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Kristjan Randalu, Solo Piano - "Kristjan is a bad dude." John Patitucci 5 MP3 Songs JAZZ: World Fusion, CLASSICAL: Contemporary Details: The Estonian pianist and composer Kristjan Randalu started his music education in Tallinn. After the move to Germany Kristjan studied classical piano with Sontraud Speidel and Patrick OByrne in Karlsruhe and Stuttgart and jazz piano with Paul Schwarz in Stuttgart, additionally having lessons with John Taylor in Cologne. In 2001 Kristjan continued his studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London with Geoff Keezer (piano) and Django Bates (composition). In 2003 Kristjan Randalu studied with a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service at the City College of New York with Ted Rosenthal, Edward Simon and John Patitucci. Additionally he studied composition with Daniel Schnyder. Kristjan Randalu has played as a soloist in classical, jazz and cross-over projects e.g. with the National Symphony Orchestra of Estonia, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Stuttgart and the New Chamber Orchestra of Berlin in Europe, Israel, Turkey, Canada, USA, and performed with Dieter Ilg, David Liebman, Claudio Puntin, Gerard Presencer, and the Modern String Quartet. In 2002 Kristjan Randalu won the 2nd prize in the Solo Piano Competition at the Montreux Jazz Festival. In 2002 two CDs were released: with the trio "kolm3" (dml-records) in Germany and "jlg" with the singer Siiri Sisask in Estonia. In 2004 his Solo Piano CD "Confidance" (finetone music) was released and chosen for the "CD of the month" in the magazines Rondo (02/04) and Audio (04/04). In 2003 Kristjan performed his suite "Nach dem Anfang vom Ende" [After the beginning of the end] for piano and chamber orchestra at the festival "jazz open" in Stuttgart (with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Stuttgart), and with the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra conducted by Dennis Russell Davies. His recent performances in New York include The Jazz Gallery, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and Carnegie Hall. Currently he is pursuing a Masters Degree in Jazz Performance at the Manhattan School of Music. Kristjan Randalu is a Steinway Artist.

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