

Jacob Koller

Pianist

Biography (English)

Jacob Koller was born on March 9th, 1980 in Phoenix, Arizona. At the age of 4 he began studying classical piano. Before entering high school he won over 10 classical piano competitions including the Arizona Yamaha Piano Competition.

In high school he developed a new passion for jazz and improvisation. He began working professionally in the Phoenix area from the age of 14, playing with the finest jazz musicians in the valley including Dennis Roland, Jesse McGuire, Margo Reid, Dwight Killian, Dom Moio, and Fred Forney. He attended Arizona State University on a full jazz scholarship and studied under Chuck Mahronic.

He has also studied privately with world class pianists such as Kenny Werner, Fred Hersch and Uri Caine and has performed all around the globe with the likes of Mark Dresser, Terrence Blanchard, Tony Malaby and Martin Denny.

Jacob moved to Japan in 2009 and since coming to Japan he has recorded 4 CD's for Shinseido's Record Label Omagatoki. He has also worked with many top notch Japanese musicians including Hajime Mizoguchi, Miyuki Hatakeyama, Toku and Julee Karan. He has been featured in magazines including Jazz Japan, Chopin Magazine and Yomiuri Newspaper. Jacob has also done clinics in Japan at Yamaha Music School and his arrangements have been featured in Piano Style Magazine.

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