

## Tobias Delius



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### **Tobias Delius**

Born in 1964 in Oxford, raised in Germany. Lives in Amsterdam and Berlin. Composer, tenorist, clarinetist. He began to perform as tenorsaxophonist in 1980 in the German Ruhr region. From 1983-1984 he lived in Mexico City where he played in the 'Cuarteto Mexicano de Jazz' led by pianist Francixco Téllez.

Delius moved to Amsterdam in 1984 and studied for a short while at the Sweelinck Conservatorium. He quickly became involved with Amsterdam improvisers and dropped his studies to immerse himself in the improvised music scene. In 1990 he was awarded the Podiumprijs from the organisation Stichting Jazz in Nederland.

Since 1990 Delius leads his own quartet with Tristan Honsinger, Joe Williamson, and Han Bennink; APA INI is currently a quartet with Hilary Jeffery, Wilbert de Joode & Serigne Gueye. He can also be heard in Available Jelly, Sean Bergin's MOB, Cor Fuhler's Corkestra, and the Georg Graewe Quintet.

He has worked in Europe and overseas with such musicians as Steve Lacy (October Meeting '91), Louis Moholo's Viva-la-black (South Africa '93), Bill Frisell, Mark Feldman and Trio Clusone (Clusone Jazz '93), Misha Mengelberg (Pollo de Mare, Angelica '96 in Bologna), Steve Beresford (Signals for Tea, Vancouver '98), Jeb Bishop, Kent Kessler & Hamid Drake (Chicago 2001) and Ray Anderson (Rotterdam, '01).

In 2003 he formed a sextet with Maartje ten Hoorn, Bart Maris, Pat Thomas, Joe Williamson and Paul Lovens; he works in duo with bassist Wilbert de Joode, founded a trio with Cor Fuhler and Louis Moholo and the trio San Francisco with reedists Sean Bergin and Daniele D'Agaro. He performs with the Chris Abelen Quintet, with Joost Buis and his Famous Astronotes, the van Bommel Quartet and Curtis Clark.

Tobias Delius is a member of Available Jelly, the ICP-Orchestra, Sean Bergin's formation MOB, the Georg-Graewe-Quintet and the Moers Festival-Project of reedist Frank Gratkowski.

In 2004 Delius was awarded the Boy Edgar Prize, the Netherlands' most prestigious award in Improvised Music.

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