

Christian Wallumrød (1971)

acoustic and electronic keyboards / composer

Christian Wallumrød has worked as a musician and composer since 1992, and he is considered one of the most prominent and influential musicians of his generation in Norway.

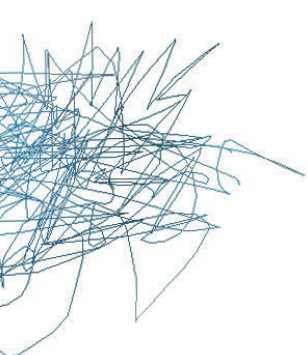
Following his debut on ECM Records ("No Birch", issued in 1996), he has released a string of albums with **Christian Wallumrød Ensemble** (CWE) on the same label, all to considerable critical acclaim. The latest record 'Outstairs' was rewarded with the Norwegian Grammy (Spellemannsprisen 2013). While being the composer and leader of his own ensemble, Wallumrød also focusses strongly on improvisation with another longstanding collaboration, the French/Norwegian group **Dans Les Arbres** (DLA), also with two releases on ECM. CWE and DLA has been his main body of work over the last 10-12 years, and both groups are touring extensively. A quite recent project is **Brutter**, Christian's collaboration with drummer brother Fredrik, a duo dive into human and machine driven pulses. Early 2015 is release time for his first solo album named **Pianokammer** (on the Norwegian label Hubro).

Wallumrød has had long term collaborations with groups and artists such as Sidsel Endresen, Close Erase, Audun Kleive. He regularly gives solo performances and he has participated in a variety of ad hoc constellations with artists such as Susanne Sundfør, Nils Petter Molvær, Ricardo Villalobos & Max Loderbauer, Karl Seglem, Jan Bang, DJ Strangefruit, Oslo Sinfonietta, Kim Myhr.

Over the last few years Wallumrød has been commissioned to write for smaller chamber groups (such as BIT20, Håkon Stene, Barolo, BOA). The Ultima Festival (Oslo) and the AngelicA Festival in Bologna commissioned and put on his orchestra piece 'When celebrities dream of casual sleep (second try)' in 2013. For their 50th anniversary festival in 2014 Kongsberg Jazzfestival commissioned a piece from Wallumrød with Trondheim Jazz Orchestra.

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For more information please see also: www.christianwallumrod.com



Selected discography:

YEAR	ENSEMBLE	TITLE	LABEL
2015	Christian Wallumrød	Pianokammer	HUBRO
2013	Christian Wallumrød Ensemble	Outstairs	ECM Records
2012	Dans Les Arbres	Canopée	ECM Records
2010	Close Erase	R.I.P. (Compl.recordings)	PlasticStripPress
2009	Christian Wallumrød Ensemble	Fabula Suite Lugano	ECM Records
2008	Charles/Grydeland/Wall/Zach	Dans Les Arbres	ECM Records
2007	Christian Wallumrød Ensemble	The Zoo Is Far	ECM Records
2006	Close Erase	Sport Rocks	Jazzaway Records
2005	Christian Wallumrød Ensemble	A Year From Easter	ECM Records
2004	Endresen/Wallumrød/Sten	Merriwinkle	Jazzland/Univers.
2004	Audun Kleive / Generator X	Ohmagoddabl	Jazzland/Univers.
2003	Christian Wallumrød Ensemble	Sofienberg Variations	ECM Records
2001	Close Erase	Dance This	bp
2000	Bang/Honorè/Wall/Henriksen	Birth Wish	Pan M/Bmg
2000	Audun Kleive	Generator X	Jazzland/Univers.
1999	Close Erase	No.2	NorCd
1998	Christian Wallumrød Trio	No Birch	ECM Records
1996	Close Erase		NorCD
1994	Airamero		Odin

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