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SUMMARY

Saxophonist and entrepreneur Kristina Thede Johansen grew up on the Faroe Islands, where her musical career started at 12 year old in Tórshavn Music School. She has a master degree in Music Pedagogy from the Royal Conservatory in Aarhus as well as a master in Music Performance & Arts Management from the Sibelius Academy. Currently she is studying her postgraduate studies at the Royal Conservatory in Aarhus.

Kristina is an active chamber musician, playing in numerous different successful chamber constellations, as well as being a professional member of Tórshavnar Bigband and the Faroese Symphony Orchestra, amongst others.

Musically Kristina is involved in a wide range of genres, with focus on classical and contemporary music - especially from the Faroe Islands. Kristina also plays jazz and crossover genres in e.g. Tórshavnar Bigband and EKA. Her chamber ensembles focus on different target groups, allowing her to bring a variety of music to a very wide range of audiences collaborating with organizations such as Listaleyapurin (FO), LMS (DK) and Skapan-de Skolan (SE).

As an entrepreneur, Kristina has been the founder and is an active member in all of her current chamber music ensembles, curating various projects around the nordic countries. As a project leader and manager she is used to have the responsibility of the projects from the first thought til the end.

Kristina has received awards and honors for her playing on multiple occasions. In 2022 she won the soloist competition in Aarhus, as well as her ensemble EKA won a Faroese Music Award for best ensemble. In 2015 she won the 3rd prize and in 2017 and 2019 the 2nd in the competition Stella Polaris for young classical musicians. In 2016 she was awarded "Honor Student" at the Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy in Bangkok.

Kristina has also received numerous scholarships from grants such as William Demant Fonden, A. P. Møller Støttefonden, Knud Højgaards Fond, Mentamálaráðið, Tove Birthe Jensens Mindelegat and Tórshavnar Instrumentgrunnur.

EDUCATION

**Sibelius Academy,
Helsinki**
2019 - 2022

- **MASTER IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE & ARTS MANAGEMENT**
Master degree with teachers Joonatan Rautiola and Claude Delangle, Minoring in Arts Management.

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**
2019 - 2023

- **SOLOIST**
Soloist degree with teachers Claus Olesen, Anja Nedremo & Henriette Jensen.

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**
2017 - 2019

- **MASTER IN SAXOPHONE, PEDAGOGY**
Master in saxophone with teachers Claus Olesen, Johannes Thorell, Anja Nedremo & Henriette Jensen.

**Sibelius Academy,
Helsinki**
2018 - 2018

- **EXCHANGE, MASTER**
Exchange at Sibelius Academy, Helsinki, with teacher Joonatan Rautiola for one semester.

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**
2014 - 2017

- **BACHELOR IN SAXOPHONE**
Bachelor in music with teachers Claus Olesen, Johannes Thorell, Kasper Hemmer Pihl & Henriette Jensen.

**Tromsø
Musikkonservatorium,
Norges Arktiske Universitet**
2016 - 2016

- **EXCHANGE, BACHELOR**
Exchange in Tromsø with teacher Lars Lien for one semester.

Kolding Musikskole
2013 - 2014

- **MGK**
MusikGrundKursus education with teacher Kasper Hemmer Pihl.

Tórshavnar Musikskúli
2006 - 2013

- **MUSIC SCHOOL**
Start of musical career in Tórshavnar Musikskúli with teacher Christina Andersen.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Tórshavnar Musikkskúli

2020 - present

- **SAXOPHONE TEACHER**
Saxophone teacher in MGK at Tórshavnar Musikkskúli.

Rudolf Steiner Skolen, Aarhus

2018 - 2019

- **SAXOPHONE TEACHER**
Saxophone teacher at the Rudolf Steiner School in Aarhus.

Aarhus Musikaftenskole

2018 - 2019

- **SAXOPHONE TEACHER**
Saxophone teacher at Aarhus Musikaftenskole.

Kolding Musikskole

2019 - present

- **SUBSTITUTE**
Substitute saxophone teacher at Kolding Musikskole.

Tórshavnar Musikkskúli

2017 - 2020

- **SUBSTITUTE**
Substitute saxophone teacher at Tórshavnar Musikkskúli.

Rudolf Steiner Skolen, Aarhus

2016 - 2018

- **SUBSTITUTE**
Substitute saxophone teacher at the Rudolf Steiner School in Aarhus.

