

Ritsche Koch, trumpet

plays in many different genres and styles. The physicalness of music is most important to his work. This led to numerous projects fusing music with other forms of art (dance, fine arts, speech) but also resulted in performances on big stages in the pop- and classical sector.

1979 born in Tulln, Austria

1995 - 1998 studies at the Conservatory of Music and University of Music Vienna with Franz Hautzinger

1997 founds the Duo *Space Madness* with double bass player Christian Weber from Zurich

1998 - 2000 studies at University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart, Germany

1998 founds the Duo *Oral Office* with speech and voice artist Christian Reiner, since then intensive research on fusing speech and music, collaboration with writer Wolf Wondratschek

2000 - 2003 studies at the University of the Arts Berlin

2001 founds the project *Ritsche & Zast* with painter Thomas Bratzke, since 2007 *Ritsche, Zast & Marien* with drummer Christian Marien, intensive research on fusing drawing and music, production of short films, several exhibitions and numerous performances in Europe and Japan

2002 becomes member of the band *Olaf Ton*, several tours, various projects between Jazz and New Music with musicians like Frank Gratkowski and Clayton Thomas

2003 begins to work with dancers on pieces and performances, like Julyen Hamilton, Kadir „Amigo“ Memis and Hans-Werner Klohe
first solo performances in and around Berlin

2004 founds the artist group *TTT*, working on experimental childrens' theater, guest performances all over Europe

2005 co-initiates the *Tagtool*, a tool to draw and animate with light in realtime, performances in between music and new media all over Europe

2006 - 2010 numerous performances on big stages in the pop sector with *Miss Platnum*, *Peter Fox* and *The Notwist*

2010 stage role in Beethoven's *Fidelio* at the Komische Oper Berlin
becomes member of the *Berlin Art Orchestra*

2011 becomes member of the *Andromeda Mega Express Orchestra*, numerous performances in Europe and South America

two-times grant of SKE-Fonds / Austro Mechana, winner of the Berlin Jazz & Blues – Award

Ritsche Koch currently lives in Berlin

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