



As a versatile stage performer, Sascha Ley occupies a solid place in the Luxembourg art and cultural scene for years. The five-language actress, singer, composer and poet likes to follow unconventional paths – musically particularly oriented towards Jazz, Free Improvisation, imaginary folklore and contemporary music.

Parallel to music and drama she has devoted herself in recent years increasingly to writing and interdisciplinary performance.

Since the beginning of 2000 she has produced several shows and albums under her label and Food for Thought Office yela music / yela muse.

She has been honored several times with awards and the status of Knight of the Order of Merit of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for her artistic output.

Sascha is based in Luxembourg and works and tours internationally.

"Sascha Ley moves between improvisation, as well as regular singing, chanting or pure sound accompanying intonations, being an artist of a rare profile. She works in the fields of music, theater, film and dance, and all on an exceptional level." Jazzzeitung (D)

"Sascha Ley carries a whole universe of voices. Galaxies full of music." Jazz Podium (D)

"Sascha Ley. ... does raise the vocal bar some artists have been limboing under for years. (...) a new way of looking at vocal jazz." Critical Jazz (USA)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sascha Ley & Laurent Payfert (voice & acoustic bass)

Sascha Ley Solo Inventions (voice & more)

Le Bal (with United Instruments of Lucilin)

Ma Barque Vagabonde (with Véronique Nosbaum and the Random Trio)

DISCOGRAPHY

It's Alright To Be Everywhere Sascha Ley & Laurent Payfert (2019)
The Wee Hours Sascha Ley & Laurent Payfert (2015)
Everything Within Kalima (2013)
Kalima, Kalima (2010)
Travelling Light Sascha Ley (2007)
mutant standards Garlicks feat. Sascha Ley (2001)
heute abend : Lola Blau – live (1999)

CD/GUEST SINGER

Stëbslong, De Lëb (2011)
D'Kees op an Klakken eraus, Tribute to Thierry van Werveke (2011)
Jazzperiments Claude Pauly (2002)
Light Years Lingo (2000)
taboola rasa & Thierry van Werveke (1999)
Dei Schnëss – chansons Putty Stein, Guy Schons (1993)

THEATRE – PERFORMANCE MUSIC

Der Gesang der Schneekönigin | Sascha Ley, visuals Mathieu Lebrun 2016/17
Mi Frida | Sascha Ley | Dance Theatre 2014 – 2018/19
Jungala | Lella Iacopini | music: Rajivan Ayyappan & Sascha Ley | Dance theatre 2013

FILM MUSIC

Time For New Heroes | Christian Neumann, short film
Music: Claude Lenners | vocals: Sascha Ley 2008
If Not Why Not | Akram Khan Dance film by Daniel Wiroth | prod: ARTE/Samsa
Music: Serge Tonnar | vocals & contribution: Sascha Ley 2002
Pour le Meilleur et pour le Pire | Rod Prosser | documentary
Music: Sascha Ley, André Dziezuk 2002
Light Years multi-media performance | Armand Strainchamps
Music: Lingo; fairy choir (Dziezuk, Ley, Mergen) 2000
Portraits d'Artistes: Pina Delvaux | Luis Galvao-Teles, Samsa
Music: Jeannot Sanavia | vocals: Sascha Ley 1997
Steichen | Claude Waringo, Samsa
Music: Jeannot Sanavia, vocals: Sascha Ley
Sentimental Journey | Geneviève Mersch, Samsa
Music: Jeannot Sanavia, vocals: Sascha Ley

TRAINING

Stephan Federkeil | Saarbrücken (D)
Reinette van Zijtveld | DJAM School for Jazz, Amsterdam (NL)
Kenny Seymour | Conservatoire de la Ville de Luxembourg (L)
Dhanashree Pandit-Rai | classical Hindustani vocals |
Mumbai (Jazz India Vocal Institute – scholarship 2003)

WORKSHOPS & MASTERCLASSES Gabriele Hasler | Shelley Hirsch | Meredith Monk / Ellen Fisher | Frank Köllges | Sainkho Namtchylak and Biosintes

TEACHING WORKSHOPS extended techniques and free improvised singing a.o.

Vocal Landscapes INECC (L) 2018

The Adventure of Free Singing London (UK) 2017 & INECC (L) 2017 | Hessische Frauenmusikwoche (D) 2011 | INECC/Rockhal (L) 2009/10

EARLIER PROJECTS

Kalima | Sascha vocals - Laia Genc piano - Anne Kaftan soprano sax, bass clarinet

Sascha Ley & her Band | Sascha Ley (voc) - George Letellier (p) - Marc Demuth (b) - Benoît Martiny (dr) - Johannes Müller (ts, ss, cl)/ Joachim Badenhorst

Sascha & Nataša | vocals & other + accordion

Femme Totale | Sascha Ley (voc) - George Letellier (p & g) - Eugène Bozzetti (acc, cl, as, ts, dr) - Jeannot Sanavia/ Laurent Payfert (b)

Le bal nomade contemporain | Ensemble of contemporary music 'United Instruments of Lucilin' | Crossover of contemporary music, folklore and theatre songs

Drumming | Steve Reich 'United Instruments of Lucilin'

Das mit den Männern und den Frau'n | Cabaret & jazz songs Eugène Bozzetti (acc, cl, as, ts, dr) - George Letellier (p)

Jazz meets India | with Music of Benares - Deobrat Mishra (sitar) - Chakkan Lal Mishra (tabla) - Claude Pauly (g) - Roby Glod (ss, as) - Al Lenners (dr) - Marc Demuth (b)