Tvørmegi Crossfit

2019 - present

- **INSTRUCTOR**
Instructor at CrossFit Tórshavn, Tvørmegi.

Fimleikafelagið Ljósið

2008 - 2012

- **TEACHER & INSTRUCTOR**
Teacher and instructor at the Faroese gymnastic team, Ljósið.

SOLOIST, COMPETITIONS & RECORDINGS

- Aarhus Symphony Orchestra**
2023
SOLOIST
Soloist at the concert "Over stok og stemning" with Aarhus Symphony Orchestra
- The Danish Sinfonietta**
2022
SOLOIST
Soloist at the concert "Symfoniske fantasier" with The Danish Sinfonietta (Randers Kammerorkester).
- Faroese Symphony Orchestra**
2022
SOLOIST
Soloist at the fundraising concert for the benefit of the victims of Ukraine, with Faroese Islands Symphony Orchestra.
- Faroese Music Awards**
2022
COMPETITION, WON
EKA. Best ensemble of the year.
- YAM Awards**
2022
NOMINATED
Ensemble Eiradís. Nominated for best School concert. Classical. Hjertelyd, nominated for best opera.
- Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus**
2022
SOLOIST COMPETITION, WON
Winner of the soloist competition at the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.
- EKA**
2021
ALBUM RELEASE
EKA - "Live at SALT".
- Ensemble Sirius**
2020
ALBUM RELEASE
Ensemble Sirius - "Journey Through Nordic Nature".
- Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus**
2020
COMPETITION, FINALIST
Finalist at the soloist competition at the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.
- Stella Polaris**
2019
COMPETITION, 2ND PLACE
2nd place in the Faroese competition Stella Polaris for young classical Faroese musicians.
- Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus**
2017
COMPETITION, FINALIST
Finalist at the soloist competition at the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.
- Stella Polaris**
2017
COMPETITION, 2ND PLACE
2nd place in the Faroese competition Stella Polaris for young classical Faroese musicians.
- Faroese Symphony Orchestra**
2017
SOLOIST
Soloist at the new years concert with the Faroese Symphony Orchestra.

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SOLOIST, COMPETITIONS & RECORDINGS

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Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy

2016

- HONOR STUDENT
Honor Student at the Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy 2016.

Faroese Symphony Orchestra

2016

- SOLOIST
Soloist at the new years concert with the Faroese Symphony Orchestra.

Stella Polaris

2015

- COMPETITION, 3RD PLACE
3rd place in the Faroese competition Stella Polaris for young classical Faroese musicians.

Teitur

2013

- RECORDING
Playing soprano saxophone on Teitur's recording "Gone Fishing" on his album "Story Music".

ENSEMBLES & ORCHESTRAS

Aldubáran

2021 - present

• ALDUBÁRAN

Member of ensemble

Ensemble Eiradís

2021 - present

• ENSEMBLE EIRADÍS

Henri Selmer artists

Aarhus Soloist Ensemble

2020 - present

• AARHUS SOLOIST ENSEMBLE

Saxophone player & Board member.

Nordic Saxophone Collective

2019 - present

• NORDIC SAXOPHONE COLLECTIVE

Saxophone player & manager.

Ninnas Orkester

2019 - present

• NINNAS ORKESTER

Saxophone player.

DuoFEYD

2019 - present

• CO MANAGER & SAXOPHONIST

Duo with guitarist Ólavur Gaard.

SaxibA

2018 - present

• SAXOPHONIST

Saxophone Player at SaxibA, Sibelius Academy Saxophone Orchestra.

Helsinki Saxophone Orchestra

2018 - present

• SAXOPHONIST

Member of Helsinki Saxophone Orchestra.

Ensemble Eiradís

2017 - present

• MANAGER & SAXOPHONIST

Founder and member of Selmer endorsed Ensemble Eiradís
(former *Asynja Saxophone Quartet*).

Tórshavnar Bigband

2016 - present

• SAXOPHONIST

Saxophone player at Tórshavnar Bigband.

Faroese Symphony orchestra

2016 - present

• SAXOPHONIST

Saxophone player at the Faroese Symphony Orchestra.

Ensemble Sirius

2016 - present

• MANAGER & SAXOPHONIST

Founder, manager and saxophone player at Ensemble Sirius.

Trio Ovis

2015 - 2017

• MANAGER & SAXOPHONIST

Founder and member of Trio Ovis.

