VITALY VATULYA saxophone

Vitaly Vatulya is one of the most outstanding young saxophonist of Russia. He was born in Moscow in 1987. Vitaly started his music education at the age of 7, and at the age of 13 he won a national contest called 'Young Virtuoso' in Simferopol, Ukraine. Later Vitaly Vatulya won various awards at 'Young saxophonist' European Contest (Gap, France), 'Classical Heritage' International Competition (Moscow, Russia), and the International Competition for Wind Instruments (Togliatti, Russia).

In 2003-2005 Vitaly Vatulya was training at the European University of Saxophone in Gap. In 2005 Vitaly won the Grand Prix at the International Competition 'Art of the 21st Century' in Kiev (Ukraine). After graduating the College of Music at A.Schnittke Moscow State Institute of Music (the class of Professor Yury Vorontsov) and Gnessin Russian Academy of Music (the class of Professor Margarita Shaposhnikova) Vitaly got a postgraduate diploma at the Gnessin's Academy of Music. In 2015 Vitaly moves to Amsterdam where he successfully graduated from Conservatorium van Amsterdam in 2017 (The class of the Arno Bornkamp).

In 2010 Vitaly Vatulya won the 'River of Talents' Music Competition, organized by the St. Petersburg House of Music, and 'SaxArte' International Festival (Cetara, Italy). In 2011 he graduated from the Gnessin Russian Academy of Music, won a prize at the Moscow International Saxophone Competition called 'The Voice of Saxophone in the Modern World' and got a gold medal at 'Delphic Play', the 10th All-Russian Contest in Russia.

 In 2015 Vitaly Vatulya has won the First prize at the international saxophone competition 'Marco Fiorindo' in Italy. Additionally he won the First prize in the chamber music category, together with pianist Maria Nemtsova, with whom he has formed VitaDuo. In 2016 Vitaly became a Prize-winner of the 8th International Saxophone Competition in Nova Gorica (Slovenia).

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Vitaly Vatulya performs as a soloist and an ensemble player, gives concerts in Russia and abroad. He is a member of the Ebonit Saxophone Quartet and performs with the leading Russian and European orchestras, including the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra, Russian State Symphony Orchestra, St. Petersburg State Capella Symphony Orchestra, Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra, Kosovo Philharmonic and others. Vitaly is a regular performer at the St. Petersburg House of Music.

In 2005 Vitaly also started an active teaching career. His students regularly become winners of international competitions and festivals. He gave master-classes in more than twenty countries all over the world, including Zagreb Music Academy, Yerevan State Conservatoire, Academy of Music of the University of Ljubljana, Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, Academia de Musica de Lagos in Portugal and other places. In 2018 Vitaly was invited to give master-classes at the 19th Habanera Academy of Saxophone and to participate at the 19th "Saxophone in movement" Festival in Poitiers, France. Vitaly's performances can often be heard on the Russian and European radio and TV.

Since 2007 the saxophonist released three CDs, where he performed the works by Hindemith, Debussy, Franck, Mendelssohn, Borne etc.. Vitaly Vatulya regularly takes part in various festivals in France, Sweden, Austria, Poland, Israel, Singapore, Netherlands and others.

Vitaly is also one of the authors and initiators of the 'Music for Peace' international charitable project www.music-peace.com and Festival of the topical classical music 'Re:Formers' www.reformersfest.com

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