

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2015 - 2017: The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Masters degree in Composition.

2014 - 2015: The Norwegian Academy of Music, One-year diploma in Composition.

2012 - 2014: The Norwegian Academy of Music, Masters degree in Performing Harp.

2012: The Manhattan School of Music, Exchange student, Masters degree in Performing Harp.

2008 - 2012: The Norwegian Academy of Music, Bachelor degree in performing Harp.

Career development

2023 - 2024 - ArtEx, Talent Norge (NO). Interdisciplinary talent program for the best young Nordic performers.

2021 - 2023 - Care, Coaching & Career Development Program, The Dutch Harp Festival (NL).

Substituting harpist in professional orchestras

2024 - Present – Oslo Sinfonietta, Principal Harp.

2021 - Present – The Norwegian Chamber Orchestra, Principal Harp.

2021 - Present – The Norwegian Wind Ensemble, Principal Harp.

2017 - Present – The Staff Band of the Norwegian Armed Forces, Principal Harp.

2017 - Present – The Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, Principal Harp and Second Harp.

2015 - Present – Kristiansand Symphony Orchestra, Principal Harp and Second Harp.

2015 - Present – The Royal Norwegian Navy Band, Principal Harp.

2015 - Present – The Trondheim Symphony Orchestra & Opera, Principal Harp and Second Harp.

2014 - Present – The Arctic Philharmonic Orchestra, Principal Harp.

2012 - Present – The Norwegian National Opera & Ballet, Principal Harp and Second Harp.

2011 - Present – The Norwegian Radio Orchestra, Principal Harp and Second Harp.

Highlights as a Soloist and Projects

2023, Dec. - Soloist (Albéniz) with Oslo Chamber Orchestra, Sagene church (NO).

2023, Aug. - World premiere of *Forbidden Love*, The Helsinki Harp Festival, Musiikkitalo (FI).

2023, May. - Solo recital and chamber music concerts, The Harp Festival, Gothenburg Concert Hall (SE).

2023, May - Soloist (Grieg and Vesje) with The Norwegian Wind Ensemble, Brygga kultursal (NO).

2022, Dec. - Trio concert with Mette Henriette, Musée d'Orsay, Paris (FR).

2022, Okt. - World premiere of *Evviva!* in Øysteinsalen, Trondheim (NO).

2022, July - *Our Planet, Our Future*, World Harp Congress, Richard Burton Theater, Cardiff (UK).

2022, June - Solo recital at the World Harp Congress, Dora Stoutzker Hall, Cardiff (UK).

2022, May - Solo recital at Het Concertgebouw, Amsterdam (NL).

2022, May - Solo recital at the Dutch Harp Festival, TivoliVredenburg (NL).

2022, Jan. - *Our Planet, Our Future*, Pratté Int. Harp Festival, Louis de Geer Concert Hall, Norrköping (SE).

2021, May - Solo recital at the Dutch Harp Festival, streamed from Sentralen (NO).

2020, Feb. - World premiere of *Our Planet, Our Future*, Helsinki Harp Festival, Musiikkitalo (FI).

2019, Oct. - Soloist (Vesje) with Trondheim Symphony & Opera, Olavshallen (NO).

2019, Jan. - Soloist (Ravel) with Arctic Philharmonic Sinfonietta, Narvik Concert Hall (NO).

2019, Jan. - Soloist (Vesje) with Tønsberg musikkorps av 1919, Oseberg Culture Hall (NO).

2018, Sept. - Soloist (Vesje) with the Bergen Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, UNM-festival, Grieghallen (NO).

2018, May - Recital at the Dutch Harp Festival, TivoliVredenburg (NL).

2017, June - Recital at the World Harp Congress, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Amphitheatre (HK).
2017, May - Soloist, world premiere *Bragi's Harp* (Vesje) with Trondheim Symphony Orchestra & Opera (NO).
2017, Jan. - Soloist (Mozart) with Vestfold Symphony Orchestra, Hjertnes kulturhus (NO).
2016, Mar. - Recital at Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, New York City (USA).
2016, Jan. - Soloist with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, touring the west coast (NO).
2013, May. - Recital at The International Grieg Festival, National Gallery of fine art, Oslo (NO).
2012, Dec. - Recital at Charles Myer Performance Space, New York City (USA).
2012, Okt. - Recital at The Mikowsky Recital Hall, New York City (USA).
2012, May – Soloist (Mozart) with The Green Orchestra, Oslo (NO).

Discography

2023 - Video production, *736 Million Women*, ConcertLab (Nederland).
2022 - *The World Harp Day*, Indesens Records (Paris).
2019 - *Håper er ei stjerne*, Kirkelig kulturverksted.
2017 - *OSLO(VE)*, Harp concertos and Chamber music by Vesje, Audio Records AS
2014 - *Poems From a City*, debut solo album, Sweet Sound Records AS
2014 - *The Exquisite Hour*, EP. EP 5.1 surround, NISS.

