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Jo Junghanss - Piano

The intuitive and eclectic style of pianist and composer Jo Junghanss fuses traditional and modern Jazz language with approaches of Classical Music. Jo performs as solo pianist, bandleader and sideman and has collaborated with jazz legends like Dave Liebman, John Riley or John Patitucci. He premiered original compositions and arrangements on stages like Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center or Kennedy Center Washington D.C. Among awards the Fulbright grantee has won are the first prize at international jazz-festival 'Generations'.

His multi-faceted approach to jazz piano got shaped by many pianists he personally worked with, such as Kenny Barron, Richie Beirach, Jason Moran or Jim McNeely. Jo earned his professional degrees at the heart of the jazz scene in New York City, winning full scholarship to Manhattan School of Music, where he later joined the faculty.

Jo currently also leads the jazz department at Conservatorium van Amsterdam, Europe's largest professional jazz program with a mission to shape the future generation of jazz artists worldwide. With a passion for social activism and a strong belief in the transformative power of music, he also launched a social entrepreneurship project „Music Works,“ in Ghana, Western Africa, which provided music education to students age 10-18 in a rural community school.