Danish Saxophone Orchestra

2014 - 2015

• SAXOPHONIST

Saxophone player at Danish Saxophone Orchestra.

Faroese National Concert Band

2010 - 2014

• SAXOPHONIST

Saxophone Player at FLO, the Faroese National Concert Band.

PROJECTS

Sans Færøerne

2023

- SANS FÆRØERNE
Debut concert celebrating Faroese culture, society and history through light, sound and performance.

Hjertelyd

2023

- HJERTELYD - A BABY OPERA
Faroe Islands

Kristina Thede Johansen & Lisbeth Rysgaard

2022

- KRISTINA THEDE JOHANSEN & LISBETH RYSGAARD
Workshop with Lisbeth Rysgaard in artists entrepreneurial skills on Faroe Islands and Greenland

Nordic Saxophone Collective

2021

- NORDIC SAXOPHONE COLLECTIVE
Faroe Islands Tour - projectleader and fundraiser

Skapande Skola

2021

- ENSEMBLE EIRADÍS
Saxophone Player in the concert "CLASSICAL"

Levende Musik i Skolen

2021 - present

- ENSEMBLE EIRADÍS
Saxophone Player in the concert "CLASSICAL".

Listaleypurin

2021

- EG, TÓNASKALDIÐ
Composition workshops on public schools with Ensemble Eiradís (*former Asynja Saxophone Quartet*) in collaboration with Listaleypurin on the Faroe Islands.

Levende Musik i Skolen

2020 - present

- NINNAS ORKESTER
Saxophone Player in the concert "The Story about the 4 Elements".

Nordic Saxophone Collective

2019

- NORDIC SAXOPHONE COLLECTIVE
Nordic Saxophone Collective is a platform for saxophonists in the Nordic countries, striving to develop and enhance the interest in this instrument and the music surrounding it.

Danish National Opera

2019 - 2020

- HJERTELYD
Hjertelyd - a baby opera.

Ensemble Sirius

2019

- CD RECORDING
Recording the music from the project "A Journey Through Nordic Nature".

Fundings from Augustinus Fonden, Wilhelm Hansen Fonden, Aarhus Kommunes Musikpulje, Dansk Solistforbund & Gramex Færøerne.

Nordic Saxophone Festival

2019

- NORDIC SAXOPHONE FESTIVAL 2019
Co managing the Nordic Saxophone Festival, fundraiser, as well as organizing the concert "Late Night Sax".

Fundings from Aarhus Kommune.

Kristina Thede Johansen & Lisbeth Rysgaard

2019

- WORKSHOP - EIN BURÐARDYGG YRKISLEIÐ
Workshop for Faroese artists on how to build an artistic carrier.

The workshop was in collaboration with Hugskotið and Tórshavnar Kvøldskúli, sponsorships from Giste-Vist, Føroya Bjór & MBM.

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PROJECTS

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Nordic Saxophone Festival
2018

- **NORDIC SAXOPHONE FESTIVAL 2018**
Co managing the Nordic Saxophone Festival, fundraiser, as well as organizing the concert "Late Night Sax".
Fundings from Aarhus Kommune.

Ensemble Sirius
2015 - 2017

- **A JOURNEY THROUGH NORDIC NATURE**
Project leader, fundraiser and manager.

The project commissioned 6 new nordic pieces from 6 nordic composers from the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Åland, Sweden and Denmark with concerts in the participating countries as well as in Finland.

Promotion video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qg9mv-7z7I>

Fundings from Nordisk Kulturkontakt, North Atlantic Tourism Association, Letterstedtska Föreningen, A.P. Møller Fonden, Statens Kunstfond, SNYK, Wilhelm Hansen Fonden, Augustinus Fonden, Konsul George Jorck og Hustru Emma Jorck's Fond, Den Ingwersenske Fond, NunaFonden, Sermeq Puljen, Mentanargrunnur Landsins, Vestmanna Kommuna, Dansk-Færøsk Kulturfond, Mentamálaráðið, Tórshavnar Kommuna, Clara Lachmanns Fond, Gustav Packaléns Mindefond.

Listaleypurin
2017

- **EG, TÓNASKALDIÐ**
Composition workshops on public schools with Ensemble Eiradís (*former Asynja Saxophone Quartet*) in collaboration with Listaleypurin on the Faroe Islands.

Fundings from Nordisk Kulturkontakt.

