



Pianist, singer, and composer Jan Luley is one of Europe's most renowned pianists, keeping the spirit of New Orleans alive with his own modern style full of virtuosity, groove, and creative expressiveness.

Whether solo or with a band, his concerts are a lively journey through jazz, blues, gospel, world music, and his own compositions. Sometimes light as a feather and playful, sometimes powerful and funky-but always with soul. Luley calls his style "contemporary New Orleans piano"—a mix of tradition and zeitgeist that breaks genre boundaries and never ceases to surprise. With songs from the cradle of jazz and his own pieces, he develops a language that both delights connoisseurs and appeals to new listeners.

Storytelling meets the joy of playing

What sets Jan apart is his keen sense of atmosphere. His concerts are not only musically captivating, but also narratively compelling: anecdotes, historical insights, personal experiences—he combines music and stories with charm and humor, without ever coming across as didactic.

"He has a virtuoso command of the piano like no other and tells [...] the musical history of New Orleans. He combines blues, European classical music, African and Caribbean rhythms and plays swing and rock'n'roll with equal ease. He also tells stories, sings and develops his own view of the city." (nh24.de)





Foto: Peter Vit, Israel

In his programs, Jan contrasts songs from the birthplace of jazz with his own compositions, combining funky New Orleans groove with Creole rhythms to develop a personal style with high recognition value.

Between feather-light swing, iridescent soundscapes, blues elements, and energetic grooves, he finds his own voice and subtly combines jazz tradition with modernity. Luley's virtuosic, playful arrangements convey the energy and spirit of New Orleans – paired with charming and informative commentary in which he links his music with moods, anecdotes, and background stories. His music remains timeless, paying homage to the rich tradition of the city without ever losing its excitement and creativity.



Jan Luley can be experienced live in these constellations together with outstanding musicians:

Jan Luley Trio – the top trio with Paul G. Ulrich on bass and Tobias Schirmer on drums

Barrelhouse Jazzband – Europe's oldest independent jazz band (since 1953)

Ginea "Adi" Wolf (Bermuda) – vocals (multi-talented singer, songwriter, painter, and actress)

CLEO – vocals (moving young star with a big voice and plenty of New Orleans feeling)

Ryan Carniaux (USA) – trumpet (virtuoso power jazz of the New York school)

Hila Kulik (ISR) – piano (duo concert on two pianos), Two pianists, two cultures – united in a poetic dialogue

Lawrence Sieberth (USA) – piano (duo concert on two pianos), New Orleans meets Europe – The Magic of Big Easy

many more, also artists from New Orleans, on request www.janluley.com/projekte

Love is the source of all arts. Art will exist for as long as there exists an ability to love. (Arvo Pärt) "Dealing with jazz a hundred years ago was not a museum tour, but an exciting examination of the historical models. The instrumental qualities were decisive for the result. Luley masters all styles of playing on the piano, from powerful block chords to filigree runs and crazy tempos." [Badische Neueste Nachrichten]

"... Jan Luley's riffs thundering into the piano with his left paw, the self-contained, architecturally wonderfully constructed solos, all the exuberant wit." (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)

"Evrything in New Orleans is a good idea."

(Bob Dylan)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Jan Luley is one of Europe's most profiled pianists, bringing the deep-rooted musical tradition of New Orleans to the stage with virtuoso skill and fresh creativity. With close ties to the music scene in the birthplace of jazz, which he cultivates through numerous stays and collaborations in New Orleans, Luley reinterprets the music of this city in a unique way, adding numerous compositions of his own. He combines classic jazz, world music, blues, and gospel with contemporary listening and playing habits, creating a distinctive musical language that he himself calls "Contemporary New Orleans Style Piano."

Jan Luley studied jazz with a major in piano in Arnhem, Netherlands, and has played over 2,800 concerts in 18 countries in Europe, as well as in Africa, the USA, and Israel. His piano playing has been released on 21 albums (plus various samplers). In addition to his musical career, Jan Luley works as a photographer and graphic designer, is artistic director and consultant for festivals and concert series, gives workshops at home and abroad, and organizes trips to New Orleans and the Baltic States together with his wife.

