Santiago Cimadevilla bandoneonist, arranger

Santiago Cimadevilla was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he studied classical piano at the Conservatorio Municipal *Manuel de Falla*. In the Netherlands he studied bandoneon at the Rotterdam Conservatory (Codarts) with <u>Victor Villena</u> and Leo Vervelde, and arrangements and composition with <u>Gustavo Beytelmann</u>.

As a tango music performer he has worked with many renowned musicians and ensembles in Europe. He played with the *Gustavo Beytelmann* Trio, with the *Orquesta Tipica <u>Fernandez Fierro</u>* during their first European tour and was invited several times to perform as a special guest with tango legend Alfredo Marcucci's *Sexteto Veritango*. He specializes in Astor Piazzolla's work, which he often arranged and performs in several tango quintets and orchestras (*Concierto para Bandoneon, Doble Concierto, The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*).

Outside the tango scene, he has often performed Kurt Weill's Kleine Dreigroschenmusik and the Dreigroschenoper (Schönberg Ensemble, Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra, Nationaal Jeugdorkest), and premiered Daan Makkeke's Trajectoire, Astrid Kruisselbrink's Magnificat (Helios Ensemble) and Mathis B. Nitschke's opera Jetzt! (Montpellier Opera).

Currently he performs with the recently founded quintet TRASNOCHE, which specializes in new tango compositions and arrangements. Santiago is since 2012 also a teacher and Artistic Research coach at Codarts, University of the Arts, and is a founding member of Splendor, the newest stage for the performing arts in Amsterdam as well as an independent collective effort of musicians, composers, writers and other artists.

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