

TIM WELVAARS (1951, Amsterdam/Holland)

Tim started his music career as a piano-entertainer in Amsterdam, Nice (France) and Tel Aviv (Israel). In 1986 he graduated as a saxophonist at the Hilversum Jazz Conservatory (Holland).

Trough one of his teachers, the famous arranger Jerry van Rooyen, Tim had the honor of meeting Toots Thielemans (1988), who from that moment on became his musical Guru and main source of inspiration.

Tim won many music-awards all over the world, a.o. The Henny Huisman Soundmix-TVshow (1996) and the World championship of Performing Arts (Hollywood/California) in 2003, as a Jazz harmonica-player as well as a composer.



Tim has been featured on 24 CD's as a soloist and was a guest-star on many CD-recordings worldwide: New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Rio de Janeiro, Tel Aviv, Nice, Amsterdam etc. Playing/recording with a.o. Toots Thielemans, Venice Ray Brown, Kenny Burrell, Lee Ritenauer, Ricky Lawson, Roy Hargrove, Earl Palmer, The London Symphonic Orchestra, the Dutch Metropole Orchestra, Bert v.d.Brink, Hein v.d. Geijn, Jan Akkerman and many others.

One of the highlights in Tim's career was the performance at the event of Toots' 75th birthday in Brussels/Belgium (1997), where Tim played "The Point of no return" specially composed for this occasion.

His most recent CD is called Intimacy, containing 12 intimate songs of which 6 originals, featuring Bert van den Brink (pi) Josee Koning (voc) and Hein v.d. Geijn (base).The liner notes were written by maestro Toots Thielemans.

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