Ley & Lamy Collective | with Greg Lamy (g) - Marc Mangen (p) - Stefan Engelmann (b) - Oliver Strauch (dr)

Lost in the Stars - Kurt Weill Songs | with Frédéric Frenay (voc) - Lisa Berg (vc) - Vania Lecuit (v) - George Letellier (p) - Claude Pauly (g)/ Erik Teuwens (g)

Sascha Ley Bombay Quartet | with Harmeet Manseta (p) - Karl Peters (b) - Adrian D'Souza (dr) | 'Jazz Yatra'- Festival Mumbai 2003

Spire Trio | with Claude Pauly (g) - Marc Demuth (b)

Garlicks | Fusion Jazz | with Georges Urwald (p) - Claude Pauly (g) - Jitz Jeitz (sax, cl), John Schlammes (b) - Al Lenners (dr)

taboola rasa & Thierry van Werveke | Rock-Chanson, with Thierry Kinsch - Serge Tonnar - Jeannot Sanavia - Max Vogel & guests

Muspilli Quintet | Jazz and imaginary folklore with André Dziezuk (sax) - Marc Mergen (g) - Jeannot Sanavia (b) - Guy Frisch (dr)

Frank Köllges Intermission Orchestra | Free conducted improvisation

Adam Noidlts Paratransmitorchester | (F. Köllges), Jazz Festival Moers (D) 1994

Paz Patù | Funk with Marc Mergen (g) - Laurent Payfert (b) - Roby Steinmetz (p) - André Dziezuk (sax) Paul Hoffmann (tr) - Ait Naceur (dr)

Duo Ley & André Mergenthaler | cello, electronic music & voc | Musik für einen Engel
Further on performances and sessions with DJs, dancers and visual artists

AWARDS

Haidy Jacobi Award, Germany 2014 |Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg 2013 | Audience Choice Award of Festival Tremplin Jazz d'Avignon 2009 | Studio Hamburg European Shooting Star, Berlinale Festival Berlin 2005 | Best interpretation "Songs For Life" 2004

FESTIVALS & INTERNATIONAL VENUES

Athens Jazz Festival | Avrupa International Jazz Festival Izmir (TR) | Berlin Music Week (D) | Crest Jazz Vocal (F) | Copenhagen Jazz Festival (DK) | Festival de la Francophonie Washington DC (USA) | Female Voice Festival Altrimenti (L) | Festival des Cultures (L) | Food For Your Senses (L) | Jazz en Sol Mineur Longwy (F), Bruxelles Jazz (B), Festival Echternach | Fête de la Musique Bruxelles | Fête de l'Europe Bruxelles, Fête de l'Europe Genève (CH) | Galway Film Fleadh (IRL) | Gateshead International Jazz Festival (UK) | Jazz de Luxe Newcastle (UK) | Heritage Jazz Panjim (IND) | Huttenjazz Völklingen (D) | Istanbul Film Festival (TR) | Jazz en Sol Mineur Longwy (F) | Jazz im Brunnenhof Trier (D) | Jazz Festival Preveza (GR) | Jazz Festival Trifolion (L) | Jazzfestival Viersen (D) | Jazz Rallye Luxemburg (L) | Jazz Transfer Saarbrücken (D) | Jazz Utsav Mumbai (IND) | Jazz Utsav New Delhi (IND) | Jazz Yatra Mumbai (IND) | Kollafestival Luxemburg | Kölner Musiknacht (D) | Kulturtage Sibiù (RO) | Luxembourg Jazz Meeting (L) | Moers Festival (D) | Musek am Syrdall (L) | Musik des 20. Jahrhunderts Saarbrücken (D) | Nancy Jazz Pulsations (F), Nuit de la Culture Esch (L), Nuit des Musées (L) | Piano Plus Luxemburg | Ruhrfestspiele Recklinghausen (D) | Sommermusik Saarbrücken (D) | Radio SR Saarbrücken | Steinjazz Festival Steinfort (L) | Tanec Praha (CZ) | Tremplin JAZZ d'Avignon (F), Völklinger Hüttenjazz (D) | Festival Zones Théâtrales Ottawa (CA) | Altxerri San Sebastián (E) | Altes Pfandhaus Köln (D) | B-flat Berlin | Champs des Lumières Gaâs (F) | Les Dominicains de l'Haute-Alsace (F) | Eglise Notre Dame De La Chapelle Bruxelles | Europahuset Copenhagen (DK) | Fondation Biermann-Lapôtre Paris (F) | Forsans, Gaâs (F) | Funkhaus Berlin | Hayal Kahvesi Ankara (TR) | Hinterhofsalon, Köln (D) | Jacques Pelzer's Jazz Club, Liège (B) | L'Inouï Redange (L) | Jazzkomm Berlin | Jazzdock Prague (CZ) | Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz (A) | Loft Köln, LVR Museum Bonn | MAD New York (USA) | On Thursdays It Must Be Jazz Mumbai (IND) | MUDAM Luxemburg | Pałac Kultury Warsaw (PL) | Philharmonie Luxemburg | Rock Café Prague (CZ) | Salon de Jazz Köln (D) | Stollwerk Köln | St. Peter's Church London (UK) | Rainy Days Luxemburg | Rudolfinum Court Prague (CZ) | Vortex London (UK) | Skwer Warsaw (PL) | Walhalla Wiesbaden (D) | Triangel St Vith (B) | Les Trinitaires Metz (F) | Trinitatiskirche Bonn | Villa Fuchs Mertzig (D) | Wabe Berlin | Zelpalast Mertzig (D) | Ruhrfestspiele Recklinghausen | Theater am Kornmarkt Bregenz |

LANGUAGES

German | English | French | Italian and Luxembourgish