

RUSS SPIEGEL

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CDs & Performance Experience:

- *Chimera* (SteepleChase, 2007) with David Smith, Arun Luthra, Nick Mancini, Gary Wang and Anthony Pinciotti.
- *Twilight* (Double Moon/Challenge, 2001) with Barbara Dennerlein, Jürgen Seefelder, Derrick James, Thomas Stabenow and others.
- *Russ Spiegel's Big Bang* (Oomph!!, 2000). Recording of Original Big Band Arrangements.
- *Monky* (MT/EFA, 1998) with Adam Nussbaum, Andy Middleton and Johannes Weidenmüller.
- Martelle, *little big waters* (Monogenuss, 2007: Special Guest).
- Bill Warfield Big Band, *A Faceless Place* (Laurel Hill, 2005: Guitarist & Conductor) with Vic Juris, Dave Riekenberg, Scott Neuman, and others.
- Alberto Menendez, *Waiting for Naima* (In-n-Out, 2002).
- Barbara Leah Meyer, *Winter Child* (Laika, 2002).
- Spirit of Gospel, *Spirit of Gospel* (Click, 2001).

Arrangements: Commissions: US Army Big Band, West Point, NY; Harlem Renaissance Orchestra; Hessische Rundfunk Radio Big Band, Germany; State of Hesse Youth Big Band, Germany - arrangements featured on CD *Touch of Lips* (hr.musik.de, 2001); Arrangements performed by: Aschaffenburg Big Band; Darmstadt Big Band; Spessart Musikanten; Future Music School Aschaffenburg, Germany.

Awards: "Jazz Grant" from the city of Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 1999 (10,000 German marks); Barbash Award, City College of New York 2004-2006, \$3000.

Performances with: Charlie Antolini, George Arvanitas, Benny Bailey, Stefan Bauer, Madeline Bell, Han Bennink, Angela Brown, Petula Clark, Gene "Mighty Flea" Connors, Bob Degen, Barbara Dennerlein, The First Class Bluesband, Joel Frahm, John Goldsby, Maisha Grant, Harlem Renaissance Orchestra, Lee Harper, Red Holloway, Lindy "Lady Bass" Huppertsberg, Tony Lakatos, Rich Little, Little Willie Littlefield, Emil Mangelsdorf, Steve Potts, Françoise Pujol, Jürgen Seefelder, Jesse Sharps, Tom Varner, Bill Warfield, Jimmy Woode, State of Hesse Youth Big Band, Frankfurt Opera, University of Michigan Big Band, and many more.

Concerts: in U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, India, Germany, France, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Great Britain, Belgium, Sweden, Portugal, Monaco, Poland und Croatia. Performed at numerous Jazz and Blues Festivals throughout Europe.

Selected Jazz & Blues Festivals & Concerts: New York, JVC Jazz Festival; IAJE Concert Series; London, Great Britain (Ronnie Scott's); Lisbon, Portugal (World Expo); Paris, France (Sunset, Duc du Lombard, Petit Journal du Montparnasse); Lyon, France (Hot Club du Lyon); Stockholm, Sweden (Mosebacke); Hunziken, Switzerland (Haus Hunziken); Salzburg, Austria; Kalisz, Poland; Terneuzen International Jazz Festival, Holland; Tienen Jazz Festival, Belgium; Zagreb Jazz & Blues Festival, Croatia; Germany: Frankfurt (30th German Jazz Festival), Alte Oper; Leverkusen (20th International Jazz Festival); SWR Hot Jazz Festival in Rust; Hamburg (Bluesfest in der Fabrik); Kassel (Zeltfestival); Düsseldorf (Altstadtfest); Bremen; Viersen; Heidelberg.

Media & Stage:

Film: Assistant to Musical Director and Guitar Coach, "The Naked Brothers" by Polly Draper. Michael Wolff, Musical Director. Featuring Julianne Moore, Uma Thurman, Arsenio Hall. Shown on Nickelodeon January, 2007.

Television: Performances: *Russ Spiegel's Big Bang:* 30th German Jazz Festival; *Russ Spiegel Duo/Trio:* Literatur im Römer; *Barbara Dennerlein:* Leverkusen Jazz Festival, SWR Hot Jazz Festival, Hanns Joachim Friedrichs Preis, Lifelines, Kalisz Jazz Festival; *New Music Ensemble:* Kulturreport; *First Class Bluesband:* "Zagreb Jazz Festival. TV Scores: *Naked Truth II*, Black Entertainment Television. TV Shows: Assistant to Musical Director and Guitar/Bass Instructor for the hit TV show "The Naked Brothers" on Nickelodeon.

Radio: Features/Interviews: HR, SWR, Radio X Frankfurt, Radio Marburg; Live Broadcasts: *Russ Spiegel's "Guitar Hell":* Deutschlandfunk, WDR, SWF, Radio Jazz Lyon; *Russ Spiegel's Little Bang:* Deutschlandfunk; *Barbara Dennerlein:* SDR, WDR, Polish Radio; *Gene "Mighty Flea" Connors:* HR.

Stage: *William Forsyth/Frankfurt Opera (Frankfurt Ballet/Opera): "Isabelle's Dance".*

Education:

2004-2006: M.A. in Jazz Performance, City College, New York. Studies with Adam Rodgers, Paul Bollenback, Ben Monder and John Patitucci. BMI Jazz Composers Workshop, A Section.

1987-2000: Private lessons with Jerry Bergonzi, Jon Damian, Mike Longo and Jonathan Kreisberg.

1986-88: Certificate of Music, Berklee College of Music, Boston. Recipient of Professional Music Scholarship. Studies in Performance (Guitar), Arrangement and Composition. Instructors: Brett Wilmott, Jim Odgren, Garrison Fewell, Charles Chapman, and Al Defino.

1982-1984: B.A. in Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Teaching Experience:

2005 – now: Guitar Instructor & Band Coach for the hit Nickelodeon TV show "The Naked Brothers Band."

2007: Online Facilitator, Masters Level, Jazz Arranging Course, Boston University.

2004-2006: Graduate Assistant to undergraduate jazz ensembles, City College; Instructor, National Guitar Summer Workshop, New Milford, Connecticut.

2002-2004: Guitar Instructor at Slope Music, Brooklyn.

2000: Instructor for State of Hesse Youth Big Band, Germany.

1998-2000: Instructor, Jazz Guitar Master Class, Rhythm Section Workshop, and Jazz Standards Workshop for Kulturwerkstatt Waggong Frankfurt, Germany.

1999: Director, Jazz Improvisation and Rhythm Section Workshop for U.S. Army Band, Wiesbaden, Germany.

1993-97: Instructor, Professional Program, Future Music School, Aschaffenburg, Germany. Contributed to textbooks for use in Harmony/Theory, Ear-Training and Guitar instruction.

1988-92: Director, Jazz Workshop, Jazzclub Rödermark, Germany.

1987-88: Instructor, Assabett School for Continuing Education, Marlboro, Massachusetts; Mercuri Music, Westboro Massachusetts.