

Norbert Stein



The saxophone player and composer established the Pata Music label, to document his work with a variety of ensembles: Pata Generators, Pata Masters, Pata Orchestra, Pata Horns, Pata Trio and Pata Blue Chip.

Beside performing in Europe, he has had several concert tours to Brazil, Africa, Australia, Singapore and Indonesia in co-operation with the Goethe-Institut. You will find these international musical cooperations documented on various Pata Music CDs.

As a bandleader and composer, Norbert Stein's approach is to create structures or atmospheres in which his colleagues can articulate their own ideas; spontaneity and interaction between the players are emphasised. His goal is to create music that constantly changes and evolves, and in which each performance is unique.

"Pata Music is full of surprises, it is open to all sorts of influences, it tears down fences of seemingly contradictory idioms, and coming from jazz improvisation, it builds up something new and exciting."

Realized projects and releases on Pata Music:

2008 CD PATA GENERATORS "Direct speech" Pata 19

2006 CD "Graffiti Suite - Norbert Stein Pata Music played by NDR Bigband" Pata 18

2005 CD PATA GENERATORS - the compact orchestra - "code carnival" Pata 17

2003 Second concert tour to Indonesia. CD-recording of "Pata Java" Pata 16.
An encounter with the Gamelan-Ensemble KUA ETNIKA by commission of the Goethe-Institutes in Jakarta / Indonesia.

2002 CD PATA MASTERS "live in Australia" Pata 15

2000 CD PATA MUSIC meets ARFI "Die Schöne und das Biest" / "La Belle et la Bête" Pata 14
- a project commissioned by the Bayer Cultural Division together with Westdeutscher Rundfunk

2000 CD PATA BLUE CHIP Pata 13
- electronic music with videotraces by Reinhold Knieps

1999 CD PATA MASTERS "Pata Maroc" Pata 12
- a project in cooperation with the Goethe Institut Rabat / Morocco
- with soundscapes by Michael Rüsenberg

1998 CD PATA-BAHIA Pata 11
- a project commissioned by the Goethe Institut Salvador/Bahia (Brazil)

1997 CD PATA MUSIC meets ARFI "News of Roi Ubu" Pata 10
- a project commissioned by the Bayer Cultural Division together with Westdeutscher Rundfunk

1996 CD PATA MASTERS "Graffiti" Pata 9

1994 CD PATA MASTERS "Blue Slit" Pata 8

1993 CD PATA ORCHESTER "The Secret Act of Painting" Pata 7
- a commissioned production on occasion of the art exhibitions of the Bayer Cultural Division

1992 CD PATA HORNS "Talking People" Pata 6



1991 CD PATA ORCHESTER "Ritual Life" Pata 5
- a project commissioned for Leverkusener Jazztage

1990 CD PATA HORNS "New Archaic Music" Pata 4

1990 CD PATA ORCHESTER "Die wilden Pferde der armen Leute" Pata 3
- a project commissioned for the festival "Post this & Neo that" / Cologne

1988 LP PATA TRIO "Lucy und der Ball" Pata 2

1987 LP PATA ORCHESTER "Die fünf Tage" Pata 1

Further recordings:

James Choice Orchestra "Live at MusikTriennale Köln" (2008)
James Choice Orchestra "Live at Moers" (2006)
Adam Noidlt Missiles "Live at Rheinländer" (2000)
voices@stadtgarten (2000)
"ROMA" a soundscape remix, Real Ambient Vol. 1 (1998)
"Immigrés" Maahanmuutajien Musiikkia suomesta (1997)
Kölner Saxophon Mafia "Die saxuelle Befreiung" (1984)
Kölner Saxophon Mafia "Unerhört - Stadtklänge" (1985)
Kölner Saxophon Mafia "Die eiserne Nachtigall" (1987)
Nonett "... und Köln pennt" (1981)
Nonett "Zur Lage der Nation" (1982)
Nonett "Wenn der weiße Flieder wieder blüht" (1983)
Boury "Moderne Zeiten" (1982)
Boury "Für Herrn Keupert" (1984)
Headband "Straight Ahead" (1979)
Headband "Suntalk" (1981)
Headband "Fette Brühe" (1982)
Stadtgarten Series 2 (1990)
Stadtgarten Series 6 (1992)
AMF Music "Bunt" (1991)
AMF "Poetic silhouettes" (1993)
AMF Music "A highly ragged guide to my kind of blue(s)" (1994)
Karlheinz Stockhausen "Der Jahreslauf" (1981)
"Vor der Flut" Hommage an einen Wasserspeicher (1985)
Stollwek Sampler, Off Records 1 (1985)
Klaus Lenz Jazz & Rock Machine "Sleepless nights" (1980)
JazzHausBigband "Open Lines" (1980)
LandesJugendJazzOrchester NRW "First Album" (1977)



Further information, music and video clips, photos, info concerning Norbert Stein and Pata Music:
www.patamusic.de