Tórshavnar Musikkskúli
2017

- **SAXOPHONE DAY**
Instructor and teacher at the Saxophone Workshop Day at Tórshavnar Musikkskúli in collaboration with the saxophone students and Ensemble Eiradís (*former Asynja Saxophone Quartet*).

Dansk Musik Forbund, Artlab
2017 - 2018

- **LECTURER, BOOKING BOOTCAMP**
Lecturer in the Booking Bootcamp held by DMF.

Trio Ovis
2015 - 2016

- **MUSIC FROM THE FAROE ISLANDS**
7 new Faroese compositions composed for Trio Ovis, played on the Faroe Islands.

Fundings from Tórshavnar Kommuna and Statens Kunstfond

Middelfart Ungdomsskole
2014

- **ALL SHOOK UP**
Saxophone player in the musical "All Shook Up".

Glisir
2012

- **AUDITION, THE MUSICAL**
Saxophone player in the Faroese musical "Audition".

FESTIVALS & COURSES

Summartónar Festival
2022

• **SUMMARTÓNAR FESTIVAL 2022**
Performer at Summartónar Festival on the Faroe Islands with DuoFEYD and EKA.

Summartónar Festival
2021

• **SUMMARTÓNAR FESTIVAL 2021**
Performer at Summartónar Festival on the Faroe Islands as solo performer as well as with DuoFEYD, EKA and Nordic Saxophone Collective.

Nordic Music Days
2021

• **NORDIC MUSIC DAYS 2021**
Performer at Nordic Music Days.

Summartónar Festival
2020

• **SUMMARTÓNAR FESTIVAL 2020**
Performer at Summartónar Festival on the Faroe Islands as solo performer, as well as with DuoFEYD as well as with EKA.

Summartónar Festival
2019

• **SUMMARTÓNAR FESTIVAL 2019**
Performer at Summartónar Festival on the Faroe Islands as solo performer, as well as with DUO RAVNA.

World Saxophone Congress
2018

• **WORLD SAXOPHONE CONGRESS 2018**
World Saxophone Congress in Zagreb, Croatia. Participating with SaxibA ensemble.

Summartónar Festival
2018

• **SUMMARTÓNAR FESTIVAL 2018**
Performer at Summartónar Festival on the Faroe Islands as solo performer, as well as with Anna Hüdepohl, Accordeon.

Nordic Saxophone Festival
2013 - present

• **NORDIC SAXOPHONE FESTIVAL**
Participant in the Nordic Saxophone Festival, every year since 2013.

GAP
2017

• **EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF SAXOPHONE, GAP**
Participant in the summer course European University of Saxophone, Gap, France.

Lessons with Arno Bornkamp, Claude Delangle, Vincent David, Joonatan Rautiola, Mariano García, Christian Wirth, Vincent Le Quang, Cyrille Lehn & Fumie Ito.

Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy

• **ASIA PACIFIC SAXOPHONE ACADEMY**
Participant in the summer course Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy in Bangkok, Thailand.

2016
Riga Saxophone Days
2014 & 2015

• Lessons with Stephen Page, Joshua Hyde, Asagi Ito, Pieter Pellens, Hugo Loi, Tae Young Kim, Kenny Tsai & Leslie Wong.

Summartónar Festival
2016

• **RIGA SAXOPHONE DAYS**
Participant in the Riga Saxophone Days in 2014 & 2015

Lessons with Rolf Erik Nystrøm, Lars Mlekusch, Jørgen Petterson, Arvydas Kazlauskas, Claus Olesen & Johannes Thorell.

• **SUMMARTÓNAR FESTIVAL 2016**
Performer at the Summartónar Festival on the Faroe Islands with Trio Ovis.

MASTERCLASSES

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**

2021

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**

2019

Sibelius Academy

2018

**Conservatorio Superior
de Música de Aragón**

2018

**Tromsø Musikkonservatorium,
Norges Arktiske Universitet**

2016

Oslo Saxophone Days

2016

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**

2019 - present

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**

2014

**Royal Academy of Music,
Aarhus**

2013

Tórshavnar Musikkskúli

2012

• VINCENT DAVID

Masterclass with Vincent David at Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.

• KAZUYA KATO

Masterclass with Kazuya Kato at Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.

