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## **Biography (Long Version)**

# born in Berlin, March 6, 1966

# began playing cello at age five

# scholarship at the Berlin Conservatory, 1977-84; classes in cello, piano, harmony, counterpoint, and ear training

# early encounter with improvisation at age eight: cello teacher Prof.Eckle reads a fairy-tale and a group of students illustrates it through free improvisation

**# 1983 and 1984 First Prize at the National Competition “Students Compose”**

# since 1983 - continues studying electric bass and double bass on his own motivation and starts playing in bands; jazz workshops in Berlin, Weickersheim, Vermont, Erlangen, and Munich

# 1983-89: collaboration with actress and singer Christa Lorenz; composes music for lyrics from Tucholsky, Mühsam, Scheerbart, etc for radio and theatrical productions

# 1985-90: studies journalism in Munich; continues playing and composing

**# 1990/91 member of “Bundesjazzorchester”(National Jazz Orchestra) under the direction of Peter Herbolzheimer**

**# 1990 receives Music Award of the City of Munich**

# 1991: lives in New York

**# 1991: winner of the jazz competition at the convention of the “International Society of Bassists”**

# since 1992 teacher and instructor at jazz workshops in New York, Sydney, Lisbon, Graz, Berlin, Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Munich

**# 1994 external exam at Richard-Strauss-Conservatory Munich**

**# 1994 Bavarian Music Award**

# 1995-97: plays often with Stuttgart Radio Big Band ; concerts and CD productions with Phil Woods, Slide Hampton, Frank Foster and Manny Albam

# 1996 tour to Albania, Bosnien Herzegowina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro

# 1998 tour to South Africa and Namibia

# 1999-2001: plays regularly with the RIAS Big Band in Berlin; concerts and recordings with Richie Beirach, John Ruocco, Jim McNeely and Jens Winther

# 1999 european tour with Nils Wogram quartet (Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, France)

# 2000 concerts for Goethe Institute in Istanbul, Naples, Budapest, Zagreb and Maribor

# 2001: tour to Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Mexico

# since 2002: concerts in Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, USA, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Portugal, France, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary, Ukraine and Poland

# **since 2003: presents a jazz broadcast at Bavarian Public Radio** (see more under "Radio")

# **2007: New German Jazz Award and New German Soloist Jazz Award**

# 2009: Tours to Indonesia, South Africa and Namibia

# **2010: "Echo Jazz Award" as best bass player** for CD "Henning Sieverts Symmetry: Blackbird"

# 2011: Tour to Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia

# **since 2011: teaches jazz bass and cello at the University of Music and Performing Arts Munich, regular workshops at other universities, eg in Lucerne, Berne, Graz, Cologne, Osnabrück, Leipzig, Würzburg and Nürnberg**

# 2013: **First performance of his suite "musica flore" by the Lucerne Jazz Orchestra**

# 2014: **Artistic director at the "Tonspuren" festival** at Kloster Irsee (Bavaria), several premieres, eg the suite "Hexacor" for string orchestra and jazz double quartet (see double CD "Henning Sieverts: Hexacor")

# 2015: Artist in residence at universities of Nürnberg and Berne, artistic director at concert series "Round Midnight" at Stadtkirche Darmstadt

# **2016: New German Jazz Award**

First performance of his suite "Bach's Blüten" by EOS Chamber Orchestra Cologne and Jazz soloists

# 2017: Concert at "BMW Jazz Award – Bass erstaunt" ("amazing bass") with "Henning Sieverts: Symmethree" feat. Nils Wogram & Ronny Graupe

# **Over 130 CD productions (16 as bandleader):**

"Goldfischgesänge" (1995), "Too Early For This World" (1997), "Brooklyn Blue" (1997), "Leoni e altri gatti" (2000), "TriOzOne: Himmelsklänge" (2004), "Hidden C"

**(2004), “What’s New” (2005), “Germany 12 Points” (2006), “Symmetry” (2007), “Blauer Reiter – Blue Rider” (2008), “Symmetry: Blackbird” (2009), “Four Tenors” (2011), “Symmethree” (2012), “Hexacor” (2014), “Vibes & Strings” (2015), “Double Quartet” (2016)**

(see more under “discography”)

**# Concerts worldwide:** in Albania, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Netherlands, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Libya, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zimbabwe

**# Radio and TV productions** in Australia, USA, South Africa, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and Germany

