

HOLGER MARJAMAA

YAMAHA Piano Artist

"I could listen to Holger all day everyday" - David Foster
(after Holger's performance with Chris Botti at the Blue Note New York, 2022)

Holger Marjamaa was born (September 27, 1992) in Tallinn, Estonia and raised in a musical family. At a very young age, he started to imitate and sing classical jazz compositions which his older brother or mother were practicing, soon enough he was playing these piano pieces on the piano by ear, of course with an improvisational extra.

With a busy schedule, Marjamaa was mainly touring with a Grammy Award Winning trumpeter Chris Botti (2019-2023). Marjamaa's solo career has taken off in a fast tempo and he gives many solo concerts all over the world, also he tours regularly with his European trio (Jussi Lehtonen (dr) Heikko Remmel (b) and with his American Trio (Lee Pearson II (dr) Alex Claffy (b))

He has performed and appeared on records with Lee Ritenour, Chris Botti, Robben Ford, Robert "Sput" Searight, Lizz Wright, David Kikoski, Lonnie Liston Smith, John Riley, Hadrien Feraud, Chad Lefkowitz - Brown, Benny Benack III, Chico Pinheiro, Steve Wilson, Jukkis Uotila, Paul Bollenback, Ben Wolfe, Mark Gross, Estonian National Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and many more. Holger holds many awards in both jazz and classical piano performance, including: Grand Prix at the XXIV International Jazz Piano Competition (Vilnius, Lithuania; 2013); second prize at the II International Tallinn Piano Competition (Tallinn, Estonia; 2011). Marjamaa was also a semi-finalist in the 2018 Thelonious Monk Jazz Piano Competition (since 2019 re-named Herbie Hancock Jazz Piano Competition). the Young Estonian Jazz Talent Award (Tallinn, Estonia; 2013) and a Jazz Musician of the Year Award (Estonia, Tallinn, 2021). He has performed across the United States, Europe and Asia, venues and festivals as Seoul Jazz Festival (2023), Blue Note Jazz Cruise (2023), Blue Note Jazz Festival in Napa Valley (2022), Monterey Jazz Festival, Dallas Symphony, Atlanta Symphony Hall, Sony Hall, Lincoln Center (Dizzy's Club), Mezzrow Jazz Club, Smalls Jazz Club, Blue Note Tokyo, Blue Note New York (2019-2023), Smoke Jazz Club, Blue Note Beijing, BlueNote Jazz Cruise, Blue Note Shanghai, Blue Note Hawaii etc.

Marjamaa have had many opportunities to perform for the President of Estonia, Mr Toomas Hendrik Ilves (New York, 2015), in 2020 Decemeber for the President Alar Karis, who went to listen Holger with Chris Botti at the Blue Note Jazz Club in New York and in March 26, 2024 Holger gave a birthday surprise performance for the President of Estonia, Mr Alar Karis.

Marjamaa has two solo albums and has appeared on more than 30 albums as a guest or as a sideman. Holger is a Yamaha Pianos artist and signed with La Reserve Records. Marjamaa lives in New York City since 2015 and is one of the highest in-demand pianists in United States, Europe and Asia.