Prizes

2021 - 1. prize, The World Harp Competition.
2020 - Silver Medal at the 5th Manhattan International Music Competition.
2020 - 3. prize, Harp Column New Music Contest (International).
2018 - 1. prize, the USA International Harp Competition Composition Contest
2013 - Gold prize, best 5.1-surround recording, Audio Engineering Society Recording Competition, Berlin.
2013 - 3. prize, The International Grieg Composition Competition.
2012 – Semi finalist in The International Harp Competition Composition Contest, USA.
2010 - Arve Tellefsens young talent prize for performers.

Scholarships

2024 - Arts and Culture Norway, Other music initiatives (Tveitt, Harp Concerto No. 2).
2023 - The Norwegian Government Work Grant for Artists (2 years, harpist).
2023 - Arts and Culture Norway (commission, *Forbidden love*).
2023 - Scholarship for art and culture, Oslo municipality (commission, *Forbidden love*).
2023 - Norwegian Society of Composers, editing for publishing grant (*Bragi's Harp*).
2022 - The Audio and Visual Fund (FFLB), (commission, *Evviva!*).
2022 - The Norwegian Composers' fund, (commission, *Evviva!*).
2022 - The Composers' Remuneration Fund, working grant.
2022 - Norwegian Society of Composers, world premiere grant.
2022 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), travel grant.
2022 - TONO-stipend (commission, *Forbidden love*).
2022 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), soloist grant.
2022 - Norwegian Society of Composers, world premiere grant.
2021 - Oslo Municipality's artist scholarship
2021 - TONO-stipend (composition grant).
2021 - The Norwegian Government Work Grant for Artists (1 year, harpist).
2021 - Norwegian Society of Composers, concert grant.
2020 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), *Our Planet, Our future* project.
2020 - Arts Council Norway (kulturrådet), (commission, *Dandelion*).
2020 - Furestiftelsen (composition grant).
2020 - Norwegian Society of Composers, editing for publishing grant.

2019 - American Harp Society, (commission, *Nocturne*).
2019 - The Norwegian Composer Fund (commission, *Our planet, our future*).
2019 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), project grant.
2019 - Norwegian Society of Composers, concert grant.
2019 - Norwegian Society of Composers, world premiere grant.
2019 - NOPA working grant.
2019 - TONO-stipend (composition grant).
2019 - The Norwegian Composer Fund (commission, *symPHONEy*).
2018 - Establishment grants, Oslo municipality.
2018 - Norsk Tonekunstnersamfund, "Young Musician Scholarship".
2018 - Norwegian Society of Composers, world premiere grant.
2018 - TONO-stipend (composition grant).
2017 - The Composers' Remuneration Fund.
2017 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), travel grant.
2017 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), phonogram recording.
2017 - Arts Council Norway (kulturrådet), Artist grant.
2018 - TONO-stipend (composition grant).
2017 - Arts Council Norway (kulturrådet), phonogram recording.
2017 - NOPA, travel grant.
2017 - Meltzers scholarship.
2016 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), debut concert at Carnegie Hall.
2016 - Klæstads Scholarship.
2016 - Skipsreder Tom Wilhelmsens Stiftelse.
2015 - MFO's vederlagsfond.
2015 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), phonogram recording.
2015 - Skipsreder Tom Wilhelmsens Stiftelse.
2014 - Arts Council Norway (kulturrådet), Artist grant.
2014 - Vestfold Fylkeskommunes culture grant.
2014 - Fegerstens stiftelse for norske komponister og utøvende musikere.
2013 - Johnny Ellings scholarship.
2013 - The Fund for Performing Artists (FFUK), phonogram recording.
2012 - Sammenslåingsstiftelsen støtte for yngre, lovende musikere.
2012 - Fegerstens stiftelse for norske komponister og utøvende musikere.
2011 - Tono, Young talents 2011.
2011 - Ingar Dobloug stiftelse.

Jury member

2024 - Jury member at VDH Harp Competition, Germany.
2019 - Jury member at Spellemannprisen (the Norwegian Grammy Award), TONOs Komponistpris, Norway.

Other

2021 - 2023 - Board member and communications officer at the Norwegian Harp Association.
2017 - Present - The Norwegian correspondent for the World Harp Congress Review.

Teachers

Isabelle Perrin (harp)
Deborah Hoffman (harp)
Willy Postma (harp)
Tobias Southcott (harp)
Ståle Kleiberg (composition)
Kjell Habbestad (composition)
Dr. Mark Stambaugh (composition)

Bjørn Kruse (composition)

Henrik Hellstenius (composition)