**# Some of the musicians Henning Sieverts has played with (in alphabetical order):**

Micha Acher, Franco Ambrosetti, Martin Auer, Benny Bailey, Uli Beckerhoff, Richie Beirach, Jim Black, Theo Bleckmann, Rainer Böhm, Günther Bollmann, Peter Bolte, Matthieu Bordenave, Carolyn Breuer, Hermann Breuer, Till Brönner, Jonas Burgwinkel, Aldo Caviglia, Hayden Chisholm, Tim Collins, Marc Copland, Antony Cox, Carsten Daerr, Matthias Daneck, Roberto Dani, Tino Derado, Roberto DiGioia, Klaus Doldinger, Andreas Dombert, Lukas Dreyer, Marc Ducret, Elena Duni, Domenic Egli, Peter Eigenmann, Bill Elgart, Christian Elsässer, Johannes Enders, Matthias Erlewein, Robin Eubanks, Peter Evans, Antonio Farao, Art Farmer, Sören Fischer, Frank Foster, Martin France, Max Frankl, Paulo Fresu, Jürgen Friedrich, Dietmar Fuhr, Shinya Fukumori, Peter Fulda, Chris Gall, Peter Gall, Joe Gallardo, Gunnar Geisse, Sebastian Gille, Matthias Gmelin, Geoff Goodman, Dusko Goykovich, Sebastian Gramss, Max Greger, Ronny Graupe, Michael Griener, Philipp Gropper, Gerhard Gschlössl, Barry Guy, Andy Haberl, Wolfgang Haffner, Lutz Häffner, Slide Hampton, Roger Hanschel, Roy Hargrove, Pablo Held, Anke Helfrich, Paul Heller, Eddie Henderson, Peter Herbert, Andy Hermann, Julian Hesse, Gregor Hilbe, Jean Paul Höchstädter, Andreas Höricht, Rick Hollander, John Hollenbeck, Michel Hornek, Sam Hylton, Didier Ithursarry, Tilman Jäger, Benedict Jahnel, JBBG Bigband, Bastian Jütte, Alex Jung, Heinrich v.Kalnein, Achim Kaufmann, Uli Kendorff, Oliver Kent, Wolf Kerschek, Michael Keul, Joe Kienemann, Andi Kissenbeck, Niels Klein, Jan v.Klewitz, Heinrich Köbberling, Christian Kögel, Wolfgang Köhler, Thorsten Krill, Axel Kühn, Joachim Kühn, Werner Kuspert, Frank Kuruc, Wolfgang Lackerschmidt, Bireli Lagrene, Tony Lakatos, Robert Landfermann, Nils Landgren, Domenic Landolf, Walter Lang, Christof Lauer, Johannes Lauer, Ngyen Le, Oliver Leicht, Brian Levy, Matthias Lindermayr, Robert Lucaciu, “Lucilin Ensemble”, Johannes Ludwig, Hans Lüdemann, Michael Lutzeier, Jean Marie Machado, Dieter Manderscheid, Peter Materna, Jim McNeely, James Maddren, Rudi Mahall, Rick Margitza, Till Martin, Friedemann Matzeit, Guido May, Adrian Mears, Joce Menniel, Don Menza, Sebastian Merk, Francois Merville, Frank Möbus, Michael Moore, Tony Moreno, James Morrison, Max v.Mosch, Bob Moses, Dirk Mündelein, Wolfgang Muthspiel, Simon Nabatov, Matthias Nadolny, NDR Bigband, Holger Nell, Jürgen Neudert, Angelika Niescier, Mike Nock, Hubert Nuss, Ludwig Nuss, Adam Nussbaum, Peter O’Mara, Dre Pallemarts, Tony Pancella, Emile Parisien, Ed Partyka, Kathrin Pechlof, Julian Pfau, Adam Pieronczyk, Al Porcino, Larry Porter, Verner Pohjola, Larry Porter, Allen Praskin, Claudio Puntin, Wolfgang Puschnig, Tom Rainey, Karl Ratzer, Claus Reichstaller, Uli Rennert, RIAS

Bigband, Sylvain Rifflet, Gregory Rivkin, Scott Robinson, Laura Robles, Fabian Rösch, Eckhard Rössle, Samuel Rohrer, Ack vanRooyen, Jorge Rossy, Mercedes Rossy, Celine Rudolph, Jochen Rückert, Harald Rüschenbaum, Christian Salfellner, Martin Scales, Eric Schaefer, Andy Scherrer, Horst-Michael Schaffer, Axel Schlosser, Reinhard Schmölzer, Norbert Scholly, Steffen Schorn, Matthias Schriefl, John Schröder, Pascal Schumacher, Jürgen Seefelder, Simon Seidl, Jason Seizer, Brad Shepik, Andy Sheppard, Bobby Shew, Wanja Slavin, Hugo Siegmeth, Tyshawn Sorey, Chris Speed, Matthias Spillmann, Moritz Stahl, Philipp Stauber, Bastian Stein, Uwe Steinmetz, Sebastian Sternal, Loren Stillman, Claus Stötter, Sebastian Studnitzky, Reto Suhner, SWR Bigband, Lew Tabackin, Rainer Tempel, Dejan Terzic, Christoph Thewes, Francois Thuillier, Pietro Tonolo, Kaspar Tranberg, Florian Trübsbach, Andreas Tschopp, Peter Tuscher, Claudius Valk, Collin Vallon, Glauco Venier, Maria Pia DeVito, Cuong Vu, Florian Weber, WDR Bigband, Christian Wegscheider, Christian Weidner, Jiggs Whigham, Falk Willis, Norma Winstone, Jens Winther, Sebastian Wolfgruber, Michael Wollny, Phil Woods, Veronika Zunhammer and Attila Zoller