

studies

berklee college of music, boston, usa (jazz piano with joanne brackeen and laszlo gardony, percussion with jamey haddad and ernesto diaz; world music classes in brazilian, indian and west african styles)

performances

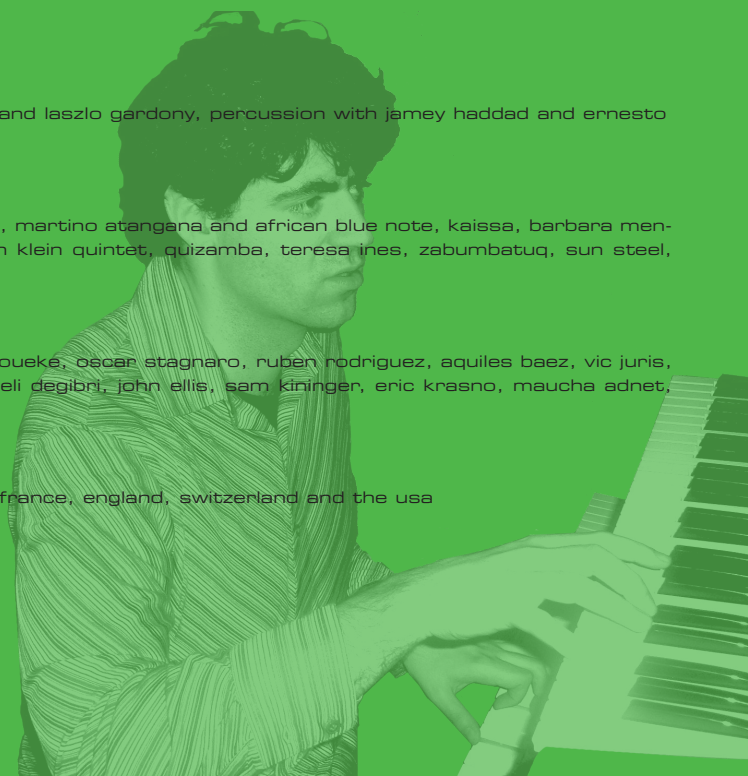
angelique kidjo, balla tounkara groupe spirit, george mel group, fantcha, martino atangana and african blue note, kaissa, barbara mendes, jiro yoshida, brazooca, chris berry and panjea, bz sounds, mattan klein quintet, quizamba, teresa ines, zabumbatuq, sun steel, alberto continentino, jorge shy

shared stage with

bob moses, duduka da fonseca, john benitez, reggie washington, lionel loueke, oscar stagnaro, ruben rodriguez, aquiles baez, vic juris, chris cheek, ric fierabbracci, miguel zenon, seamus blake, david binney, eli degibri, john ellis, sam kininger, eric krasno, maucha adnet, vinny valentino, hendrik meurkens

touring experience

numerous venues and festivals in cape verde, brazil, japan, hong kong, france, england, switzerland and the usa



personal record

born in switzerland in 1972, manu koch started playing piano at the age of five and studied classical music for thirteen years.

in 1993 manu koch moved to boston to attend berklee college of music where he studied jazz piano with joanne brackeen and laszlo gardony and percussion with jamey haddad and ernesto diaz. the international surrounding and various world music classes introduced him to many new sounds like indian, west african and especially brazilian music. during his college years he started working as a freelance musician in the boston area where he performed with brazilian groups zabumbatuq, sergio brandao & manga rosa and the teresa ines group, the caribbean jazz band sun steel, the legendary jazz club wally's house band and the group of malian singer and kora master balla tounkara.

his interest in world music deepened after touring the cape verdean islands in west africa with the in september 1999 and later that year in brazil where he performed with the bands of alberto continentino, jorge shy and teresa ines.

manu koch moved to new york in may 2000 where he is still based today. some of the artists and projects he is currently performing with are angelique kidjo, chris berry and panjea, balla tounkara, george mel group, fantcha, mattan klein and quizamba.

manu koch has appeared in numerous venues and festivals in cape verde, brazil, japan, hong kong, france, england, switzerland and the usa and performed with bob moses, oscar stagnaro, mendes brothers, duduka da fonseca, alberto continentino, jorge shy, john benitez, reggie washington, lionel loueke, aquiles baez, ric fierabbracci, miguel zenon, seamus blake, david binney, eli degibri, chris cheek, john ellis, sam kininger, eric krasno, maucha adnet, barbara mendes, jiro yoshida, vinny valentino, hendrik meurkens and many others.

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