

## **Wolfert Brederode - pianist/composer**

Wolfert Brederode (1974) started playing classical piano and violin at the age of seven. In his early teenage years on he also discovered pop- and jazz music and started composing his own music.

In 1999 he graduated with honors from the Royal Conservatory in The Hague, where he had been studying with ao Frans Elsen, Albert Brussee and Rob van Kreeveld.

Wolfert has since then developed into one of the most prominent and authentic voices on the Dutch jazz scene. His refined and focused touch, the concern for natural flow, his openness and a relentless search for new horizons are characteristic features of his music.

He debuted with groups such as Nimbus, the Wolfert Brederode Quintet and Trio, Binary Orchid, Duo Lijbaart/Brederode and Batik. Later he founded his lauded international quartet with Claudio Puntin, Mats Eilertsen and Samuel Rohrer. Ensembles of current interest are *Ruins and Remains*, a project with drummer Joost Lijbaart and the Matangi Quartet, the Wolfert Brederode Trio with Gulli Gudmundsson and Jasper van Hulten and duo Lijbaart/Brederode. As a leader he recorded four albums for ECM Records. His latest album is *Ruins and Remains* which has been released in September 2022 on ECM.

As a much in demand sideman Wolfert has been working extensively with ao Susanne Abbuehl, Yuri Honing Acoustic Quartet, Celano/Baggiani/Badenhorst/Brederode and Kika Sprangers's No Man's Land. As a sideman and with his own ensembles he recorded several albums, and toured and performed at festivals throughout Europe, North- and South America, Canada, Asia, Australia and Africa. Four albums on which he collaborated have been awarded with an Edison Award. Wolfert has furthermore worked with artists such as David Liebman, Arve Henriksen, Mark Feldman, Tore Brunborg, Ack van Rooyen, Jeanne Lee, Mathias Eick, Michel Portal and Marilyn Mazur

Apart from performing Wolfert composes regularly for dance, theatre and film productions. and he also works as a producer. Wolfert is a main subject teacher jazz piano & ensemble at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague and Fontys in Tilburg, the Netherlands.