

# FRANK VAGANÉE

## ALTO- AND SOPRANO SAXOPHONIST, FLUTIST, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR BJO

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Frank Vaganée had a classical musical training at the Municipal Conservatory in Mechelen and the Royal Conservatory in Antwerp (1974-1985).

He took improvisation lessons from the American jazz saxophonist John Ruocco at the Antwerp Jazz Studio (1983-1986) and studied composition and arranging techniques at the Hochschule für Musik und Tanz in Cologne (1993-1995) with another American, Bob Brookmeyer, and in 1998 he went to New York to study.

Frank has led his own bands and composed for both large and small orchestral forces since 1983. He was a freelancer at the BRT (Belgian Radio and Television) Jazz Orchestra and BRT Big Band from 1986-1991.

Frank is a co-founder and artistic director of the Brussels Jazz Orchestra, and plays as a freelancer in many other groups.

In 1991 Frank was named best jazz talent by the Belgian Jazz Press.

In 1993 he won the CERA Bank's "Youth and Music" Award.

In 1994 he and the BJO won the "Prix Nicolas Dor".

In 2001 Frank won the "Django d'Or" award.

In 2006 Frank and the BJO won the "Flemish Culture Award".

In 2011 he won the "Jazzmozaïk [magazine] Award".

In 2012 he and the BJO won an Oscar for "Best Original Film Score" for their work on the music for the film "The Artist".

In 2013, the Brussels Jazz Orchestra's "Wild Beauty" was nominated for a Grammy Award in both the "Best Album" and "Best Arrangement" categories.



Frank was artist-in-residence for two years (2011-2013) in his city of residence, Mechelen.

Since 1993, Frank has taught jazz saxophone, ensemble playing, big band and arrangement in Leuven at the Lemmens campus of the LUCA School of Arts. He has given many workshops and master classes. Frank is also an artist/endorser for Yanagisawa saxophones and for Vandoren mouthpieces and reeds.

Discography (most relevant titles):

- 2015: "The Music of Enrico Pieranunzi. Brussels Jazz Orchestra, Bert Joris, Enrico Pieranunzi. WERF records
- 2014: Here comes tomorrow. Steven Delannoye New York Trio ft. Frank Vaganée WERF records
- 2013: Big Company. Florian Ross Big Band
- 2013: Serendipity. Frank Vaganée – Beniti Cornelis
- 2013: Wild Beauty. Brussels Jazz Orchestra ft Joe Lovano. HalfNote Records
- 2013: BJO's Finest. Brussels Jazz Orchestra. Saphrane Records NL
- 2012: Happy Notes! Del Ferro – Vaganée Group WERF records
- 2012: Steven Delannoye New York Trio ft Frank Vaganée Jazz Inside records
- 2012: A Different Porgy, another Bess Brussels Jazz Orchestra - Naive records
- 2011: Guided Dream Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Dave Liebman - Prova records
- 2011: Het einde van de wereld Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Michael De Cock - Davidsfonds
- 2011: Institute of Higher Learning Brussels Jazz Orchestra ft Kenny Werner - HalfNote Records
- 2010: Marie's Momentum The New Chris Joris Experience - WERF records
- 2010: Vliegen tot de Hemel Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Michael De Cock – Davidsfonds

- 2010: Signs & Signatures Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Bert Joris - WERF records
- 2010: Mama Africa Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Tutu Puoane
- 2009: Creating Chances Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Brussels Philharmonic
- 2008: Jazzolympics Brussels Jazz Orchestra/David Linx (compilatie cd)
- 2008: Ten years ago Brussels Jazz Orchestra/ Richard Galliano
- 2008: The music of Michel Herr Brussels Jazz Orchestra
- 2007: Yellow Sounds and other colours Saxkartel & Tutu Puoane
- 2007: Changing Faces Brussels Jazz Orchestra/ David Linx
- 2007: Eight Ball & White Horse Florian Ross Octet
- 2006: Dangerous Liaison Brussels Jazz Orchestra/Filharmonie
- 2006: Countermove Brussels Jazz orchestra
- 2005: Meeting Colours Brussels Jazz Orchestra
- 2003: Naked in the Cosmos Brussels Jazz Orchestra en K.Werner
- 2002: Nathalie Lories Trio + Extensions 'Tumbuctu'
- 2002: The Music of Bert Joris Brussels Jazz Orchestra
- 1999: The September Sessions Brussels Jazz Orchestra
- 1999: Frank Vaganée Trio feat. J.Ruocco 'Two Trios'
- 1997: Brussels Jazz Orchestra Live
- 1996: A Live Act / Act Big Band
- 1996: Live! Del Ferro/Vaganée Group
- 1993: Introducing the Del Ferro/Vaganée Group
- 1991: Songs for Mbizo Chris Joris
- 1991: Picture a View Frank Vaganée Quintet