

# Music Jazz

Conservatorium Maastricht, very international in its composition, is a close-knit community. We work towards one common goal: to let our students blossom, in an amicable atmosphere, into excellent musicians whose energy and creativity offer a valuable contribution to the international world of music and to society. The Jazz programme of Conservatorium Maastricht has been acclaimed as one of the top degree programmes in the Netherlands

## Find your own music

We challenge you to get out of your comfort zone. Spark your imagination and encourage you to develop your own individual sound. That one style that makes you stand out and brings you recognition. That versatile musical idiom you use to set the tone. Playing jazz requires creativity. The ability to see beyond your own boundaries. To let go and then regain control. In lessons, but also during special theme days, workshops, projects, and masterclasses by internationally renowned guest lecturers, we explore styles, musicians or bands, rhythms and concepts.

## Main subjects

The Jazz programme offers the following main subjects: Bass Guitar & Double Bass, Composing & Arranging, Electronic Music Performance, Drums & Percussion, Guitar, Piano, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet and Vocals. During your studies, (big) band playing will be at the centre of your artistic training and your individual learning and development process. Jazz at Conservatorium Maastricht is jazz in the broadest sense of the word: classic jazz, bebop, hot, cool, swing, vocalese, mainstream and all jazz-related styles such as Afro-Cuban, Latin, funk, R&B, fusion and crossover pop. Jazz is improvisation in any form. Composing, arranging, recording and producing are an important part of the programme. Currently, electronic musicians everywhere search for ways to include more live elements in their music. Jazz musicians explore the possibilities of electronic music.



## Bachelor's degree

Your core curriculum (major) includes your main subject as well as band & performing, composing and arranging, recording and producing, as well as tools for creating your own music such as ear training and applied theory. Bands with a wide variety of styles, including big band, rehearse on a weekly basis under the supervision of a lecturer. During the band project weeks, students spend the whole week rehearsing with a lecturer and perform at festivals like the Jazz Night. The minor in teaching, with methodology, pedagogical subjects and a teaching internship, will prepare you for a career in music education!

## Master's degree

The two-year internationally-oriented Master of Music serves the purpose of deepening your experience, practice and knowledge of jazz and beyond. Our approach focusses on experiment through practice-based and performance-based research connected to your main subject and your personal and professional goals in music. Building knowledge that will serve you being a musician, ready for our society of today.

## International Career Centre

The international location of the Conservatorium gives you countless opportunities to gain experience at major performance venues both in the Netherlands and abroad. Student bands play at various places in Maastricht and in Belgium, France, and Germany.

**Career Prospects:** Our objective is to empower young professional musicians at Conservatorium Maastricht to make a sustainable living based on their personal and artistic values in the international and diverse music industry of tomorrow. In the Jazz department, we will turn you into a creative, professional and versatile musician. A jazz artist who can put his own unique and artistic personality on the

market with great flair. A musician who will eventually make a career for himself as an inspiring player, band leader, composer, arranger, teacher, producer, on a national and international level.

**Music Industry Network:** We actively seeks out the relevant conferences, network events, festivals and competitions to directly present our students and alumni. Internationally we support our students with (Erasmus) exchange programmes and an optional yearly New York City trip.

**Booking Agency:** The Conservatorium Booking Agency connects your study to the music industry, closing the gap between your life as a student and a graduate. We create first contact with the local and international scene and offer our students a variety of work.

The Jazz department has around 150 students from every continent.

### Health & Wellbeing

The Health and Wellbeing programme was set up to offer Conservatorium students the tools towards a healthy, happy & stress free student life. With training sessions, workshops but also sports & other forms of information with regards to health, the Health & Wellbeing programme has a focus on both physical- and mental health.

### Fast Facts

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| <b>Credits:</b>                  | 240 EC (Bachelor)<br>120 EC (Master)   |
| <b>Requirements:</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secondary school diploma</li><li>• Proof of good command of English</li><li>• Practical and theoretical music skills</li></ul> |
| <b>Language:</b>                 | English  |
| <b>Duration:</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-year bachelor programme</li><li>• 2-year master programme</li></ul>  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor of Music</li><li>• Master of Music</li></ul>  |
| <b>Tuition fee:</b>              | Between € 1.105 and € 11.450,-<br>Check: <a href="http://www.zuyd-collegegeld.nl/en/">www.zuyd-collegegeld.nl/en/</a><br>Scholarships available                        |
| <b>Deadline for application:</b> | 1st March  |
| <b>Start:</b>                    | September each year  |
| <b>Location:</b>                 | Maastricht, the Netherlands  |

### More information?

You will find all the information you need about the degree programmes, CVs of the teaching staff, up-to-date details of the admission requirements and the entrance examination, Open House and Taster Days, fees and student grants, procedures for foreign students, the concert diary etc. on our website:

➤ [www.conservatoriummaastricht.nl](http://www.conservatoriummaastricht.nl)

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