Further information, audio samples, videos, concert dates, and CD releases can be found at www.janluley.de.



FINE ART PRINTS



Jan Luley discovered his passion for photography at an early age-he held a camera for the first time at the age of eight, followed by his first SLR at twelve. What began as a fascination developed over the years from a hobby into a second artistic profession.

As a musician with a special connection to New Orleans, he captures the atmosphere of this unique city in his pictures. His motifs range from street and architectural photography to impressive portraits of musicians and lively concert moments.

All photos are available in high-quality black and white on canvas (formats from 60x40 cm to 120x80 cm) and, on request, on other materials such as aluminum Dibond or acrylic.

MY NEW ORLEANS

Jan Luley shows New Orleans in impressive black-andwhite images full of atmosphere and authenticity. His motifs range from lively street photography and charismatic musician portraits to iconic architecture and hidden corners of the city. Since his first trip in 1996, Luley has been closely connected to the "Crescent City."

Since 2006, he has regularly accompanied tour groups through the clubs, bars, and historic neighborhoods of New Orleans, as well as to the fascinating surrounding area with its swamps and old plantations. From his evergrowing photo archive, he presents personal highlights, memories, and above all, his very own view of the city in his fine art prints.

www.luleyfoto.de











CREDENTIALS

ARTISTS with whom Jan Luley had the pleasure of sharing the stage

Angela Brown (USA/D) • Axel Zwingenberger (D) • Big Al Carson (USA) • Big Jay McNeely (USA) • Bill Ramsey (USA/D) • Bob Seeley (USA) • Brenda Boykin (USA/D) • Carrie Smith (USA) • Charlie Fardella (USA) • Chris Hopkins (D) • Chuck Wilson (USA) • Cleo (D) • Clifford Solomon (USA) • Craig Klein (USA) • Dan Barrett (USA) • Dan Levinson (USA) • Davell Crawford (USA) • David Frenkel (BY) • Eddie Erickson (USA) • Eden Brent (USA) • Evan Christopher (USA) • Franz Jackson (USA) • Gene "Mighty Flea" Conners (USA) • Ginea "Adi" Wolf (Bermuda) • Harriet Lewis (USA) • Heinz Sauer (D) • Herb Hardesty (USA) • Hila Kulik (ISR) • Ilja Richter (D) • Janice Harrington (USA) • Joan Faulkner (USA/D) • Joe Fonda (USA) • Joe Krown (USA) • Joe Wulf (D) • John Allred (USA) • John Boutté (USA) • John Defferary (UK) • Judy Carmichael (USA) • Lady Linda Lacen (USA) • Lawrence Sieberth (USA) • Leroy Jones (USA) • Lillian Boutté (USA) • Little Willie Littlefield (USA/NL) • Louisiana Red (USA/D) • Louis Ford (USA) • Love Newkirk (USA/D) • Lucien Barbarin (USA) • Matt Perrine (USA) • Mike Whellans (UK) • Miles Griffith (USA) • Monique Thomas (USA/F) • Ole "Fessor" Lindgren (DK) • Olivier Franc (F) • Paul G. Ulrich (D) • Randy Reinhardt (USA) • Randy Sandke (USA) • Red Holloway (USA) • Reimer von Essen (D) • Rick Trolsen (USA) • Ricky Nye (USA) • Rod Mason (UK/D) • Roderick Paulin (USA) • Samantha Wright (UK) • Tanya Boutté (USA) • Thimo Niesterok • Thomas l'Etienne (D/USA) • Torsten Zwingenberger (D) • Trevor Richards (UK/USA/D) • Tyree Glenn jr. (USA/D) • Vince Weber (D) • Wendell Brunious (USA) • Winard Harper (USA) • Wycliffe Gordon (USA)

and many more that should actually be listed here too...

thank you all for your music and inspiration



COUNTRIES

Germany • Netherlands • France • Spain • Italy • USA • Tunesia • Luxembourg • Belgium • Schwitzerland • Austria • Finland • Denmark • Estonia • Czech Republik • Croatia • Hungary • Ireland • Poland • Russia • Morocco • Israel