• ARNO BORNKAMP, NOBUYA SUGAWA, PHILLIPPE GEISS &
MIHA ROGINA

Masterclasses with Arno Bornkamp, Nobuya Sugawa, Philippe Geiss & Miha Rogina at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland.

• MARIANO GARCÍA

Lessons with Mariano García at the Conservatorio Superior de Música de Aragón, Zaragoza, Spain.

• KYLE HORCH

Masterclass with Kyle Horch at Tromsø Musikkonservatorium.

• BAPTISTE BLONDEAU

Masterclass with Baptiste Blondeau at Oslo Saxophone Days.

• KRISTIAN STEENSTRUP

Lessons with prof. Kristian Steenstrup at the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.

• ALFONSO PADILLA

Masterclass with Alfonso Padilla at the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.

• HANS DE JONG

Masterclass with Hans de Jong at the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus.

• HAUKUR GRØNDAL

Masterclasses with Haukur Grøndal at Tórshavnar Musikkskúli.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDINGS

- 2021 ● HELLE & JACOB AHRENTS KUNSTNERLEGAT
Education
- 2021 ● SPLS SLÆGTSLEGAT
Education
- 2020 ● AUGUSTINUS FONDEN
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2020 ● FRIEDRICH WILHELM FRANK OG HUSTRU ANGELINA FRANKS
MINDELEGAT
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● AVNEDEFONDEN
Instrument Funding.
- 2019 ● THEODOR ALFRED CHR. VON IRGENS-BERGH OG HUSTRU GISELA
VON IRGENS-BERGH, FØDT FRANKL'S KUNSTNERLEGAT
Instrument Funding.
- 2019 ● GROSSERER HOLGER LAAGE-PETERSEN OG HUSTRUS FOND
Instrument Funding.
- 2019 ● FRIMODT-HEINEKEN FONDEN
Instrument Funding.
- 2019 ● IDELLA FONDATION
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● A.P.MØLLER FONDEN
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● AAGE OG JOHANNE LOUIS-HANSENS FOND
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● DIREKTØR IB HENRIKSENS FOND
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● KNUD HØJGAARDS FOND
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● WILLIAM DEMANT FONDEN
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2019 ● MIDDELFART SPAREKASSES STIPENDIE
Scholarship for studies at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki.
- 2017 ● NORDISK KULTURKONTAKT
Travel funding.

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SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDINGS

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- 2017 • TÓRSHAVNAR INSTRUMENTGRUNNUR
Instrument funding.
- 2017 • TOVE BIRTHE JENSENS MINDELEGAT
Instrument funding.
- 2017 • LÆRER VALDEMAR HANSEN OG HUSTRU JENNY VISKUM
HANSENS LEGAT
Instrument funding.
- 2017 • DANSK MUSIKER FORBUND
Travel funding.
- 2016 • MINISTER ERNA HAMILTON'S LEGAT FOR VIDENSKAB OG KUNST
Instrument funding.
- 2016 • DEN BØHMSKE FOND
Travel funding.
- 2016 • MENTAMÁLARÁÐIÐ
Travel funding.
- 2016 • ASIA PACIFIC SAXOPHONE ACADEMY
Scholarship for participation in the summer course, Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy, in Bangkok, Thailand.

FURTHER EDUCATION

- DMF ARTLAB**
2017 • SOME MARKETING
Course in SocialMedia Marketing with special focus on Facebook.
- DMF ARTLAB**
2017 • IMOVIE
Course in Moviemaking with iMovie.
- CROSSFIT**
2019 • CROSSFIT LEVEL 1 TRAINER
The Level 1 provides an introductory education on the fundamental principles and movements of Crossfit. Level 1 gives the foundational training required to help others become fitter and healthier.

OTHER

- KNR**
2017 - 2017 • KNR, GREENLANDIC TELEVISION
Broadcasting Ensemble Sirius' performance in Nuuk.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjR12pCb57E>

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by Nikolaj Lund Photography



SOLOIST PERFORMANCES

VIDEOS

KARLHEINZ STOCKHAUSEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fapR-IATrsU>



MAX BRUCH - KOL NIDREI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ng2sgr-lgRQM>



CHAMBER MUSIC

ENSEMBLE EIRADÍS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNknb0P8szQ>



ENSEMBLE SIRIUS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K079iY-IPmoc>



TÓRSHAVNAR BIGBAND

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxaTT-moarTg>



NORDIC SAXOPHONE FESTIVAL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9m-lE-mK3k0>