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About

Simone van der Weerden

I am Simone van der Weerden, a bandoneon player living in Rotterdam.

I often get the question, how does a Dutch girl coming from a little village in Brabant end up devoting her life to this uncommon instrument? Well, that's a question with a relatively easy answer..

I got struck by the sound and passion of the bandoneon and wanted to play that myself.

I studied classical accordion at the time but decided to completely switch to bandoneon and start over. I switched schools and started my studies in tango music at the Codarts Conservatory in Rotterdam.

After some hard years of intense practicing and devoting to the instrument I won an international bandoneon solo competition in Germany and graduated cum laude. After that I decided to move to Argentina and dive even deeper into the world of tango. I surround myself with many great bandoneon players and copied their tango culture.

After I came back to the Netherlands I gave many concert with different formations playing tango all over Europe.

Tango was all I did.

Until I thought why should the bandoneon only be heard in tango music? Is that all I want to play?

Why not combine it with my love for jazz music? I wanted to see if I could combine these two worlds and create something different. That's when I started my master studies at the Codarts conservatory and studied only with different jazz teachers. It wasn't the most easy road but I knew it was the right one.

Eventually I created my own band consisting of three great jazz musicians and myself called NAOS. A new band, a new sound and a new repertoire! I started arranging existing tangos, discovering my own voice and creating room for improvisation. Which ultimately led to writing my own compositions.

Discography/music

released in 2023



In Between the Lines

Simone Van der Weerden with NAOS

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released in 2019



Salgán & Piazzolla

Locos Lindos Tango Quintet

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Videos

NAOS - compilation



Simone van der Weerden &
Gustavo Beytelmann - Tristeza de un Doble A



Al jardin de la Republica - Trio del Puerto



Franz von Chossy & Simone van der Weerden
- the Peacocks



Roffa Tango Trio – Podium Witteman
– Danza de le Moza Donosa



LocosLindos Tango Quintet
- Piazzolla VS Salgán



Luna – Astor Piazzolla



Projects



Beytelmann &
Van Der Weerden
Duo

NAOS QUARTET



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