drums) und Matthias Engelhardt (bass).
- 2011 Presentation of the CD “Back in the limelight”** by Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek.
Release of the **DVD „30 years of Blues“**.
- 2012** Presentation of the 3rd talking book „**Nuttenbunker**“ in collaboration with Jaques Berndorf.
Festivals: Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Ahrensburger Musiknacht, Hamburg Gala für SOS Kinderdörfer.
- 2013** Tournee with Jaques Berndorf „Nuttenbunker“. Tournee „Southern Spirit“ with the new bass player Alexander Haas
Sponsorship for “School against racism, school for courage”
Festivals: Jazzfestival Ascona, Pianofestival Lucerne, Boogie Woogie Festival Hamburg, Vince Weber Bluesgala Ahrensburg
- 2014 Festivals:** internationale Jazzwoche Burghausen, Bluesfestival Leingarten, Ahrensburger Musiknacht, Kieler Woche, Tastival Raisting, 1. Piano Maraton Ottobrunn, Gottfried Boettger Blues Nacht
- 2015 Festivals:** Kulturfestival Feldkirchen, Steirisches Boogie Festival, 1. Münchner Pianistenfestival, Jazzfestival Langenthal, Bluesfestival Hassfurt
- 2016 Festivals:** Festival Kirchseeon, Jazzfestival Ascona, 2. Münchner Pianistenfestival, 3. Piano Maraton Ottobrunn

Live TV shows: ARD, ZDF, ORF, BR, RTL, SAT 1, 3sat, SWR, Dt. Welle TV, Onyx, CoxTV/New Orleans, M eins...

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Filmscore: „Der Sonnenstrategie“ in cooperation with Titus Vollmer

Workshops: Workshops for Blues-, Stride- und Boogie Woogie-Piano

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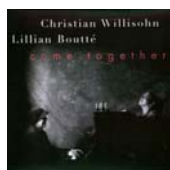
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ART BY HEART RECORDS



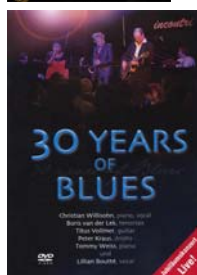
Lillian Boutté & Christian Willisohn – 1998
„Come Together“ Audio CD
 Lillian Boutté vocal,
 Christian Willisohn piano, guitar, vocal



Christian Willisohn -2000
„Live at Marians“ (2 CD-Box) Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn (piano, vocal),
 Rocky Knauer (bass, background vocals),
 Rick Hollander (drums, background vocals),
 special guest:Titus Vollmer (guitar)

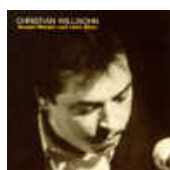


Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek -2011
„Back In The Limelight“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn (piano, vocal),
 Boris van der Lek (tenor saxophone)

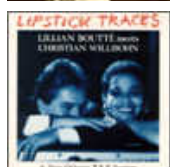


Christian Willisohn – 2011
„30 years of Blues“ DVD
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal
 Lillian Boutté,vocal;
 Boris van der Lek,saxophone
 Titus Vollmer,guitar, vocal;
 Peter Kraus,drums, vocal;
 Jacques Berndorfreading;
 Tommy Weiss, piano

ENJA RECORDS



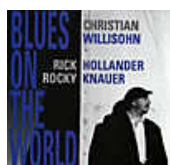
Christian Willisohn – 1990
„Boogie Woogie and some Blues“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal



Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté – 1991
„Lipstick Traces“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano,
 Lillian Boutté vocal und
 The Fats Domino Rhythm Section



Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek – 1994
„Blues News“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano, vocal
 Boris Vanderlek tenorsaxophone



Christian Willisohn Trio – 1995
„Blues On The World“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano, vocal
 Rocky Knauer bass, Rick Hollander drums



Christian Willisohn Band – 1996
„Heart Broken Man“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn piano, vocal
 Rocky Knauer bass, Rick Hollander drums,
 Titus Vollmer guitar, Stephan Holstein
 saxophone, Ludwig Seuss organ und guests.

SACD “Stockfisch records”

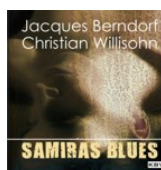


Christian Willisohn - 2004
„Hold On“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn (piano, vocal),
**SACD Hybrid mit DSD-5.1- /
 DSD-Stereo- / CD-Audio-Layer.**

TALKING BOOKS



Jacques Berndorf & Christian Willisohn - 2004
„Otto Krause hat den Blues“ Audio CD
 A story by Jacques Berndorf, music by
 Christian Willisohn



Jacques Berndorf & Christian Willisohn - 2009
„Samiras Blues“ Audio CD
 A story by Jacques Berndorf, music by
 Christian Willisohn



Jacques Berndorf & Christian Willisohn - 2012
„Nuttensunker“ Audio CD
 A story by Jacques Berndorf, music by
 Christian Willisohn

BOWERS AND WILKINS RECORDINGS



Photo-Book and Concert-DVD
B&W Rhythm'n Blues Festival 2003
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal u.a.



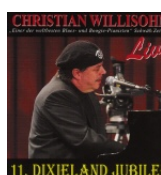
Photo-Book and Concert-DVD
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 Christian Willisohn “Southern Spirit” feat.
 Lillian Boutté u.a.

MUSIC BOOKS



Christian Willisohn
„The Real Blues'n Boogie Buch“
Sheet music book inkl. Audio CD
 Blues und Boogie Woogie Piano for
 advanced learners.
 112 pages inkl. CD (52:37 min) with 14
 originals by Christian Willisohn, solo
 transcriptions and exercises.

CHAOS RECORDS



Christian Willisohn - 2007
„Live at Dixieland Jubilee“ Audio CD
 Christian Willisohn, piano, vocal