

## BIO Anne Chris (NL)

Vlak na haar afstuderen aan het Conservatorium van Amsterdam werd Anne Chris gevraagd om op te treden tijdens het beroemde North Sea Jazz Festival. Hierdoor kwam haar carrière meteen in een stroomversnelling.

In 2004 was de release van haar eerste album 'Tomorrow is Today', waarop een mix van eigen composities en jazz-standards is te horen. Met dit repertoire stond ze ondermeer in het Bimhuis en het prestigieuze Concertgebouw.

Samen met haar band tourde ze in binnen- en buitenland. Niet alleen in Europa (Italië, Duitsland, België) maar zelfs in Afrika (Marokko) en Azië (India en Thailand).

In 2007 volgde een bijzondere samenwerking met cabaretier Youp van 't Hek. In zijn theatershow 'Schreeuwstorm' zong Anne Chris meerdere malen een spetterend duet met de cabaretier.

In 2010 verscheen het tweede album van Anne Chris, 'Play for now'. De cd werd veel gedraaid op de radio en werd ook uitgebracht in Thailand. Naar aanleiding van deze release stond ze in de VIVA 400 lijst van meest invloedrijke vrouwen van 2010.

In 2013 maakte Anne Chris samen met haar vader een uitstapje naar Nederlandstalig repertoire met de kinder-cd 'Vogeltje Zing Maar'. Samen met bassist Cord Heineking namen ze de liedjes op die haar vader voor haar schreef toen ze 4 jaar oud was.

In de Amsterdamse North Sea Jazz Club vond de release-party van de nieuwe cd van Anne Chris plaats; 'Just Kissed the Sun'(2014). Samen met pianist Daan Herweg (Caro Emerald, Finn Silver) schreef en produceerde ze het album. Met haar nieuwe band (Daan Herweg-piano, Kasper Kalf-bas, Jasper van Hulten (drums) nam ze tien eigen songs op waarin o.a. invloeden te horen zijn van Esperanza Spalding, Jill Scott, Robert Glasper en Michael Jackson. Gastmusici op het album zijn saxofoniste Tineke Postma (Boy Edgar prijs winnares 2015) en gitarist Bas van der Wal (Shirma Rouse, Sabrina Starke).

## BIO Anne Chris (English)

Anne Chris is a Dutch vocalist and composer currently living in Amsterdam. To date, Anne Chris has released three albums, 'Tomorrow is Today' (2004), 'Play for Now' (2010), and 'Just Kissed the Sun' (2014). She has performed at world-renowned venues such as Bimhuis, North Sea Jazz Festival and Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. Her band features Daan Herweg (piano), Kasper Kalf (bass) and Jasper van Hulten (drums).

Anne Chris obtained both her Bachelor's degree (2001) and Master's degree (2003) in Jazz Vocal at the distinguished Conservatory of Amsterdam. Following her dream of becoming a Jazz vocalist, it soon became clear that Anne Chris likes to incorporate a wide variety of styles. To categorize her purely as a Jazz vocalist is too simplistic, though she has evidently been influenced by the free form and improvised nature of Jazz.

Growing up in a musical family, Anne Chris was encouraged to pursue a professional career in music. In 2013, Anne Chris and her father recorded a children's album together, called 'Vogeltje Zing Maar', using songs that her father wrote for her when Anne Chris was four years old.

In 2007, Anne Chris had multiple guest appearances in the show 'Schreeuwstorm' with famous Dutch comedian Youp van 't Hek. At the end of his show she sang a surprise duet with him, expressing both her musical and acting abilities. The show was a great success and featured at Amsterdam's renowned Royal Theater Carré, amongst other theaters in the Netherlands.

Anne Chris released her second album 'Play for Now' (O Twenty Records, 2010) to great acclaim both in the Netherlands and in Thailand. Following the release, her name was on Dutch Magazine Viva's list of the most influential women in the Netherlands.

Anne Chris's latest album 'Just Kissed the Sun' (O Twenty Records) was released in 2014 at the North Sea Jazz Club in Amsterdam. Anne Chris collaborated with distinguished Dutch pianist Daan Herweg, who co-wrote, co-produced and arranged songs for the album. The album features ten original songs, with influences from artists like Esperanza Spalding, Jill Scott and Michael Jackson. The album features two great guest-musicians: saxophonist Tineke Postma and guitarist Bas van der Wal.

Anne Chris has toured in Italy, Germany, Belgium, Morocco, India, Turkey and Thailand, making a name for herself internationally as well as in the Netherlands. Plans for a new national and international tour are in the making as Anne Chris strives to share her music with a growing audience. As she says, "I just love making music! If it touches you in some way, it's enough to make me happy." (Anne Chris, 2014).