



Dick de Graaf has performed at many national and international jazzstages ever since. He played with a.o. Chet Baker, Misha Mengelberg, Jasper van 't Hof, Kenny Weeler, Tom Harrell, Benny Golson, Billy Hart, Toumani Diabaté, Jeremy Monteiro and Erkan Ogur and toured festivals and clubs in Europe, South and West Africa, the USA, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, New Zealand, USA, Taiwan and Canada.

As a bandleader, composer, arranger and self-managing artist dedicated to jazz – in his definition “a host of elements from all kinds of music that surrounds us”- Dick de Graaf recorded and produced more than 25 CD's that received positive response by both public and press.

September 2013 he was invited by Dutch composer Jacob TV to participate in the Dutch Wind Ensemble (Nederlands Blazers Ensemble) and perform his succesful multi-media opera THE NEWS.

Dick is co-founder, artistic director and composer of the 12 piece Clazz Ensemble. During more than 6 years of hard work this ensemble produced three different projects which were all documented on CD's. 'Adventures' (2009) and 'Federico on Broadway' (2012) were recorded live in the Amsterdam Bimhuis. 'Delta Suite' (2010)

was recorded in Concertstudio Middelburg. The Clazz Ensemble's most recent projects are 'Monk Inside Out' and a quintet line-up performing new compositions by de Graaf which are inspired by compositional techniques by French composer Olivier Messiaen.

With his saxophone mates from the Clazz Ensemble Dick has recently started a new saxophone quartet called Dicke Luft. The quartet's first job was the recording of Dick's composition 'Carillon' which consists of 12 short movements which are inspired by the model of the Tone Clock by Dutch composer Peter Schat. The CD 'Carillon' will be released in autumn 2013 on Red Piano Records in the USA.

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