FESTIVALS

JazzAscona/CH • New Orleans Jazz Festival Tel Aviv/ISR • Jazzfestival Enkhuizen/NL • Taragona Jazzfestival/E • Festival Vache de Blues/F • Dixieland Festival Dresden/D • Jazzrally Düsseldorf/D • Bluesfestival Breslau/PL • Jazzfestival Gronau/D • Lenker Jazztage, Lenk/CH • Jazzfestival Illawa/PL • New Orleans Festival Wendelstein/D • Jazzfestival Femo/DK • Blues Festival Rijeka/CRO • Jazzfestival Luxemburg/LUX • Jazzfestival Cork/IRE • Jazzfestival On Sea [Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea] • Budapest Jazz Festival/H • Aarhus Jazz Festival/DK • Wetzlarer Festspiele • Boogie Festival Cambrai/F • Rheingau Musikfestival/D • Münchener Pianistenfestival/D • Int. Zingster Klaviertage/D • Klaviertage Bad Wildungen/D ... • Boogie Woogie Festival, La Neuveville/CH ...

LOCATIONS

Alte Oper Frankfurt/D • Salle de Triangle, Huningue/F • Philharmonie Köln/D • Congress Center Hamburg/D • Philharmonie München/D • Schiller Theater Berlin/D • Storyville Jazzclub, Helsinki/FIN • Centre Congres á Metz/F • Jazzland, Vienna/A • Commerzbank Arena Frankfurt/D • Tonhalle, Düsseldorf/D • KKL Concert Hall, Luzern/CH • Steigenberger Hotel, Duisburg/D • Audiforum, Ingolstadt/D • Schloßkirche Bad Homburg/D • Coselpalais Dresden/D • Schloß Elmau/D • Pädaste Manor/EST, Estonian National Piano Museum, Holdre/EST ...

and many more

DISCOGRAPHY

- Louisiana Café, Jan Luley Trio feat. Gene "Mighty Flea" Conners, LMR00607, 1997
- Rosetta, HOT SWING COMPANY feat. Jan Luley, 1998
- I Feel The Spirit, Jan Harrington & friends, Nagel-Heyer Rec., 1998
- 100 Years Louis Armstrong, Barrelhouse JB, PSAM 0001, 2000
- New Orleans Joys, Barrelhouse Jazzband, FMS 2091, 2001
- 50 BARRELHOUSE NOW! Barrelhouse Jazzband, FMS 2094, 2003
- Talking Solo, Jan Luley, Guthoff Music 30083, 2003
- Wings Of Blues, Angela Brown & Jan Luley, LMR00104, 2004
- New Harlem Shout, Barrelhouse Jazzband, FMS2095, 2004
- Barrelhouse Jazzband Live 10. Dixieland Jubilee, CACD8258, 2006
- La Lune Sur La Rue Bourbon [Maxi-CD], J. Luley feat. Reimer von Essen, LMR00406, 2006
- Portrait, Barrelhouse Jazzband, LMR00707, 2007
- God Has Smiled On Me, J. Luley/Angela Brown/Barrelhouse Jazzband, LMR00808, 2008
- Jazz Meets Klassik, David Frenkel & Jan Luley, LMR01008, 2008
- Piano Tales, Ian Luley Solo + Trio, LMR01310, 2010
- Blues Gumbo, Jan Luley, LMR01513, 2013
- Boonoonoous, Jan Luley & Thomas l'Etienne, LMR01613, 2014
- Air Force One, Jan Luley & Torsten Zwingenberger, LMR01715, 2015
- See Ya Later, Jan Luley Trio feat. Brenda Boykin, LMR01816, 2016
- Let Them Talk, Cleo & Jan Luley Trio feat. Rick Trolsen und Joe Wulf, LMR02017, 2017
- I Get Ideas, Jan Luley, LMR02121, 2021

VIDEO

Please follow this link to Jan's Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/janluley

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