

# Lev Pupis



Lev Pupis - Saxophone (1977)

In 1998 he graduated from the University of Music in Vienna (class Oto Vrhovnik). From 2000 to 2003 he studied saxophone in Paris where he obtained his degree in J.Y.Fourmeau's class (Premier Prix) he then continued his post-graduate studies with Vincent David. In 2005 he finished his Master's Degree at the University of Music in Vienna and became »Magister Artium« (in Oto Vrhovnik's class) and in 2007 his Master's Degree at the Music Academy in Ljubljana (in Matjaž Drevenšek's class).

As a solo artist he performed with the Symphony Orchestra of University of Music Vienna, Symphony orchestra of the Ljubljana music academy, Slovenian philharmonic orchestra, Slovene national radio symphony orchestra, Orchestra of slovenian composer society, St.George chamber orchestra and Chamber orchestra of the Slovenian philharmonic.

Aside being a solo and chamber music performer, Lev Pupis is also a teacher at the music Conservatory in Ljubljana. In 2018 he became a senior lecturer at the University of music and performing arts in Graz.

Moreover, he held masterclasses at several Music Universities and summer schools around Europe and in the USA.

As a jury member he is regularly invited to international saxophone competitions in Slovenia, Serbia, Poland, Croatia and Italy.

More than 20 pieces by modern authors, including solo concertos, chamber trios and saxophone quartets have been written for Lev and the groups he plays in.

He is a member and co-founder of Ensemble "4SAXESS" and saxophone orchestra SOS. He is the founder of the International Woodwind festival and competition EMONA in Ljubljana and was its artistic leader in 2011 and 2013.

In 2011 he created the cultural society Sekvoja, which runs projects such as saxophone orchestras SOS and SOSjunior, international AS saxophone festival in Bled and summer festival ALPSAXSUMMER in Kranjska gora and has been its artistic leader of the company ever since.

From 2015 till 2018 Lev was an elected board member of the International saxophone comitee.