



Sonora Saxophon Quartett

The Sonora Saxophone Quartet was founded in October-2013. The name "Sonora" means "Vocally full" and describes the sound to which the ensemble aspires. The idea of a soft, yet penetrating sound led the members who come from different regions of Europe, to get together.

Nena Leban, Katrin Tichelove, Carla Obach and Rebecca Rohner together form a versatile ensemble sound. The Sonora saxophone quartet has a varied repertoire from classical to contemporary music.

Soprano Saxophone Rebecca Rohner was born on 28 March 1994 Nuertingen.

In June 2003, she received her first saxophone lessons. Just two years later she received the badges of Blasmusikverbandes BW in Bronze. In 2007, she joined to Tanja Heinkel at the music school Kirchheim unter Teck, where she was also a member of the Saxophonquartett Saxability. In 2008, she won the silver medal at Blasmusikverbandes the gold followed in 2011 when she won the Kirchheimer Music Prize. In the national competition Young Musicians in 2012 she won first prize in the Solo Score Saxophone In 2015, she has toured with various orchestras, to places such as Cairo and Los Angeles.

Alto Saxophone Carla Obach Estevan was born in 1992 in Barcelona, Spain.

She received her first Saxophone lessons at the music school Escola Municipal de Música in AULOS Barcelona with Professor Toni Vidal. In 2010 she graduated at the Conservatori Municipal de Terrassa majoring in saxophone under the lecturer Albert Julià. In October 2010, she received an award from the Conservatori de Terrassa and won 1st prize of the "Ciutat de Berga" Competition with the Saxophone Quartet, founded there. In April 2010, they reached 3rd place in the "Arjau" cmpetition Terrassa with the same team. From 2011-2012 she was the saxophone teacher at the "Escola de Música E8" and from March 2012 at the "Estudi de Música" in Tarragona. In October 2013, it began her Master studies at the Hochschule für Musik und Tanz Köln with Prof. Daniel Gauthier and joined the Sonora saxophone quartet as alto saxophonist in Tenor Saxophone

Katrin Ticheloven was born in 1990 in Wesel.

At 7, Katrin began her musical training on the piano at the Music and Art School Wesel. At 14, she followed her desire to learn a wind instrument and took saxophone lessons at Nicole Schillings, also on the MKS Wesel. As a member of several Chamber music ensembles at the MKS Wesel, she was successful winner of the Competition "Jugend musiziert". Both as a soloist and in a duo and quartet she achieved several 1st prizes at federal level. In 2010, with the Wesel Saxophonquartett, she won 1st prize at the World Music Contest in Kerkrade. She is a longtime member of the boys Bläserphilharmonie NRW, Concert Wesel-Bislich.

In 2011, she began her artistic and pedagogical training at the Academy and of Music and Dance Cologne majoring in saxophone in the class of Daniel Gauthier. In the October 2013 she founded with her three Mitstudentinnen the "Sonora Saxophone Quartet", with whom they toured throughout Germany and Slovenia.

Baritone Saxophone Nena Leban was born in 1993 in Sempeter pri Gorici, Slovenia.

At the age of 8, she received her first lessons with the Croatian clarinetist Branislav Trifkovic. To further her musical career she continued to learn with saxophonist Dejan Presicek at the Conservatory of Music and Ballet in Ljubljana, Slovenia, before joining the internationally renowned saxophone class of Prof. Daniel Gauthier in 2012. Throughout the last 10 years she has won "Giovani Musicisti 2011" in Italy, National Competition for Young Musicians of the Slovenian Republic in 2007, 2010, 2012, and first prize at the International Competition "Stevan Mokranjac 2011" in Serbia. Furthermore, she has appeared as a soloist with the band of the Conservatory of Music and Ballet Ljubljana and in both the Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as the Vienna Music Club. Since 2012 Nena Leban Bariton has been a saxophonist in of Sonora's Saxophone Quartet.