

# sorenmoller

## biography

33-year old pianist/composer Soren Moller was raised in a small town in Denmark. He began playing piano at the age of 8, learning both classical and jazz piano from local public school teachers in the community. At the age of 16 Soren Moller was making a living as a piano teacher as well as an accompanist and had started taking lessons in jazz piano from some of Denmark most well known pianists. At 19 he was admitted to the Rhythmic Music Conservatory in Copenhagen, Denmark. After graduation Soren Moller continued his studies at the Manhattan School of Music in New York. Here he studied with piano great Kenny Barron as well as Garry Dial and Fred Hersch as a Fulbright Scholarship recipient.

After moving to New York in 2002 Soren Moller quickly earned a reputation as a formidable piano talent. As a leader he was accepted to host an ensemble of the most distinguished musicians from the Manhattan School of Music to a performance at the Carnegie Hall as part of the Carnegie Hall Workshop for Jazz Ensembles.

Together with trombone player Chris Washburne and saxophonist Ole Mathisen, Soren Moller has founded the NYNDK Jazz Collective. An ensemble consisting of established musicians from the Scandinavian and the New York jazz scene. The NYNDK Jazz Collective has toured extensively in Scandinavia and performed at Jazz At Lincoln Center. New York Times Nate Chinen has recognized the NYNDK Jazz Collective as a “pointedly cosmopolitan post-bop collective”.

As a composer Soren Moller has contributed with compositions for his own ensembles including the Soren Moller Trio and the Soren Moller & Dick Oatts Duo as well as the newly released CD A Tribute To Trane, featuring famous drummer Antonio Sanchez. In 2007 Soren Moller premiered his big band suite Three Speeches at The Copenhagen Jazz Festival, Copenhagen and has since worked as a big band composer and soloist with various big bands. Soren Moller has also performed and/or recorded with a number of today's most re-known musicians, including Antonio Sanchez, Dick Oatts, Mark Turner, Jason Marsalis, Cameron Brown, Ari Honig, John Benitez, Tony Moreno, Scott Neumann, Anders Bergcrantz, Barak Mori, Obed Calvaire, and Francois Moutin among others. Soren Moller has toured in Countries such as: England, Germany, Norway, Italy, Holland, Zimbabwe, South Africa, USA and Denmark.

Søren Møller og Dick Oatts kommunikerer i nyt album virkelig godt sammen med solide energiudladninger og tør spSøren Møller er en af Danmarks ypperste jazzpianister, bosat i New York siden 2002. Han er uddannet fra Rytmsk Musikkonservatorium i København med musiker diplom eksamen og efterfølgende uddannet med en Master of Music degree fra Manhattan School of Music i New York, som Fulbright Scholar.

Ud over at arbejde som turnerende pianist har Søren Møller komponeret til en række forskellige ensembler, heriblandt suiten Three Speeches, opført af Klüver's Big Band og værket Seasons, komponeret til Tiptoe Big Band med Dick Oatts som solist. Hans kompositioner er blevet spillet på den prestigefyldte WBGO radiostation i USA, hvilket medførte en radio-promotion kampagne fra det amerikanske pladeselskab Jazzhead Records med airplay på mere end 30 radiostationer til følge og en hitlisteplacering for ensemblet NYNDK på den amerikanske jazz hitliste.

På dagbladet Politikens opfordring startede Søren Møller bloggen Brooklyn i stereo med betragtninger fra hans liv som musiker i New York. Bloggen er et indblik i strømninger og tendenser i den amerikanske musikverden, samt historier og oplevelser set fra scenen. Fortællinger om at overleve i en fremmed, multietnisk kultur, hvor mange mennesker ikke kender Danmarks geografiske placering i verden. Bloggen, der kan læses på <http://blog.politiken.dk/brooklyn/> har siden maj 2008 haft 100.000 hits.

Søren Møller har bl.a. spillet/indspillet/turneret med navne som Antonio Sanchez, Dick Oatts, Mark Turner, Jason Marsalis, Cameron Brown, Ari Honig, John Benitez, Tony Moreno, Scott Neumann, Anders Bergcrantz, Barak Mori, Obed Calvaire, Francois Moutin m.fl. Ud over at være sideman spiller Søren Møller fast med Søren Møller Trio, NYNDK Jazz Collective, Søren Møller & Dick Oatts Duo og Max Wild Group. Han har turneret i England, Tyskland, Norge, Italien, Holland, USA og Danmark.



